The Cunningham Courier

"The only newspaper in the world that cares about Cunningham, Kansas"

e-mail: cunningham courier@embarqmail.com

www.cunninghamcourier.news (620) 298-2659

\$1.00

March 11, 2021 Volume 31 Number 10 USPS 006-101

Lady Wildcats Win Class 1A Division II Sub-State Championship

(stories and photos on pages 4 and 5)



City County Meeting

The Cunningham City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 22, 2021 at City Hall, 119 N. Main in Cunningham and Zoom.

Present were Mayor Aaron Murphy, Council Members Jason Ruckle. Karl Vierthaler, Craig Woodard, and Tim Schultz arrived at 6:31; City Attorney, Greg Graffman and City Clerk, Molly Morgan.

Also attending were Mesa Sallee, City Superintendent; Todd Shelman, City Maintenance; Harold Stark, Fire Chief; Carla Shearer, SCTelcom; Tyler Bernhardt.

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

Agenda – Motion by Ruckle, second by Woodard, to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried, 3/0.

Minutes – Motion by Ruckle, second by Vierthaler, to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2021 meeting as written. Motion carried, 3/0.

Motion by Vierthaler, second

by Woodard, to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2021 meeting as written. Motion carried, 3/0.

Motion by Ruckle, second by Woodard, to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2021 meeting as written. Motion carried, 4/0.

Public Comments – Resident Tyler Bernhardt notified the Council that the water leak at 222 N Main St had been repaired.

Motion by Vierthaler, second by Schultz to approve a reduction in water bill for 222 N Main with the total amount due March 10, 2021 to be \$300.00. Motion carried, 4/0.

Carla Shearer, representative for SCTelcom, discussed making fiber optics available to city residents.

Maintenance Service Truck – Council reviewed three options for purchasing a service truck to be used by city maintenance.

Motion by Ruckle, second by Vierthaler to purchase 2020 F250 Super Duty with service bed truck from Laird Noller for \$41,200.00. Motion carried,

4/0.

Fire Department – Harold Stark spoke with Council about two fire runs that took place since the last Fire Department report. Chief Stark reported that the new fire truck has been delivered and is ready to have the bed installed.

Water Leak Update – Broken valve caused a water leak at 315 E First Street. Leak was repaired within an hour. Resident requesting leak forgiveness.

Motion by Ruckle, second by Schultz to approve leak forgiveness for 315 E First St by reverting next bill to last month's usage. Motion carried, 4/0.

Maintenance – Mesa Sallee informed Council of several water leaks. Cold temperatures affected many resident's plumbing. Mesa discussed the repairs to the south storage shed, using smaller chlorine tanks in well houses, and maintenance of generators.

Financial Report and Payment of Bills – The Council reviewed the month's bills and financial report. Motion by Schultz, second by Vierthaler,

to approve the financial report and pay the bills/invoices as presented. Motion carried, 4/0.

Executive Session – Motion by Ruckle, second by Schultz, for the governing body to meet in executive session for ten (10) minutes with City Superintendent to discuss an individual employee's performance with the justification being K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), the non-elected personnel matter exception, with the meeting to resume in open session in the meeting room of City Hall. Motion carried, 4/0.

The above met in executive session from 7:40 p.m. to 7:50 p.m. at which time the meeting resumed in open session and Mayor Murphy stated that no action had been taken during the executive session.

Adjournment – Motion made by Vierthaler, second by Schultz to adjourn. Motion carried, 4/0. Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm.

submitted by Molly Morgan

County Commission Meeting Minutes March 1st, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on March 1st, 2021. Those present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors Online: Viewer 2; Tammy Miller

Visitors: Kevin Cowan, Gilmore & Bell; Zachary Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director

Staff: Richard Schott, Emergency Manager; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/ Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director

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

No additions were made.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with no additions. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of

the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

No public comment was made.

Commissioners discussed financing for bridge repairs.

Kevin Cowan, Gilmore & Bell rep-

resentative was in to discuss options for the County to finance bridges. Commissioners discussed the funding

Commissioners discussed the funding that is needed for bridges and overlay that is needed on roads.

Commissioners would like to move forward on a bond.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch made a motion to move forward on a four million bond for bridges over 5 to 6 year amortization. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve Resolution 2021-R3, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFERING FOR SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2021, OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Zachary Bieghler, Kingman EMS

Director was in with the 2021 1st Quarter update and the 2020 Review for the Kingman EMS.

Richard Schott, Emergency Manager was in to discuss the door entrance and if it will remain as monitoring or be opened to the public.

Mr. Schott discussed the trailer that was ordered and it should be delivered soon.

Mr. Schott let the Commissioners know that he received a bill from Witt O'Briens LLC and he will go over it with Ms. Langley.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with a case update and the current trend is going down.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 10:10 a.m. with Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss 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(s) to be discussed, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:21 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:21 a.m. and the Commissioners decided to extend an employees vacation for 90 days.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/ Wastewater Director was in with building permits for the following:

Brian & Joyce Lies for a shed in Section 27, Township 27, Range 7

Joshua Fiscus for a house in Section 3, Township 29, Range 5

Travis Garten for a shed in Section 8, Township 27, Range 7

Mr. Goetz reviewed spreadsheets that Tiffany Aumiller had put together for the Commissioners on employee benefits.

The County Commissioners discussed an advertisement being placed in the paper for theft awareness.

Commissioners presented service

awards to the following employees:
Charles Arensdorf for 48 years
Mike Woodard for 24 years
Linda Langley for 8 years

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in an requested an execu-

tive session for employee performance. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session at 11:05 a.m. with Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss 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(s) to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:10 a.m. and the Commissioners approved shared leave for an employee.

