

Monte Rose Inducted into CHS Hall of Fame



Monte Rose is presented a Hall of Fame plaque by Bart Ricke.

Tonight's 2019 USD 332 Hall of Fame honoree has touched many lives. Some of you may have been on the receiving end of his response to a 911 call for medical assistance or a fire emergency. The youth in our town have been encouraged through his endless support and positive attitude at various school events. His tireless dedication and service to make Cunningham a better place to live has been beneficial to everyone.

Through the year our recipient has devoted his life to helping others. He has been an EMT since the early 1990's and is still on call 24/7 when in town. He has been instrumental in the acquisition of valuable EMS and fire equipment through his grant writing ability. He has unselfishly served as a resource person for Township 6 (Preston) fire department for many years, for which they are grateful. In fact, one of their volunteer firemen is still wearing his first pair of firefighting boots which this mentor purchased for him because he was sure at the time the young firefighter's boots were not safe. Each year during Fire Prevention month he presents a program to Cunningham Grade School classes to educate them about fire prevention and safety. The kids learn from the lessons and can't wait to explore the trucks and equipment he brings to share with them.

Caring for his fellow man has been a way of life for him. In 1983 and 1987 he traveled with friends to Barbados on a mission trip. While there they constructed two churches for the people. The Pratt Methodist Church invited him to accompany their mission group to assist with the cleanup of the horrific devastation caused by Hurricane Rita.

Community involvement is important to him. He was active in the beginning years of PRIDE and laid out the original walking path around Lions' Park. He served as a city councilman in the 1990's. He worked on the com-

mittee of the Planning and Zoning Commission. His effort to improve our town can be seen in the numerous houses he has built or remodeled to give people places to live. On holidays he can be found putting up American flags in town and the cemeteries. On snowy days he removes snow from neighbors' driveways and parking lots with his skid steer. He has assisted with set up for the annual Santa Claus Day Parade and State Bound Pep Rallies for CHS teams.

Faith and his church come first for this man. He serves as an Elder in the Cunningham Christian Church. One of his contributions to his church family was the design and construction, with the assistance of other church members, of the new Christian Church Building.

Being in the Cunningham gym is definitely an appropriate place to honor one of Cunningham schools most visible boosters. For many years he was seated in the bleachers here or at the football field as an EMS standby for home football, volleyball, and basketball games. If it wasn't an athletic contest it was a music program, play or other special activity. As a Wildcat Booster Club Member, he supported Project Prom and many other school projects. To help further the educations of students pursuing a career in the medical field he established a scholarship through the West Kingman County Education Foundation in memory of his parents, Floren "Shorty" and Helen Rose.

If asked what he is proud of in his life, I'm certain he would say his wife, Marla, and family, Landon, Vicki, Morgan and Jace. "Pops" is very special to them and well he should be.

This man's accomplishments are many and his service to all is an asset to our community and school. Thank you, Monte Rose, our 2019 USD 332 Hall of Fame Honoree.

Local Artist's Works Win Art Show Awards

The Rice County Arts Council and Studio 96 Gallery in Sterling, Kansas, issued a "Call For Artists" earlier this year for their 45th Annual juried Prairie Art Exhibition. Artwork had to be submitted between April 5th and April 8th with each artists allowed up to three pieces for entry and with the understanding that not every piece would be accepted for the exhibition.

The Juror for the Prairie Art Exhibition was Kansas artist, Jim Clements. The juried results were announced April 11th. The exhibition would then be open to the public from April 13th through the 26th where all visitors were given ballots to cast for their personal favorite of the show - the Patron's Award. The Patron's Award was announced on the closing day of

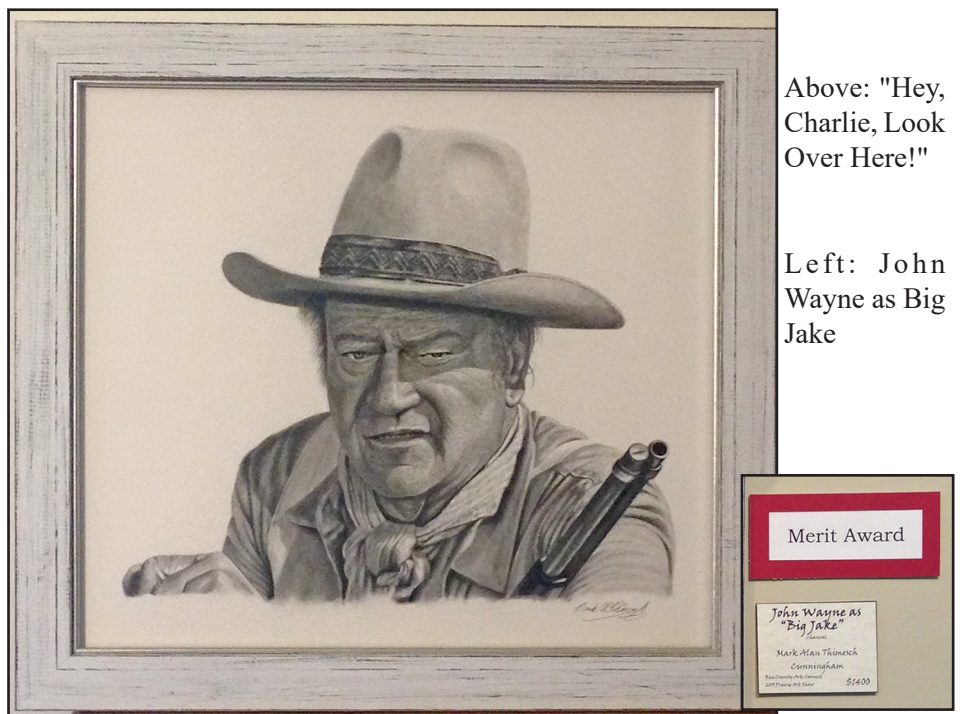
the exhibition, April 27th.

Native Cunningham resident, Mark Alan Thimesch submitted three pieces, all of which were accepted into the exhibition. On April 11th, Mark was initially awarded Second Place medallion for his drawing: "Hey Charlie! Look Over There!" and a Merit Award medallion for his second drawing: "John Wayne as Big Jake". On April 27th, he was then awarded the Patron's Award medallion for the same piece, "Hey Charlie! Look Over There!"

If you wish to see Mark's art in person, you may do so by visiting the Two Palominos' restaurant in Cunningham, where some of his original work is displayed. Or, you can visit his blogsite to see all his works: www.marksstudio.wordpress.com



Mark Thimesch photos



Above: "Hey, Charlie, Look Over Here!"

Left: John Wayne as Big Jake

City Council Met March 25th

submitted by Dave Steffen

The Cunningham City Council met Monday, March 25, 2019 at City Hall, 119 N. Main.

Present were Mayor Aaron Murphy; Council Members Karl Vierthaler, Jason Ruckle, Bart Ricke, Matt Westerhaus, and Tim Schultz; City Attorney Greg Graffman; City Superintendent Tim Strickland, and City Clerk David Steffen.

Guests: Molly Morgan

Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

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

Minutes – Motion by Ruckle, second by Westerhaus, to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2019 meeting as written. Motion carried, 5/0.

Public Comments – None.

Fire Department – No report.

Resolution R-19-01 GAAP Waiver for 2019 – Motion by Vierthaler, second by Westerhaus, to approve Resolution R-19-01 (attached to minutes). Motion carried, 5/0.

Arbor Day Proclamation – Mayor Murphy signed a proclamation designating Friday, April 26, 2019 at

Arbor Day in Cunningham (attached to minutes)

Ordinance No. 667 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR WIRELESS FACILITIES IN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY IN THE CITY OF CUNNINGHAM, KANSAS. (Attached to minutes). Motion by Schultz, second by Ricke, to approve Ordinance No. 667. Motion carried, 5/0.

Resolution R-19-02 – A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH ANNUAL LEASE FEES FOR SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES AND FEES FOR APPLICATIONS TO INSTALL WIRELESS FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE CITY OF CUNNINGHAM, KANSAS, PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NUMBER 667. (Attached to minutes). Motion by Ruckle, second by Viethaler, to approve Resolution R-19-02. Motion carried, 5/0.

Ordinance No. 668 – AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 3-217 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CUNNINGHAM REGULATING THE SALE OF CEREAL MALT

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Last Day of School is May 9th

High School Graduation is May 10th

CATHOLIC Masses

St. Leo

Sunday, May 5, 2019

8:30 a.m.

St. John's, Zenda

Sunday, May 5, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Sacred Heart, Cunningham

Saturday, May 4, 2019

4:00 p.m.

St. Peter's, Willowdale

Saturday, May 4, 2019

5:30 p.m.

Fr. Roger Lumbre

620-243-5451

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

Penalosa

Sunday Bible Class

10:00 a.m.

Worship

11:00 a.m.

Afternoon Worship

1:30 at Penalosa Community Center

Mid-Week Bible Study

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

620-532-2684

CHRISTIAN

Cunningham

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Worship

10:45 a.m.

Bible Study

6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Pastor Mike McGovney

620-298-3201

620-770-9507

LUTHERAN

St. John's Nashville

Worship Service

8:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Class

9:45 a.m.

Trinity Medicine Lodge

Sunday School & Bible Class

9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship

10:30 a.m.

620-656-7431

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer

620-246-5220

Cell: 620-886-0911

UNITED METHODIST

Penalosa

Worship

9:15 a.m.

Cunningham

Sunday School

9:45 a.m.

Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Katelyn Zoglmann

620-298-2090

Office Hours:

Tuesdays:

9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Zenda

101 N. Main

Sunday Worship

9 a.m.

Sunday School:

Children 8:30 a.m.

Adult 10:00 a.m.

(3rd Sunday of each month breakfast fellowship at : 8:30 a.m.)

(United Methodist Women meet the 1st Tues. monthly: 6:30 p.m.)

Pastor Ken Keeling

Community Bulletin Board

May 2nd

4th Grade Wax Museum

9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

May 2nd

8th Grade Ropes Course

El Dorado

May 2nd

6th and 7th Grade

Field trip

Friday May 3rd

K-2 Field Trip

May 3rd

3:00 p.m.

HS Track at Bucklin

May 3rd

Kansas Kids' Fitness

Day for 3rd graders

May 3rd

8th Grade Field Trip

Saturday, May 4th

State Forensics

at Salina

Monday, May 6th

Senior Sneak

May 6th

JH Track at South Barber

May 6th

3rd - 5th Grade

Field Trip

Tuesday, May 7th

PreK - 5 Music

and Art Show

Wednesday, May 8th

8:30 a.m.

CGS Awards

May 9th

10:00 a.m.

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BEVERAGE AND BEER CONTAINING NOT MORE THAN 6% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME WITHIN THE CITY OF CUNNINGHAM, KANSAS. (Attached to minutes). Motion by Westerhaus, second by Schultz, to approve Ordinance No. 668. Motion carried, 5/0.

Water Well No. 3 – The Council reviewed preliminary plans for the chemical buildings at the well houses and plans for Well No. 3 (attached to minutes). Motion by Westerhaus, second by Ruckle, to approve the plans for the chemical buildings and the new water well. Motion carried, 5/0.

The council considered electrical engineering design fee estimates for wiring the backup generator to be able to operate any of the three wells on it. Currently the generator is connected only to Wellhouse No. 2. Consensus of the Council was to leave the generator's connection as it is.