Commissioners signed an agreement for Engineering Services between Kingman County, Kansas and Kirkham, Michael and Associates, Inc. for Kingman County Structure Evan #8 located on NE 160th Avenue(RS 989) and Kingman County drainage structure located on NE 160th Avenue (RS 989).

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that oil quotes will be opened on March 8, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. and a tentative start date of March 22, 2021 for Evan #8 RCB Project.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on the FLAP project at the Cheney reservoir. Commissioners signed abatements.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:02 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.



Kingman County Needs YOUR Help!

Every county resident is asked to help fight crime in the county.

If you see

suspicious activity anywhere in Kingman County, please call the following:

620-532-5133 for Kingman County Sherriff's Office OR **1-800-kscrime** OR **911**

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 McGovnev 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,

UNITED METHODIST Penalosa Worship

Medicine Lodge.

9:15 a.m.

Cunningham Worship 10:45 a.m.

620-298-2090 Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki

UNITED METHODIST **CHURCH**

Zenda

101 N. Main Sunday Worship 9 a.m. Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adult 10:00 a.m.

Community Bulletin Board is sponsored by



nvalleybank.com

Member FDIC

Thursday, March 11th HS BB Class 1A Division II State finals at Barton County/ Great Bend

Friday, March 12th Spring Break Begins

Saturday, March 13th HS Girls 1A Div. II State Finals

March 15th - 19th School Spring Break

Tuesday, March 16th Lions' Club meets

Friday, March 19th 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

HS gym Pick up your Carriage House pies

Tuesday, March 23rd Spring pictures: individual, class and sports

Wednesday, March 24th K-5 and 6-12 Intruder presentation

Thursday, March 25 KSDE speaker for 6th - 12th graders

Titzsimmons

INSURANCE Locally owned and

operated for over 30 years Crop*Auto*Home*Farm*Commerical*Life 116 N. Main PO Box 398 Cunningham, KS

> (620) 298-5291 ~ (800) 536-5291 www.fitzsimmonsins.com marilyn@fitzins.kscoxmail.com

- WANTED -

Old Photos for Our Community Album Call (620) 298-2659 or email cunninghamcourier@embarqmail.com or send to PO Box 38, Cunningham, KS 67035

Kingman Historic Theatre 237 N. Main in Kingman (620) 532-1253 http://www.kingmantheatre.org/ **March 12th - 14th** Raya & the Last Dragon Rated: PG Showtimes are Friday and Saturday at 7:30pm and Sunday at 5:30pm. All Seats: \$6.00 Doors open 45 before showtime. (CASH OR LOCAL CHECK ONLY)

"I love books, by the way, way more than movies. Movies tell you what to think. A good book lets you choose a few thoughts for yourself." — Karen Marie Moning, Darkfever

Thank YOU for supporting

Private Showings Available

YOUR Kingman Historic Theatre.

Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community

Cunningham Public Library

4C Day Care Shop smile.amazon.com or contact Kathy Albers 620-298-2725 or 620-388-0774

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

Hands of Hope (contact Fitzsimmons Insurance or any

Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund (send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation) Cunningham Community Center (leave donation a the bank)

Lions' Club (leave your old eyeglasses at the bank) Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Donna Glenn)

The Cunningham Courier

(USPS 006-101) 320 Stadium Street. Cunningham, Kansas 67035 620-298-2659 © 2018 Periodicals Postage Paid at Cunningham, Kansas 67035

Postmaster: Send address changes to The Cunningham Courier 320 Stadium Street, Cunningham, KS 67035-0038

Published Weekly Roberta L. Kobbe

Editor & Publisher

Subscription Rates: \$40.00 per year in Kansas \$45.00 per year out of state

320 Stadium Street, Cunningham, Kansas 67035. E-Mail: cunninghamcourier@embarqmail.com



YEARS AGO IN The Cunningham Clipper

W.A. Bradley, Editor

1931

March 13-The high school basketeers closed the season with a first round defeat by Sharon in the Medicine Lodge District Tournament last Friday. Coats and Spivey went to the tournament finals, with Coats emerging as the winner.

100 mothers and daughters attended the annual Mother and Daughter Banquet last Thursday evening. Mrs. Charles Lakin presided at the affair, and appearing on the program were Mrs. Roy Huffman, Mrs. William Bradley, Mary Louise Anderson, Jennie Franks, Sarah Groom, and Mrs. J. J. Amick.

1936

March 13-The high school basketeers closed the current season with a second round loss to Preston in the Class B District Tournament at Plevna. Sylvia and Pretty Prairie went to the finals, with Sylvia emerging as the winner.

Maud School carried off three first place honors in the Kingman County Rural School Music Festival last week. Max Smith, Eugenia Cooley, and Junior Shelman were the winners.

1941

March 14- The high school basketeers closed their current season of play following a first round defeat by Sun City in the Class B Regional Tournament at Pratt. Cunningham was second to Sylvia in the Class B District Tournament at Preston last week.

Cunningham is playing host to the Kingman County League Forensic Festival this week-end.

1951

March 16- The high school basketeers closed the 1950-1951 season with a record of 20 wins against 3 losses. Cunningham lost twice to Isabel, once in regular season's play and in the Class B District Tournament finals, and once to Windhorst in the first round of the Class B Regional Tournament. They won the Kingman County League and Tournament championships for the 10th straight year. Coach Claude Wesbrooks awarded letters to Richard Wells, Dan Kincheloe, Ralph Bayer, Leon Rose, Melville Mefford, Eugene Becker, Jack Meyers, Leonard Schnittker, Billy DeWeese, Richard Hazlett, Larry Ball, Gale Harris, Carroll McKinney, Norman Stanley, Johnny Pelzl, Kenneth Meyers, and James Stillwell.