Water Rates – The Council reviewed information relating to water rates (attached to minutes). Motion by Westerhaus, second by Ruckle, to amend Section 15-221 of the City Code to adjust water rates to a \$27.00 base rate plus \$2.25 per thousand gallons used over the 2,000 gallons included in the base rate, effective with the meter readings in June 2019; and to adjust water rates to a \$27.50 base rate plus \$2.50 per thousand gallons used over the 2,000 gallons included in the base rate, effective with the meter readings in June 2020; and to adjust water rates to a \$27.50 base rate plus \$2.75 per thousand gallons used over the 2,000 gallons included in the base rate, effective with the meter readings in June 2021. (Rates 3, 6, and 7 in the table “City of Cunningham Water Rate Proposals” attached to minutes). Motion carried, 5/0. The City Attorney will prepare an ordinance for consideration at the April 29, 2019 meeting.

Sewer Rates – The Council reviewed information relating to sewer rates. Motion by Vierthaler, second by Schultz, to amend Section 15-413 (c) of the City Code to adjust sewer rates to a \$17.00 base rate plus \$1.75 per thousand gallons of water used, as determined in Section 15-413 (b), effective with the June 2019 meter readings; and to adjust sewer rates to a \$17.00 base rate plus \$1.85 per thousand gallons of water used, as determined in Section 15-413 (b), effective with the June 2020 meter readings; and to adjust sewer rates to a \$17.00 base rate plus \$2.00 per thousand gallons of water used, as determined in Section 15-413 (b), effective with the June 2021 meter readings. (Rates 2,3, and 4 in the table “City of Cunningham Sewer Rate Proposals” attached to the minutes). Motion carried 5/0. The City Attorney will prepare an ordinance for consideration at the April 29, 2019 meeting.

Executive Session – Motion by Ruckle, second by Ricke, that the City Council recess into executive session with members of the City Council, the Mayor, City Attorney, Pool Manager, and City Clerk to discuss non-elected personnel, specifically applicants for employment at the municipal swimming pool, the justification of the motion being the non-elected personnel matter exemption K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), with the meeting to resume in this room in City Hall in ten (10) minutes. Motion carried, 5/0.

The above met in executive session from 7:36 p.m. to 7:46 p.m. at which time open session resumed and Mayor Murphy stated that no action had been taken during the executive session.

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The above met in executive session from 7:47 p.m. to 7:52 p.m. at which time open session resumed and Mayor Murphy stated that no action had been taken during the executive session.

Swimming Pool staffing and life guards – Motion by Westerhaus, second by Ricke, to hire Molly Morgan as a Swimming

Pool Manager, Megan Hansen, Lauren Murphy, Eric Ghumm, Daylen Schnittker, Alayna McGuire, and Kendra Morgan. Motion carried, 5/0.

Swimming Pool – Morgan and the Council discussed items needing attention at the pool:

Pool needs painted. German Exchange Students will do this as a fundraiser.

Depths must be painted on the deck and on the sides of the pool.

Restroom stalls are rusty.

Paint is peeling on the ceiling in the Guard Room

Roof needs coated and waterproofed.

Wood on window needs replaced

Diving board stands have missing bolts, broken brackets, and rust

Pump room door needs work

Shower drains are plugged

Need water in the pool by May 12 in order to conduct lifeguard training

April 29th City Council Meeting – Consensus of the Council was to meet at the swimming pool at 6:00 p.m., Monday, April 29, 2019 prior to the meeting at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall in order to view condition of the pool, pool house, and equipment.

Executive Session - Motion by Ruckle, second by Vierthaler, that the City Council recess into executive session with members of the City Council, the Mayor, City Attorney, City Superintendent, and City Clerk to discuss non-elected personnel, the justification of the motion being the non-elected personnel matter exemption K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), with the meeting to resume in this room in City Hall in five (5) minutes. Motion carried, 5/0.

The above met in executive session from 8:05 p.m. to 8:10 p.m. at which time open session resumed and Mayor Murphy stated that no action had been taken during the executive session.

Executive Session - Motion by Ruckle, second by Vierthaler, that the City Council recess into executive session with members of the City Council, the Mayor, City Attorney, City Superintendent, and City Clerk to discuss non-elected personnel, the justification of the motion being the non-elected personnel matter exemption K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), with the meeting to resume in this room in City Hall in two (2) minutes. Motion carried, 5/0.

The above met in executive session from

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8:11 p.m. to 8:13 p.m. at which time open session resumed and Mayor Murphy stated that no action had been taken during the executive session.

The City Attorney left the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Community Development Block Grants – The Clerk provided the Council with information from the Municipal Clerk’s conference relating to the CDBG program. To qualify for most grants under the program, the community needs a low to moderate income (LMI) of 51% or more of the population. Cunningham’s LMI is currently 39%. Consensus of the Council was not to pursue a grant under the CDBG program at this time.

Cunningham Community Garage Sale Day will be Saturday, April 27. The City Spring Clean Up will start the week before.

Reports – Maintenance – Tim Strickland gave the maintenance report.

The hydraulics on the snow blade for the Bobcat have been repaired.

The ladder door on the water tower has been repaired.

Tim picked up trash in the streets and ditches last week and swept with the Bobcat broom attachment.

The restrooms in the west city park are open.

Strickland talked with Southwest Truck in Pratt regarding the use of a bucket truck for tree work.

Consensus of the Council was to approve Strickland’s plans to remove the dead pine in the park and trim the cedars.

Strickland priced sand for the streets from Harbert: \$10.50 per ton delivered. Consensus of the Council was for him to arrange for what is needed.

Maintenance will begin spraying weeds in the park this week.

Murphy asked if water valves and fire hydrants were being exercised. Maintenance will resume exercising the valves now that the weather is

warmer.

The bleachers west of the football field were discussed with consensus being that the City and School need to reach an agreement on what needs to be done and who will pay for it. The clerk was instructed to check on the status of the lease and payments between the school and the city.

Water meters – Consensus of the Council was to continue replacing existing water meters with the Kamstrup electronic read meters with a goal of finishing within three years. Consensus of the Council was to confirm the policy that the City will replace the meters with the 5/8 - 3/4 inch Kamstrup meter (currently \$175 each) at no charge to the customer. Customers requesting 1” or larger meters will be charged the price difference between the two.

Properties – Consensus of the Council was for the City Clerk to resume enforcement efforts to remove truck boxes used as storage containers within

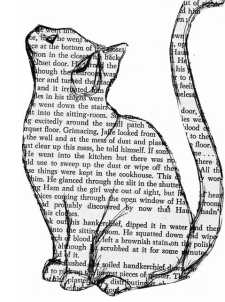
the R-1 Single Family Residential District in the City of Cunningham. The Council discussed the need to eliminate dilapidated structures in Cunningham and to continue clean-up efforts.

Planning & Zoning – City Planning Commission met on Thursday March 14. The next meeting of the planning commission is 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 11, 2019 at City Hall.

Animal Control – No report.

Financial Report and Payment of Bills - Steffen presented the financial report and reviewed the month’s bills with the governing body. Motion by Ricke, second by Westerhaus, to approve the financial report, including transfers, and pay the bills as presented. Motion carried, 5/0.

Adjournment – Motion by Ricke, second by Ruckle, to adjourn. Motion carried, 5/0. Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.



Meanderings

I just came from a most pleasant and relaxing evening at the public library. Wyatt Townley, Poet Laureate of Kansas Emerita, read poetry this evening. She read her own and she read poems by other talented writers. For those of you who weren’t there, you missed a fine, fine evening.

I’ve written a bit of poetry in my life. I have poem, somewhere in a box, that I wrote in Maybe... 6th grade? With Mrs. Vivian Cross? I don’t remember now what it was about.... That memory of mine.... So unreliable.... probably I need to dig through those boxes from my long-ago childhood and see if I can locate it.

Mrs. Cross was the first teacher I had who told me I had a “way with writing.” I was a bit perplexed, and I told her “my mom says my writing looks like chicken scratchings.” She smiled and explained to me that it was the creative aspect of my writing that was worth pursuing. She didn’t really negate Mom’s comment about my handwriting.... Hmmm. She told me I needed to write more, and I’d become a better writer. I guess I decided that was too much trouble. Reading is so much easier.

Mrs. Eva Cundiff was the next teacher who told me she enjoyed what I wrote. I am not sure I saved any bit of written work from high school.... Maybe I need to dig deeper in boxes than I originally thought. Mrs. Cundiff encouraged me a great deal. Four years of encouragement, you’d think I’d have started writing on a regular basis... but, alas, I decided to teach instead.

First semester at Southwestern College in Winfield. I had an instructor in Composition I. Miss Wroten. Just typing the name makes me shudder. I’d write and rewrite a paper. I’d get it back...B or C. Red marks everywhere. Why didn’t I write it this way, what about that, you should have.... I remember one time returning to my room, crumbling up the paper with a nice big C on it and throwing it across the room. I was so frustrated with that class; and imagine my embarrassment when she me I had the lowest score in the class. I knew I’d had good teachers in school; and they had taught me well. I didn’t get why that woman couldn’t be happy with the work I handed in.

Composition II; second semester; I was placed with Mrs. Judith Charlton (I also had her for Holocaust Literature) She saved my sanity. She encouraged me in my writing. I received A’s and B’s... She said I was an “interesting writer” and she was happy with all the reading I had apparently done.

I chose to write my term paper on Graham

Greene. I am not sure why. I’d read some of his books (The Power and the Glory; The Quiet American, and my favorite: Travels with My Aunt) and decided there could be worse authors to choose. I reread his books. I researched, I took notes, I researched more. That paper became my life.

I handed it in, knowing I did about the best I could.

A couple of weeks later, Mrs. Charlton waited until the last 20 minutes of class to hand the papers back to all her 18 or so students--except for mine. She just said, “Roberta, I’d like to talk to you after class.” I was devastated. It wasn't going to be good.

After class, I went to her desk, and she waited until all the students were gone. “Roberta, I think your paper was well-researched, and you obviously have read Greene’s works. Your writing continues to improve, and I appreciate the extra time you took to read and reread his stories.”

I just looked at her. Waiting for the BUT....

“I kept you after so I could explain to you why I couldn’t give you an A. Here is your paper, please look it over, and I’ll answer any questions you have.”

I took the paper, and I must have had a look of doom on my face, because she said, “It’s not bad.”

I looked. B+. Seriously? I smiled, I almost laughed out loud. She saw the look of relief. “You aren’t disappointed?” I said, “I spent last semester with Miss Wroten who said I couldn’t write. This is great. I am very happy with this.”

"Miss Wroten and I have different writing philosophies" was all she said.

Mrs. C has always been my favorite college professor.

Tonight, Wyatt read poetry connecting our bodies to homes. In the first poem she read, she mentioned a pocket. WHICH then reminded me of a poem that I had my students memorize ... in that other lifetime when I was a 4th grade teacher.

Keep A Poem In Your Pocket

By Beatrice Schenk de Regniers

Keep a poem in your pocket

And a picture in your head

And you’ll never feel lonely

At night when you’re in bed.

The little poem will sing to you

The little picture bring to you

A dozen dreams to dance to you

At night when you’re in bed.

So - -

Keep a picture in your pocket

And a poem in your head

And you’ll never feel lonely

At night when you’re in bed.

Always reading, and currently reading, "A Star for Mrs. Blake" by April Smith

Roberta

“On Writing Poetry: Take everyday words beyond everyday talent and write them alive.”

— C.J. Heck

City Council Met for Special Session with School Board

submitted by Dave Steffen

The Cunningham City Council met in special session on Monday, April 8, 2019 at in the U.S.D. 332 Board of Education meeting room, 104 W. Fourth St., Cunningham, KS. Notice of the special meeting had been posted at City Hall and in the Post Office on Friday, April 5.

Present were Council Members Jason Ruckle, Tim Schultz, Bart Ricke, and Karl Vierthaler; and City Clerk David Steffen.