1956

March 15- A band concert and box supper was enjoyed in the new gym-auditorium,

Monday evening, sponsored by the Music Club, with proceeds used to purchase new band music. The band played a request program, after which the box supper and a cake walk was enjoyed. Virginia McClellan and Sondra Dunn were honored as Box Supper Queens, with their box being sold for the highest bid. A Band King and Queen were selected by penny votes, with Donald Hoagland and Jeanne Seacat receiving the honors. Other candidates were Imogene Voss and Dallas Thornhill, Pat Becker and Bobby Zrubek, and Melva Fitzsimmons and Larry Shaffer.

The Christian Women's Fellowship met last Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Willis Welch, with Mrs. Chick Howell and Mrs. Alf Cooley assisting.

President Mrs. John Baber opened the meeting with a poem, followed by two songs and sentence prayers. Roll call was answered with "pet peeves."

After a brief business meeting, Mrs. Seth Whitmore gave the devotionals, and Mrs. Dwight Lewis, Mrs. Floren Rose, Mrs. Everett Hauser, Mrs. John Baber, and Mrs. Marvin Shelman presented the afternoon's program.

The hostesses served delicious refreshments of chicken salad sandwiches, potato chips, nuts and mints, and tea and coffee to 21 members and one guest, Mrs. R. L. Welday, at the close of the meeting.

Frank Robl of Ellinwood, "The Duck Man," will be the guest speaker at the March meeting of the Community Men's Club next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the new high school

gym-auditorium. Admission is free to this wildlife conservation program, and Robl plans to show pictures of wildlife on his refuge near Ellinwood. The local high school is co-sponsor of this meeting with the men's club.

1961

March 16- The Better Homes and Gardens Club celebrated their 25th anniversary at a one o'clock luncheon in the home of Mrs. Rufus Leiter last Thursday afternoon. Assisting Mrs. Leiter were four hostesses, Mrs. Sherman Kincheloe, Mrs. Bill Boyd, Mrs. George McClellan, and Mrs. Lynn Spencer. Twentysix members and guests were present.

President Mrs. Alva Hellar, lesson leader for the afternoon, reviewed the history of the club. There have been 54 members, and only one, Mrs. Elizabeth Stump, has passed away. Letters were read and pictures shown from the following members, Mrs. Bernice Poland,

Mrs. Bonnie Patton, Mrs. Blanche Baber, Mrs. Bernice English, Mrs. Bobby Doty, Mrs. Ruby Hoagland, Mrs. Helen Scott, Mrs. Mary Ratlief, Mrs. Lois Shuler, Mrs. Bernice Edwards, Mrs. Alice Grindstaff, Mrs. Lulu Bretz, Mrs. Florence Revel, Mrs. Betty McCool, Mrs. Betty McCosh, Mrs. Velda Copenhaver, Mrs. Lorraine Warren, Mrs. Lorene Buntemeyer, Mrs. Elsie Witt, and Mrs. Edith Gillen.

Mrs. Hellar presented gifts of demi-tasse cups and saucers of all guests and potholders to all members.

Mrs. Francis Dafforn took pictures of the anniversary party for Club Betterment. Those present were Mrs. Lon Hoagland and Mrs. Roy McGeorge Jr. of Pratt, Mrs. Clayton Watkins of Wichita, Mrs. Reba Lovern of Medicine Lodge, Mrs. Warren Kailer of Chase, Mrs. Stella Brown of Joplin, Mo., Mrs. Marvin Turpin of Salina, Mrs. Pat Benningfield of Kingman, Mrs. Floren Rose, Mrs. Vernon Fitzsimmons, Mrs. Mildred Cannon, Mrs. Paul Fitzsimmons, Mrs. W. G. Jones, Mrs. Bill Boyd, Mrs. Lynn Spencer, Mrs. Rufus Leiter, Mrs. Roy Wetherrall, Mrs. Luther Walker, Mrs. Iona Shafer, Mrs. Bedford Taylor, Mrs. Harold Watkins, Mrs. Evan Thornhill, Mrs. Alva Hellar, Mrs. Sherman Kincheloe, Mrs. Francis Dafforn, and Mrs. George McClellan.

"Kansas Centennial" was the theme of the annual Mother and Daughter Banquet held in the Sacred Heart School Auditorium, Monday evening. One hundred and ten mothers attended the affair, sponsored each year by Community YWCA.

Community YWCA President Mrs. Bill Bradley welcomed the group, and responses in behalf of the mothers and daughters were given by Mrs. Ray Nickle and Miss Norma Greenlee. Corsages were presented to Mrs. Jessie Nossaman and Mrs. Joe Battles as the oldest and youngest mother.

Mrs. Sidney Dillinger gave the invocation, and Mrs. Dan Cusenbary presented the devotionals. Several musical selections were sung by the Sweet Adelines of Pratt, after which the high school dramatic class, under the direction of Norman Good, presented the one-act play, "No Greater Love."

The lovely turkey dinner was prepared and served by the Homemakers HDU.

1966

March 17-One hundred and fifty mothers and daughters attended the annual Mother and Daughter Banquet in the Sacred Heart School Auditorium, Monday evening, sponsored by the Community YWCA.

The banquet theme, "Springtime in the

(con't on page 3)

Years Ago

Orient," was attractively carried out with Ming trees, lamps, fortune cookies, and a flowing fountain. The dining tables were centered with arrangements of flowers.