Also in attendance: Robert Reed, U.S.D. 332

Superintendent; Scott DeWeese, Brent Hansen, Joyce Gridley, Vicki Oldham, Brent Miller, U.S.D. 332 Board of Education members; Stacy Webster, Clerk of the Board of Education; Shawna Sterneker, Randy Thimesch, Roger Panek, City Recreation Board members (Vicki Oldham is also a Rec Board member); Bob Stackhouse, Lance McGuire, and Amy McGuire,

President of the Council Ruckle called the City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda – Motion by Schultz, second by Ricke, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 4/0.

Football field – Discussion was held regarding the needs and plans for the football field in the West City Park. A general understanding was reached that the three entities would work together to improve the field – with U.S.D 332 working on repairs or replacement of the announcer’s stand, the Recreation Board working on replacement of the scoreboard; and

the City working on replacing the boards on the bleachers on the west side of the field and installing a cable fence to restrict traffic and parking in the 100 foot radius of the new water well east of the field.

Consensus of the Council was to add the item to the April 29th meeting agenda.

Adjournment – Motion by Vierthaler, second by Schultz, to adjourn. Motion carried, 4/0. Mr. Ruckle adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.



By John Schlageck, Kansas Farm Bureau

Food packaging today is really about marketing and making money – lots of it. Food handlers and marketers care about competing for shelf space and selling their product. They’re in the business of selling their packaged products to consumers. Can’t blame them. It’s the American way.

Environmental consequences, consumer satisfaction and selling a product at a fair and equitable price doesn’t rank at the top of the ptiotity list of priorities for food marketers.

It’s estimated the global food packaging market is expected to reach \$411.3 billion by 2025, according to a new report by Grand View Research, Inc. Due to changing lifestyles that may alter eating habits, an increase in demand for convenience foods will propel their growth in the global market.

You know, processed, tasteless food you can pop out of your freezer, microwave and eat in a jiffy.

The industry exhibits rapid growth for single-serve and portable food packs. Increasing

purchasing power of buyers owing to rising per capita income is expected to boost growth. Furthermore, increasing urban population and attraction toward ready-to-eat meals by consumers is expected to escalate industry growth.

As the amount of packaging increases, so does waste and environmental costs not to mention the added costs to consumers. The plastic bottle containing your favorite soda or the aluminum can that holds your favorite brew costs more than the soda or beer.

On average a beer can or bottle may cost three, four, five or maybe six times the cost of the beverage. The same is true for sodas. It depends on the company and the product.

Don’t get me wrong, I understand the need for packaging that provides a protective coating between the food product we wish to eat and our environment, thus keeping the contents safe and ensuring hygiene.

Some packaging prolongs the food life while other packaging is necessary for safe and efficient transportation. And lastly, God bless their souls, other packaging is used to provide consumers with information and instructions for which there are some legal re-

quirements. You know, like the small, rectangular preservative pack inside a bag of beef jerky with the instructions, “Do not eat.”

However, all this convenience, marketing and profit comes with a price – additional waste for this nation’s landfills and the rest of the globe. In this country and other wealthy nations, a decrease in the size of households has resulted in more people purchasing smaller portions of food and that means more packaging.

A higher living standard around the globe has also resulted in the desire to acquire “exotic” foods from other lands and eat them. Transportation of such food and the ability to keep it fresh also costs more in packaging.

So how much waste has this galloping packaging industry produced?

It’s difficult finding information like this in our country. Seems like our folks in the food, beverage and packaging companies would rather talk about their proposed plans to eliminate waste in the future, never mind the past.

Still, the packaging industry may be making some headway. According to figures by the Grocery Manufacturers Association, the food, beverage and packag-

ing companies intend to eliminate an additional 2.5 billion pounds of packaging waste in the United States during the next couple years. These companies already have avoided creating 1.5 billion pounds of packaging waste since 2005, the trade group says.

Because plastic wasn’t invented until the late 19th century, and production only took off around 1950, we have a mere 9.2 billion tons of the stuff to deal with. Of that, more than 6.9 billion tons have become waste. And of that waste, a staggering 6.3 billion tons never made it to a recycling bin – a figure that stunned the scientists who crunched the numbers in 2017.

To achieve a change toward more sustainable packaging, it’s not just the packaging that requires alterations but also our lifestyles and habits of consumption.

Support companies that use packaging most efficiently. Avoid buying disposable items, such as non-refillable razors, alkaline batteries, etc. Recycle. Buy in bulk. Reuse shopping bags and buy only recycled products.

Change comes with personal responsibility and the ability to look in the mirror and say, “It’s up to me.”

JH Track Fairfield Invitational at Burrton

For the 3rd meet in a row, the 7th grade boys came out on top in the team points. The team also had lots of new personal bests set in the long jump and discus events. The team will be back in action on Friday at Norwich, then Monday at South Barber, and wrap up the season at the league meet Thur. May 9th at Pretty Prairie.

7th Grade Girls: 6th Place
2nd Kaitlyn Hennessee: 800m Run 2:58
2nd Ellie McGuire: Shot Put 28'11"
800 SMR: 2:29.54
6th Kaitlyn Hennessee, Elizabeth Paris, Ada Adams, Maranda Lohrke
3rd Maranda Lohrke: Triple Jump 24'4"
3rd Ada Adams: Long Jump 11'3"
4th Ada Adams: 400m Dash 1:16.74
4x200m Relay: 2:18.64
3rd Kaitlyn Hennessee, Ada Adams, Elizabeth Paris, Maranda Lohrke
4x100m Relay 1:04.92
6th Ellie McGuire, Kaitlyn Hennessee, Elizabeth Paris, Maranda Lohrke

7th Grade Boys: 1st Place:
1st Luke McGuire: 100m Dash 13.43
1st Luke McGuire: Discus 112'6"
3rd Wylan Betzen: Discus 3rd, 92'11"
1st Luke McGuire: 200m Dash 27.60
3rd Dagim Reed: 200m Dash 27.85
4th Will Wegerer: 100m Hurdles 18.41
800 SMR 2:27.50
4th Jack Ruckle, Nate Sterneker, Wylan Betzen, Gage Elliott
1st Will Wegerer : Triple Jump 30'1.5"
6th Scott Wyatt: Triple Jump 19'9"
2nd Dagim Reed: Long Jump 15'4.5"
2nd Dagim Reed: 1600m Run 5:26
3rd Trenton Schnittker: Shot Put 26'11.75"
6th Nate Sterneker: Shot Put 24'3.5"
2nd Dagim Reed 800m Run 2:33.37
4x100m Relay 1:04.59
4th Jack Ruckle, Nate Sterneker, Gage Elliott, Wylan Betzen
2nd Will Wegerer: 200m Hurdles 31.67
4x200m Relay: 2:17.62
3rd Jack Ruckle, Gage Elliott, Nate Sterneker, Wylan Betzen
1st Luke McGuire: 400m Dash 1:01.53
3rd Will Wegerer: 400m Dash 1:06.27

8th Grade Girls:
6th Alice Huelskamp: Shot Put 26'4"
2nd Shanelle Romine: 100m Hurdles 19.99
6th Emily Paris: 100m Hurdles 20.55
6th Shanelle Romine Long Jump 12'7"
3rd Hurdles: Emily Paris: 200m Hurdles 36.80
5th Shanelle Romine: 200m Hurdles 37.98



Wylan Betzen - Discus



Alice Huelskamp - Discus



Nate Sterneker - Shot Put



Maranda Lohrke - Long Jump



Lane Halderson - Shot Put



Will Wegerer - 100m Hurdles



Ada Adams - 400m Dash (this young lady missed out on her recognition last week... as I typed "Ava Bock" under her picture. Sorry, Ada, I DO know who you are... I just got in a hurry.) RK



Trent Schnittker - Shot Put



Ellie McGuire hands the baton off to Kaitlyn Hennessee in the 4x100m relay.



Caleb Panek - Shot put

8th Grade Boys:
4th Caleb Panek: Shot Put 31'9.5"
6th Lane Halderson: Shot Put 30'3"
3rd Trey DeWeese: Triple Jump 29'8.5"
4th Cameron McClendon: 400m Dash 1:16.59
4th Lane Halderson: Discus 94'5.5"
6th Caleb Panek: Discus 82'11"
2nd Lane Halderson: 200m Hurdles 33.18
5th Trey DeWeese: High Jump 4'2"
1st Trey DeWeese: 800m Run 2:39



Highlights from the High School Meets at Stafford & Kingman



Clockwise from far left:
Madie McGuire -- Pole Vault.
Hunter McGuire --Shot Put.
Isaiah Reed -- Shot Put



Henry Huelskamp running 3200m race.
Vitor Abreu-- high jump.
Abby Hansen -- javelin
Levi Adelhardt hands off to Misha Donskoy in the 4x400m Relay

Cunningham Junior High and High School Entertain with Concert.....



Luke McGuire with Mr. Johnson before his vocal solo.



Madie McGuire - State Flute Soloist



Vitor Abreu with the Main Street Singers



Erik Paris - State Euphonium Soloist



Hunter McGuire - State Vocal Soloist



Henry Huelskamp- State Trombone soloist



Mr. Gregory Johnson with his senior music students: Shawn Snow, Zach Osner, Taner Hansen, Vitor Abreu, Brayen Schnittker, Isabelle Wegerer, and Lauren Murphy.



A future CHS music student.

....and Industrial Arts Show



Jonathan Ruckle with his parents, Ryan and Renee Ruckle and his grandfather, Gary Wegerer



Joe Sterneker and Janet DeWeese



Nate Sterneker with dad, Gary.



Cameron McClendon with his grandparents, Teresa and Rex McClendon



Right: MaryAnn Ruckle visits with Caleb Panek and her grandson, Jack Ruckle.

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Gregory Johnson

Monday, May 13th

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County Commission Meeting

April 22nd, 2018

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on April 22nd, 2019. Those present: John Steffen, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Jason Jump, Kingman Leader Courier; Carol Voran; Deanna Gerhardt; Catherine Rohrer, South Central Kansas Community Corrections Director; Colleen Wance; Chief Lux; Rob Davis, The Law Company(Conference Call); Josh Beckham, Kirkham Michael; John Riggins, Kirkham Michael and Carrie Nelson, KCAMP.

Staff: Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance; Sheriff Hill; Heather Kinsler, 911/Dispatch Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Stan Goetz, HR/ Planning/Director.

Chairman Steffen called the Board of County Commissioners

Meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the County Commissioner meeting minutes of April 15th, 2019. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to amend the agenda to include joint meeting discussion. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The Commissioners briefly discussed CABT (Coalition Against Bigger Trailers) with John Caton, County Counselor.

Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance was in to request overtime to work on windows. Mr. Schnittker

discussed budgeting for wall unit air conditioners for the offices that get window air conditioners.

The County Commissioners discussed with Mr. Schnittker about doing the windows during court being held. Mr. Schnittker let them know that he would get with Ms. Jackson, District Court Clerk on Mondays and see what the schedule is for the week until the windows are done.

Catherine Rohrer, South Central Kansas Community Corrections Director was in to go over stats with the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the way Community Service is being handled with Ms. Rohrer.

Sheriff Hill, Chief Lux and Heather Kinsler were in to discuss the committee meeting that was held last Wednesday. Sheriff Hill discussed some of the changes.

The Commissioners began a conference call with Rob Davis with the Law Company and they discussed that they still plan on coming out this afternoon to go over piece by piece at the Expo Center North Room.

Sheriff Hill would like for each of the Commissioners to come over and watch the operations, not just a tour.

Commissioner Henning said he was taken back by what the Dispatch takes care of including taking utility bills

for the City after hours.

Commissioners discussed what items they would like to discuss with The Law Company at 1:30 p.m. in the North Room of the Kingman Expo Center.