Following a turkey dinner prepared and served by the Sacred Heart Altar Society, Community YWCA President Mrs. Bob Long, presiding as toast mistress, gave the welcome, and the response was given by Ann Eck, President of the Kayette Club. Mrs. Ted Duell presented the devotions, using the topic "Scriptures of Motherhood," after which Nyla Christian of Penalosa, and Charles Ridge performed a song and dance routine to "Wouldn't It Be Lovely," and Marcia Kerr of Coats, gave a ventriloquist act.

Mrs. R. C. McNerlin had charge of the recognition of mothers ceremony, and presented corsages to Mrs. Cecil Sheldon, the eldest grandmother with the oldest granddaughter; Mrs. Harry DeArmond, the youngest mother with a daughter in high school

and to Mrs. Long.

The program was concluded with a medley of songs by the Community YWCA Ensemble, accompanied by Mrs. Bill Bradley.

1971

March 11-Jim McCune reported Wednesday that he has re-opened his service station, McCune APCO, for business.

The station has been closed since a fire a month ago.

Jim, who suffered facial burns in the fire, has completely recovered, and David Ellison of Preston, who suffered upper body, arm, and hand burns in the fire, is reported to be recovering very satisfactorily at the St. Francis Hospital in Wichita.

The Nashville-Zenda Thunderbirds made a determined bid to reach the State Class 1-A Basketball Tournament, but dropped a 43-38 decision to the Garden Plain Owls in the final of the regional tournament played at Skyline High School

in Pratt last Friday night.

N-Z advanced to the finals by beating Coldwater, 54-50, in a first-round game, and Trinity of Hutchinson, 55-50, in the semi-finals.

The second-place trophy is the first ever won in regional basketball tournament competition by either Nashville High School or Zenda High School, however it is the fifth trophy collected by the Nashville-Zenda boys this year- they shared first place with Sharon in the Golden Plains League football race; they won the league basketball tournament; they won the league basketball race, and they won second place in the district basketball tournament at Cunningham.

The Nashville-Zenda girls can't be left out of the trophy-winning racethey collected the championship trophy in the Skyline Invitational Girls Basketball Tournament in January.



Marri Krupco,

SCCF Scholarships Due March 15

Serving Cunningham and the Surrounding Communities

South Central Community

Foundation (SCCF) offers 35 scholarships for the seven Counties they serve. Guidelines and applications are available for download at www.sccfks.org and must be postmarked by March 15th or delivered to the Foundation (114 W. 5th Pratt, KS) by 4:00 p.m.

SCCF is a non-profit organization that serves Barber, Comanche, Kingman, Kiowa, Pratt, Rice, and Stafford Counties. In 2020, SCCF awarded nearly \$75,000 in scholarships. Please contact SCCF with questions at (620) 672-7929 or email ed@sccfks.org.



Meanderings

Gracious! People sure can get overly excited and riled up about everyday events!

Every single year since the creation of book publishing houses, the powers-that-be within the walls of the establishments sit down and decide the thousands of books that they want to continue publishing and the hundreds they will stop publishing and thousands they want to publish in the future. It is the business of book publishers. Out with the old, in with the new.

Last week, Dr. Seuss Enterprises issued this statement to the public:

Today, on Dr. Seuss's Birthday, Dr. Seuss Enterprises celebrates reading and also our mission of supporting all children and families with messages of hope, inspiration, inclusion, and friendship.

We are committed to action. To that end, Dr. Seuss Enterprises, working with a panel of experts, including educators, reviewed our catalog of titles and made the decision last year to cease publication and licensing of the following titles: "And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street", "If I Ran the Zoo", "McElligot's Pool", "On Beyond Zebra!", "Scrambled Eggs Super!", and "The Cat's Quizzer". These books portray people in ways that are hurtful and wrong.

Ceasing sales of these books is only part of our commitment and our broader plan to ensure Dr. Seuss Enterprises's catalog represents and supports all communities and families.

That was it. Plain and simple. No big deal.

Unless you were on social media.

Nothing in their statement was said about banning books or burning books. Nothing was said about someone being offended by the books. The foundation decided some books just weren't what they thought should be continued representation of their company.

I have read all his books; even those that came out after his death. I've also read many articles and biographical critiques about Ted Geisel, a.k.a. Dr. Seuss. He was a man with many faults. Oh, if I were to call a spade a spade, I would call him a cad.

He was talented, no doubt about it, but, well, I just don't think he was very nice; I think his books often showed this to be true. His racism and bigotry could be established through his writings and quotes.

Back to the books that

have been 'shelved'.

The book I was most familiar with is "And

to Think That I saw It On Mulberry Street". I have read it aloud dozens of times to hundreds of school children over 30+ years of teaching and librarian-ing. When I saw the title on that list, I knew immediately what put the book on the list.

In the book, Marco is walking home from school. He knows when he gets home his dad is going to ask what he saw. Marco's dad also knows he tends to embellish his stories. Marco sees a horse and cart, and as he walks home, he begins to add to the story. Soon he has a parade of interesting characters marching down Mulberry Street.

Towards the end of the book, Marco adds "A Chinese man who eats with sticks...." When the book was originally published back in 1937, the wording was "A Chinaman who eats with sticks." In the late '70's, Geisel changed the wording to the current text and removed the pigtail from the man as well as the yellow tint to his skin.

Although I'd read the other books, they weren't ones I clearly remembered. As I wasn't too familiar with them, I checked out three others from the Cunningham Public Library: "If I Ran the Zoo" (Dr. Seuss's dad was a zookeeper); "On Beyond Zebra" and "McElligot's Pool."

As I glanced through the illustrations and scanned the text, I tried to see what it was the Seuss Foundation saw in them that made them stop publication.

In "Zoo" I saw the depictions and caricatures of Asians and Africans as a problem. I could see why Dr. Seuss Enterprises would not want to continue publishing the story.

I am still stumped on the reason that "Zebra" and "McElligot's Pool" were removed from publication for 'portraying people in ways that are hurtful or wrong."

That being said, I am an older Caucasian woman. Maybe if I belonged to a race or culture that Seuss writes into his stories, I would better understand how the books can be wrong or hurtful.

I do understand that these are children's books that depict minority cultures as less than equal to their white counterparts. If educators and adults wants to encourage ALL children to read, then the books should be inclusive for all children. Inclusive in that their race and cultures are not depicted as caricatures and stereotypes or as inferior to other races.

books are being banned?
In a mere 12 years,
"Mulberry Street' will be
come public domain and

anyone can publish it.

Still worried that the

Always reading and currently reading,

"Night Road' By Kristin Hannah Roberta

"Be awesome! Be a book nut!"

— Dr. Seuss

Kansas Proclaims March 15, 2021 'Kansas American Legion Day'

The Governor of Kansas has declared March 15, 2021 as "Kansas American Legion Day."

As she presented the proclamation, Governor Laura Kelly praised the 102-year-old veterans service organization, the largest in the nation, for its continued work to aid wounded warriors and military families, for Legionnaires' legacy of community volunteerism and for the organization's significant role in establishing important national legislation.

The American Legion remains today an active and vigorous advocate for service members, veterans and their families not only on Capitol Hill, but right here in Kansas. Among its greatest legislative achievements was the enactment of the GI Bill of Rights. The initial draft of the GI Bill was written by Legionnaires at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC. Many consider the GI Bill as one of the greatest pieces of legislation ever enacted.

The American Legion was founded in Paris, France by members of the American Expeditionary Force; and chartered by the United States Congress as a wartime veterans organization based on the four pillars of Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth. Over the past 102 years, the American Legion has become a preeminent community-service

organization.



Commander, Department of Kansas American Legion, expressed her gratitude for the proclamation. "We are very grateful to Governor Laura Kelly, for your fine efforts in establishing March 15th, as 'Kansas American Legion Day."

With a current mem-

With a current membership of over 40,000 family members in over 500 Kansas American Legion posts, units, and squadrons promoting a variety of programs that

support the goals of The American Legion, the State of Kansas acknowledges with profound appreciation, the special role that the American Legion members play in supporting our nation's wartime veterans and the four pillars.

Media contact: Michael D. Cole, Department of Kansas Media & Communications Chair, 913-680-8680; mediaandcommunications1@kansaslegion.org

Kansas Fine Art and Railroad History Auctions



Lawrence, Leavenworth and Galveston Railroad Lantern Circa 1870



Birger Sandzen (1871-1954) The Great Spires, 1922



SoulisAuctions.com • 816.697.3830

Kingman Public Transportation

305 North Cedar, Kingman, Kan.

Phone (620) 532-5744



Service Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

First Come - First Served

Funded in Part by KDOT Public Transportation Program

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.

Mon. - Thurs. 10:00 - 7:00 Friday: 10:00 - 6:00 Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00 Closed on Sundays (620) 672-3041

Barb Schultz photos

Serving Cunningham and the Surrounding Communities

Lady Cats Slip by Stubborn Attica

After not playing for 9 days, the Lady Cats traveled to Attica for semifinal sub state action and took on the homestanding Lady Bulldogs. At this point in the season, things seem to tighten up, beginning with defense. We started slow but managed a 12-6 lead after one period but the second quarter was a push as each team scored 12. A 30-ft buzzer beater by Morgan Meyers felt huge as we were looking at facing a slim 3 point advantage at halftime but instead it was six. One area I felt we really needed to emphasize was to get more post touches around the basket. Attica is undersized but sure seem to hold their own, but on the inside I did get good contributions from both Maddie Panek and Madie McGuire in this game as well as from Abby Hansen coming off the bench. We had an edge in "points in the paint", 26-10, and that would prove to be the difference. The third quarter was wild after Attica erased a 6 point deficit to go up by 1 before we wrestled back the lead 32-28 going in to

in to the fourth quarter with so much on the line gives a "now or never" realization but I have a team that's been here before, many times, and they play with confidence and don't get rattled. The fourth quarter was nip and tuck until the final minutes when Attica began to foul us. Fortunately, we were making it difficult on them when they were on offense and having to rush things because we converted just 5 of 10 free throws in the fourth quarter. The final score of 46-37 was not indicative of how close and hard fought this game was. Perhaps most disappointing to me was the number of turnovers (15) we had. A repeat of that in Saturday's sub-state final will doom us.

the fourth quarter. Going

We shot 42% from the field, shooting a season low six 3-pointers of which we made 3. At the free throw line we were 11 of 19 for 58%. One of the strengths of this team is that scoring can come from multiple people, and we had excellent balance on this night led by Maddi Panek with 13, Madie McGuire with 12, and Morgan Meyers with 11. Other important contributors to the scoring column were Reese McGuire (6),

Alayna McGuire (2), and Abby Hansen (2).

Madie led the way in rebounding with 11 while Maddi had 7 and Alayna 3. Madie and Morgan each had 4 steals and Alayna snared 3. It was Morgan pacing us in assists with 5.

We will match up with Central Christian in the sub state finals and that promises to be a chess match and likely another nail biter.