The County Commissioners approved March 2019 Transfers & Corrections in the amount of \$77,557.83.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer were in to open bridge repair letting for U.7-8.0 from the following:

L & M Contractors \$63,180.00
Start Date: August 12th, 2019

Reece Construction \$74,266.00
Start Date: Sept. 9, 2019

Wildcat Construction \$78,360.00
Start Date: Sept. 9, 2019

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the bid from L & M Contractors in the amount of \$63,180.00 pending approval from the Engineer. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

John Riggins from Kirkham Michael discussed the North Main Project and let the Commissioners know that the 2019 portion went much better than the 2018 portion did.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted a permit for: Abe’s

Oilfield that is a road crossing for 3” Poly line carrying crude oil between Sections 27 & 28, Township 28, Range 7W (E. Ninnescah).

John Riggins reviewed the 2019 Bridge Inspection with the County Commissioners.

Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer discussed three structures that are on system bridges and several non-system bridges that are wood structures.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with Charles Arensdorf, Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton at 12:00 p.m. to discuss an individual employee’s performance. .The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:10 p.m. with no binding action taken.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that he will be attending a meeting this week.

Mr. Goetz discussed a nuisance that they have in Murdock.

Carrie Nelson, KCAMP was in to discuss the RFP for Insurance. The Commissioners discussed that they would like to bid the insurance to give local vendors a chance to bid.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk let the Commissioners know that she will be attending a Scholarship meeting on Friday in Hays and KCCEOA Annual meeting next week.

Chairman Steffen moved to recess until 1:30 p.m. at the Kingman Expo Center North Room. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen moved to reconvene at 1:30 p.m. at the North Room of the Kingman Expo Center.

Individuals in attendance were: Carol Voran; Mendy Frampton; Becky Luntsford; Larry Landwehr; Jason Jump and Derick Tyler

The Law Company brought in new drawings with changes that the Committee had discussed last Wednesday.

Sheriff Randy Hill and Chief David Lux were in attendance to discuss possible changes.

Rob Davis went over possible changes in the booking room, laundry room and Kitchen that the Sheriff discussed.

The Commissioners asked questions about the sally ports and Mr. Davis said he would look into what is required.

Sheriff Hill would like to meet later this week with the Committee to go over the drawings and get any changes to the Law Company before they meet again on the 6th of May 2019 during the Commission Meeting.

The Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

CUNNINGHAM GYMNASTIC EVENT

When: Saturday, May 18th, 2018

Where: Cunningham School Gym

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

COME ONE COME ALL!! All kids who are interested in having a Cunningham Gymnastic Class come to the Cunningham gym for an introductory class! Starting this summer, if we have enough interest, we would like to start having a weekly tumbling class, but we need to know who all is interested and the age group of kids so we can make a schedule and know everyone's level of experience. If you are unavailable to make this event please call Jackie Ruckle @ 620-243-3328 or Sarah Thimesch @ 620-491-0696 and let us know if you would be interested to sign up for a regular weekly class.

COME TUMBLE WITH US!!!

View from the Capitol

by Senator Ed Berger
Kansas 34th District

As the last leg of the legislative session approaches, there are several remaining issues that must be resolved. One of the first items on the list is the motion to move the Medicaid expansion bill passed by the House out of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee, which requires 24 votes. If that is successful, it will take 27 votes to move the bill to the Senate floor for debate. In 2017, Medicaid expansion passed out of committee before it passed both the House and Senate. Ultimately, the Senate could not generate the required 27 votes to override Governor Brownback’s veto. In 2018, Medicaid expansion passed the

Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee with a near unanimous vote but was not debated on the floor of the Senate. If no action is taken on Medicaid expansion, an interim committee will study expansion this summer with recommendations that should produce a bill for next year’s legislative session.

In true veto session form, the House and Senate will have the opportunity to override the governor’s veto of Senate Bill 67, which requires physicians to notify women that a medication abortion is reversible. This bill passed with 26 votes in the Senate and 85 votes in the House making an override within reach.

The other piece of legislation that needs to be passed is a budget. The so-called omnibus budget will factor in the recent revenue projections and several items left off the mega-budget, including salary increases.

There are always recommendations for “consideration in the Omnibus Bill” when more information is available, including revenue projections. Those items will be reviewed and debated by the Senate Ways and Means and the House Appropriations Committee on April 30th. An all-inclusive omnibus bill will emerge and then go the Senate and House for final approval. Upon approval, the budget will then go to the governor and she will have line item veto authority. In the past two years, the budget has been signed by the governor with only minor changes.

As always, there is the possibility of last-minute surprises. For example, last year a bill was brought forward that would have allowed slot machines at dog and horse tracks in Kansas. It was debated in a lively fashion but ultimately did not pass. Also, a bill decoupling Kansas tax

code from federal code was introduced on the last day of session. The decoupling bill narrowly passed the Senate, but failed passage in the House, only to resurface again early this session.

The question now is what eleventh hour surprises will come to the Senate floor? There has been speculation that there will be additional tax bills introduced with projections of moderate revenue growth in the coming years. A reduction in sales tax on food and the implementation of a tax on internet sales seem to be among the possibilities. Another possibility could be sports wagering, which has not yet been approved in Kansas. Another possibility would be that the legislature simply addresses Medicaid expansion, the veto override vote on medicine abortion notifications, and approve a budget. If that happens, it could mean an early conclusion to the 2019 legislative session.

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KCCOA Plans Pleasantview Trip

Kingman County Council on Aging will be taking a fun trip to Pleasantview, Ks. on Thursday, May 16th. Stops include: Glenns' Bulk Food, Stutzman's Greenhouse adn lunch at the Dutch Kitchen. For reservations call 620-532-5744 before Monday, May 13th.

Celebrations of Life

Christina Borhrer

Christina "Chris" Anna Bohrer passed away April 25, 2019, in Pratt, Kansas, at the age of 101. She was born on Oct. 22, 1917, near Willowdale, Kansas, the fourth of ten children born to Ignatius and Magdalena Wagner Goetz.

She married Aloysius R. (Ollie) Bohrer on Feb. 23, 1938, in St. Peter's Church in Willowdale.