Alayna McGuire and Madie McGuire



Morgan Meyers



Maddi Panek



Lady Cats March On and Earn Trip to State!

One thing that never gets old is a berth in the state tournament. But make no mistake about it, it is never easy! This is our third trip to State in the past four years and there were five sub-state games in the three years we advanced that we very easily could have lost but somehow found a way. We don't take this for granted, and sure won't play like it.

If you watched in person or listened online, you understand the fight that it took to prevail. I have to say that a team with less poise and confidence would not have stayed the course. It's sure nice to have an "old team".

We faced Central Christian in the sub-state finals, and the opening period was a standoff. Central Christian scored 7 points among 3 players while Morgan Meyers had all 7 of our points. Defense was outstanding from both teams, and the scarce scoring in the second quarter was evident of that although I expressed my frustration with some point blank shots that we failed to convert. Fortunately, they missed shots too and we entered halftime trailing 11-10. Yes, just 10 first half points, a season low. Neither team was able to make separation. Such was the case throughout the third quarter as well, but Central Christian fin-

ished the quarter leading by 2, 23-21. This is where the poise of this team showed. Knowing this was the last quarter of what could be the last game of the year, there was nothing but positive thoughts and a calmness, at least on the outside. Maybe determination is the best way to put it. These girls were not ready to be finished! Madie McGuire came to play in the second half during which she scored all 14 of her points while tilting the scale of balance in to our favor. We would eventually get an 8 point lead but the Lady Cougars desperately drove the basket and drew fouls, then converted free throws with the clock stopped. We shot free throws not well, but just well enough to keep them at bay and watched with little care as their last second three pointer found the net to trim the final margin to 3, a 36-33 triumph that set off a celebration that felt so very good.

We shot 33% from the field but only 50% at the line and at this point, I guess poor free throw shooting is a flaw of this team. I don't like to accept it but I also don't seem to know how to fix it. Madie McGuire led our team in scoring with 14 while Morgan Meyers dropped in 13. After that, Alayna McGuire had 4, Reese McGuire 3, and Maddi Panek 2.

Maddi Panek grabbed a team high 11 rebounds while Madie had 4 and Reese 3. Maddi also led us in steals with 6 and

Reese had 4 and Morgan 3. Lastly, Morgan led us in assists with 7.

In this unusual year of COVID, an unexpected benefit is that we get to host a state quarter final game. Yes, a state tournament game in Cunningham, KS USA! Never before, and probably never again. My message to the team: Soak it all in, but play lights out. It's time to be greedy!





Alayna McGuire



Morgan Meyers reacts to the ending buzzer





Above: Reese McGuire



Left: Madie **McGuire**



The Spotlight on CHS Lady Wildcats' Sub-State Championship



Back Row: Coach Eric Meyers, Abby Hansen, Madie McGuire, Maddi Panek, Mackenzie Wright, Maranda Lohrke, Hannah Ellis, Alice Huelskamp, Asst. Coach Bob Stackhouse Front Row: Mattie Jump, Taylor Schultz, Morgan Meyers, Alayna McGuire, Reese McGuire, Joanna Hansen

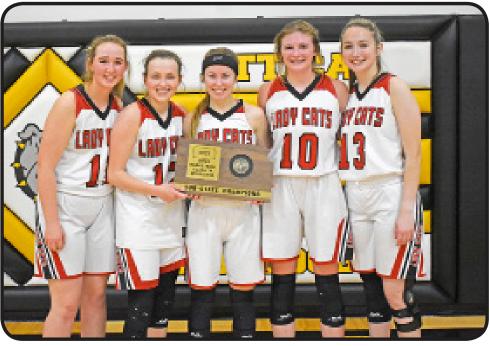




Senior players: Abby Hansen, Morgan Meyers, Alayna McGuire, Maddi Panek, Mackenzie Wright









Cunningham Child Care Center 6 weeks old - 11 years old After School Program 620-298-2010



101 E. First St. - PO Box 97 Cunningham, KS 67035 620-298-2511 - nvalleybank.com Proudly supporting the Cunningham Wildcats! FDIC LENDER









Hilltop Manor

skilled nursing by Americare

403 S. Valley St.

Cunningham, KS

Monte Rose Construction Marla & Monte Rose (620) 318-6027 (ans) (620-672-8304 (cell) Make a friend. Be a friend. Call a friend. Go Cats!





Janet DeWeese Diana and Gary Wegerer **Beverly DeWeese** Pam and Doug Liebl **Leroy Panek** Kristin & Kevin Wegerer Janet Sterneker Liz & Steve Miller Mary Oller Kathy & Alan Albers Mary Ann Ruckle Mary & Bob Stackhouse Diana Rakestraw Johnna & Elmer Freund **Beverly Zrubek** Kathy & Doug Griffis

Jody & Bill Thome Ruth & Todd Shelman Judy & Scott DeWeese Donna & Sean Crowley Gwen & Mark Betzen Molly Morgan & Family Jane & Jack Meyers Robin & Robert Reed

298-2357 RITA STROHL CUNNINGHAM, KS







Cunningham, Kansas Bus: 620-298-5291 Toll Free: 800-536-5291



Shawna & Tom Sterneker Jeanette & Bob Kerschen Amy & Lance McGuire Julie and Scott Huhman Joan and Bob Thimesch Helen and Chuck Holcomb Eilene and Jack Crick Lois and 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

Pratt County Commission Meeting March 1st, 2021

The Pratt county commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 1, 2021 at 4:00 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, was absent, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director were present.

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

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

Heather Morgan, economic development, gave an update on the KDOT cost share on the Road project after talking to Kirkham Michael. She reported the contractor for the PSB should take minutes of the weekly progress meeting and those should be sent out to the other commissioners, the PBC board and other interested parties. She reported another stimulus package bill should be passed March 16, 2021. She reported the state had

changed how they want the SPARK to be reported, she is making changes to include those. She reported the fraudulent unemployment claims had cost the state from 200-600 million dollars. The state is planning on using some of the stimulus money to pay that back.

Commissioner Shriver asked for a fifteen minute executive session at 4:15 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel to include Bill Hampton, fire/rescue chief. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to come out of executive session at 4:30 p.m. and to return for another fifteen minutes at 4:30 p.m.to discuss non-elected personnel to include Bill Hampton, fire/rescue chief. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to come out of executive session at 4:45 p.m. with nothing to report. Commissioner Adams seconded.

Motion carried 3-0. Billie thanked commissioner Adams for attending the rescue meeting.

Robert Torres, environmental services supervisor, presented the signed contract from KDOT for spraying in the county. He reported he would like to replace his Kobata with a new ATV. He had received bids, but the commissioners would like to revisit this next week when Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor is present. He reported he will be spraying this week.

Doug Freund, road supervisor, reported the sign project in the NW quarter of the county would be started by April 5, 2021. He reported the dozer has been repaired, but there is a problem with the sprocket and it will be returning to Wichita for repair. He reported his laser transit wasn't working, he had checked to see if it could be repaired and it cannot. He asked if he could purchase a new one from Trimble a division of CAT for \$4,275.00. Commissioner Adams made a motion to purchase a new laser transit from Trimble in the amount of \$4,275.00. Commissioner Shriver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Mike Tibbetts, communications, reported he had moved the repeater off of the DR tower to the Pratt well tower to test its range. Kenny Gates has put together an agreement if the commissioners decide to permanently move the repeater. He also reported other towers that are available. He was instructed to get prices from the other owners of the towers and report back.

Tim Branscom, emergency manager/zoning director, reported there had been a trailer and cylinder of mercapton stolen out of Wichita and left in the NW part of the county.

It was leaking slightly but no danger to anyone. The company that owned it came and picked it up. He reported this is severe weather alert week. The tornado sirens would be tested Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. he reported he had received two bids for the painting of the weather tower and two bids for the structural part of the tower. He has set up a zoom meeting Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. with the counties Involved to discuss the bids and asked if one of the commissioners could be involved.

Commissioner Adams stated he would attend via zoom. He reported he was getting maps and drafts of zoning regulations for the cities of coats and Iuka from Bickley Foster.

Darcie Vandervyver, health director, gave an update on covid cases and covid vaccines.

She will be having another pod this Thursday to administer covid vaccines. She reported the lab remodel was not finished due to a delay on materials. It should be finished this week. She reported they might need to add more lighting.

Bill Hampton, fire/ rescue chief, presented resolution 07-02-01c, the Pratt County Assistance Resolution.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve payment of invoice 92138 to Kirkham Michael for a total of \$1,130.00. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve payment of invoice 92139 in the amount of \$2,130.55 and invoice 92241 in the amount of \$19,921.35. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2021, meeting as presented. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Lori Voss, county clerk, presented a pay slip on behalf of the sheriff's office for a new part time employee Gary Smith. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to hire Gary Smith for part time deputy at \$13.00 per hour. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones, presented thank you's from the Hope Center and Vernon Filley Art Museum for the commissioners support.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn into executive session for ten minutes at 5:50 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0-. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to come out of executive session at 6:00 p.m. with nothing to report. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones asked Mark Graber, IT director for an update on the phone system. He stated he wants to have spyglass look at the AT&T billings, he has a contract but wants Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor to review. He reported AT&T will not port our numbers over to a new carrier. He reported he is checking with SC Telcom for internet services for the CSW office.

Commissioner Shriver reported he had a progress report meeting for the PSB, Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve payment vouchers for March 1, 2021.

Commissioner Shriver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to appoint commissioner Shriver as chairman.

Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-1. Commissioner Adams

made a motion to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Great Plains Interstate Fire Compact Request Issued to Support Kansas Firefighters

Story courtesy of the Kansas Forest Service

MANHATTAN, Kan. -- Additional firefighting resources are now available for use in Kansas through the Great Plains Interstate Fire Compact.

Since Sunday, several large wildfires have occurred in the northeast part of the state, stretching local fire departments that are largely made of volunteers.

"We want to do all we can to support the men and women that are full-time and volunteer firefighters. Bringing in additional resources will hopefully allow them time to get some welldeserved rest before they are called on again," said Kansas State Forester Jason Hartman.

The resources include three engines and a task force leader from Wyoming, one engine from South Dakota and two engines from

"By sharing resources across state lines, we can better serve our citizens in times of need," Hartman said.

The Great Plains Interstate Fire Compact provides the state forester or other designated authority access to request resources and assistance to supplement local resources in times of critical fire conditions. Kansas Forest Service officials made a request

to the Compact, in coordination with the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and other partners in the State **Emergency Operations**

"The Kansas Response Plan allows for coordination and partnerships between local, county and state agencies. It allows us to pre-stage equipment so that we can more rapidly respond in situations like this," said Jeff Welshans, State **Emergency Operations** Center manager.

The Compact resources will arrive late Monday evening into Tuesday morning and be available to assist by Tuesday afternoon. Fire weather across the state has been elevated to critical through Thursday.