Ollie and Chris grew up on adjacent family farms. Shortly after their marriage, they moved one mile to the farm that Christina's grandfather homesteaded. Their lives evolved around family, church and farming.

Christina was a talented artist, cook, cake decorator and seamstress. She created many keepsakes for her children and grandchildren and often gave hand-painted gifts for shower, wedding and birthday gifts. Christina enjoyed fishing, flowers, watching birds and playing games, especially with her grandchildren.

She and Ollie loved to dance, play cards and travel, including two trips to Hawaii and a Caribbean cruise. They hosted anniversary celebrations for friends and relatives for their 25th, 40th and 50th anniversaries in Willowdale.

They moved to Kingman in 1992. Because of failing health, they entered Pratt Health and Rehab in 2002.

Christina was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years on Nov. 17, 2004; her parents; four sisters Alvena Casper, Cecilia Schoenecker, Yvonne Beat and Ann Cole; and five brothers Eugene, Anthony, Philip, Vincent and Paul Goetz; and a step-great-grandson Jedediah Hiebert.

Christina is survived by her son LeRoy, Pratt, and daughters Judy (Bob) Doolittle, Pratt, and Gloria (Bob) Holcombe, Manhattan; five grandchildren Darby (Brad) Flemming, Pratt, Debra (Jim) Hiebert, Hutchinson, Matthew (Brandyn) Schwartz, Paxico, Jason (Erin) Schwartz, Belvue, and Douglas (Mary Ellen) Schwartz, Manhattan; step- grandson Gabe Holcombe, Chicago; and great grandchildren Enoch Hiebert, Lute, Vance, Porter and Crew Schwartz; step-great- grandsons Eli and Micah Hiebert; two sisters-in-law Barbara Goetz, Wichita, and Anna Jane Goetz, Emporia; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 2 at St. Peter's Church in Willowdale. Internment will follow in the Willowdale cemetery.

Memorials to St. Peter's Church or Pratt Health and Rehab in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N Main St., Kingman, KS 67068.

Students Welcome Kerri Steffen as Service Worker



Kerri Steffen, Cunningham Public Librarian, presented to the 2nd graders. Kerri taught us about her different duties at the library, talked about the summer reading program, and read us some poems and a story! We learned about how she uses ABC order to put books on the shelves and how she picks and orders new books and other media for the library. We loved the visit and learned a lot. Thank you Kerri for devoting your time to our class. We appreciate you!



Cunningham Pride says "Welcome to Cunningham"



courtesy photo sent in by Jackie Ruckle

The Cunningham Pride Committee is adding a "Welcome to Cunningham" sign to the southern edge of the community. The sign is in the beginning stages of construction by Neville Welding Inc. and Roughneck Welding and will be placed north of the Love's driveway.

Pride is accepting monetary donations to help pay for the sign. Contact Jackie Ruckle at 620-243-3328.



Five Young People Make First Communion



Five second graders made their First Communion at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Cunningham on Sunday, April 28. Pictured from left to right: Carson Strohl (son of Keith and Megan Strohl), Wesly Preisser (son of Kurt and Alyssa Preisser), Liam McGuire (son of Lance and Amy McGuire), Father Roger Lumbré, Sage Thimesch (daughter of Randy and Sarah Thimesch) and Katie Ogg (daughter of Tony and Aimee Ogg). Special thanks to Father Roger and Catechist Amy McGuire for giving their time and talent to these children!

All Star 4-Hers

Our April 4-H meeting was held at All



Star Sports in Wichita on the 7th. We were originally scheduled to go to All Star Sports for our March meeting but switched the date due to poor weather. We were so glad that we changed dates because we had a beautiful, sunny day to enjoy the venue. Prior to partaking in go-carts, mini-golf, arcade games, climbing wall, and laser tag, we held a quick meeting. Ribbons and judges' comments from 4-H Day and Regional 4-H Day were distributed. Alice Huelskamp received a small cash prize for placing in the photo judging contest held at 4-H Day. The club voted to plant a tree in the park in a spot where a tree had died out next to the road. Club members had a wonderful time at All Star Sports. *Judy DeWeese, Club Leader*

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Tractor Supply Co. Searching for a 'Great Neighbor' in 4-H, FFA Youth

Photo contest winners to be recognized at state, county fairs across the country

May 1, 2019 – Tractor Supply Company is calling for 4-H and FFA youth to demonstrate what it means to be a great neighbor during the retailer's Mobile Fair Tour, a 10-stop journey across the United States. The "Great Neighbor" Contest is an experiential component of the Mobile Fair Tour where local youth are encouraged to submit a photo with a 200-word description for participation.

Beginning Monday, April 29, 4-H and FFA youth residing near a stop on the fair's tour can enter the contest by submitting a photo and caption that showcases a 4-H or FFA

project making a difference in their community. The Mobile Fair Tour will begin its route July 15 at the Fayette County Fair in Washington Court House, Ohio, and will come to a stop in Tyler, Texas, at the East Texas State Fair on



September 22.

"The 'Great Neighbor' Photo Contest is an interactive way for 4-H and FFA youth to share their experiences in serving their community," says Diane Bollig, store marketing manager at Tractor Supply Company. "We are proud to give youth of all ages the opportunity and platform to be recognized for their hard work and passion."

Tractor Supply will choose winners at random and will recognize the local winners

at each of the 10 fair stops with a special ceremony. Winners will be presented with a commemorative plaque and Tractor Supply gift pack in appreciation of their hard work.

The "Great Neighbor" Photo Contest closes on June 16. To enter, eligible 4-H and FFA members should visit TractorSupply.com/FairTour to submit their photo and description, review contest rules and regulations, and view a list of fair stops.

Since the Mobile Fair Tour's inception in 2016, Tractor Supply has recognized more than 100 4-H and FFA youth for their community contributions across the country. In addition to honoring contest winners, the Mobile Fair Tour features free, family-friendly activities and prizes to enhance the fair experience.



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