Links used in this story: Kansas Forest Service, https://www. kansasforests.org

About the Kansas Forest Service

The Kansas Forest Service is the nation's fifth oldest state forestry agency. The agency serves rural landowners, communities, rural fire districts, forest and arboriculture industries, and citizens of the state through its Conservation Tree and Shrub Planting, Fire Management, Community Forestry, Rural Forestry, Marketing and Utilization, and Forest Health programs. The Kansas Forest Service state office is located in Manhattan, Kansas, just west of the campus of Kansas State University. The Kansas Forest Service is housed as an independent agency within K-State Research and Extension. The agency receives its direction from a mission statement that reads: "Care of natural resources and service to people through forestry."

Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

For more information: Cassie Wandersee 785-532-3308 wande@ksu.edu

Public Notice

(First Published in the Cunningham Courier March 11, 2021) 3 consecutive weeks IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS Security State Bank v. Harry

Case Number 2016 CV 5 Notice of Sheriff's Sale

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me out of the abovenamed District Court in the above-entitled action, I will on Thursday, April 1, 2021, at 10:00 A.M. on the court house steps of the Courthouse in Kingman County, Kingman, Kansas, offer at public sale and sell, property in Kingman County, Kansas, to the best bidder for cash in hand the following real property legally described as:

A portion of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section 27, Township 28 South, Range 5 West (S27-T28S-R5W) of the 6th P.M., in Kingman County, Kansas, described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of said southwest quarter, thence south 89°41'11" east (basis of bearings is assumed) along the north line of said southwest quarter 1155.86 feet; thence south 00°05'54" east 519.26 feet; thence south 88°12'01" west 424.67 feet; thence north 00°59'56" west 284.82 feet; thence south 88°12'01" west 249.97 feet; thence south 55°24'42" west 94.28 feet; thence north 89°08'18" west 398.57 feet to

the west line of said southwest quarter; thence north 00°15'48" west along the west line of said southwest quarter 309.53 feet to the point of beginning, together with and subject to an ingress-egress and utility easement described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said SW/4; thence South 00°15'48" East along the West line of said SW/4 309.53 feet for the point of beginning; thence South 89°08'18" East 398.57 feet; thence North 55°24'42" East 149.68 feet; thence North 88°12'01" East 633.34 feet; thence South 00°05'54" East 30.01 feet; thence South 88°12'01" West 623.62 feet; thence South 55°24'42" West 150.44 feet; thence North 89°08'18" West 407.57 feet to the West line of said SW/4; thence North 00°15'48" West along the West line of said SW/4 30.01 feet to the point of beginning which is commonly known as 4550 SE 140th Ave., Cheney, Kansas, 67025, with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise thereunto appertaining. Randy L. Hill, Sheriff

Kingman County, Kansas Martin J. Peck, #16273 Security State Bank Building 107 E. Harvey, Second Floor P.O. Box 236 Wellington, KS 67152 (620) 326-3641

Attorney for plaintiff

Public Notice

First Published in The Cunningham Courier on

Thursday, March 11th, 2021 (2t)

GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

The Kansas Noxious Weed Law K.S.A. 2-1314 et seq requires all persons who own or supervise land in Kansas to control and eradicate all weeds declared noxious by legislative action. The weeds declared noxious are: ield bindweed, musk thistle, sericea lespedeza, Johnson grass, bur ragweed, Canada thistle, leafy spurge, hoary cress, quack grass, Russian knapweed, kudzu and pignut. Multi-flora rose is a County Option Noxious Weed declared noxious by the Board of Commissioners of Kingman County. Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Kansas Noxious Weed aw to every person who owns or supervises land in Kingman County. that noxious weeds growing or found on such land shall be controlled and eradicated. Control is defined as preventing the production of viable seed and the vegetative spread of the plant.

ailure to observe this notice may result in the County:

. Serving a legal notice requiring control of the noxious weeds within a minimum of five days. Failure to control the noxious weeds within the time period allowed may result in the county treating the noxious weeds at the landowner's expense and placing a lien on the property if the bill s not paid within 30 days or,

. Filing criminal charges for non-compliance. Conviction for noncompliance may result in a fine of \$100 per day of non-compliance with maximum fine of \$1500.

The public is also hereby notified that it is a violation of the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to barter, sell, or give away infested nursery stock or livestock feed unless the feed is fed on the farm where grown or sold to a commercial processor that will destroy the viability of the noxious weed seed. Custom harvesting machines must be labeled with a label provided by the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture and must be free of all weed seed and litter when entering the State and when leaving a field infested with noxious weeds. Additional information may be obtained from the Kingman County Noxious Weed Department or by contacting the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture, 109 S.W. 9th, Topeka, KS 66612.

Public Notice

First Published in The Cunningham Courier on

Thursday, March 11th, 2021 (1t)

To All Customers of Zenda Telephone Company, Inc.

The Public Service Commission of Kansas designated Zenda Telephone Company, Inc. The "Eligible Telecommunications Carrier" for its service area for universal service purposes. The goal of universal service is to provide all citizens access to essential telecommunications services.

Zenda Telephone Company, Inc. provides single party residence (with unlimited local Usage) and business service for rates which range from \$18.50 for residential customers and \$21.50 per month for business customers. This includes access to:

Long distance carriers

Emergency services

Operator services Directory assistance

Telecommunications Relay

Other services designed to

persons with disabilities Toll blocking

Use of these services may re-

sult in added charges.

In addition, Zenda Telephone Company, Inc. provides one copy of its annual local Directory without charge.

Zenda Telephone Company, Inc. would be pleased to provide you with specific rates for your area upon request.

Zenda Telephone Company, Inc. offers qualified customers Lifeline Service. If you are a Low Income customer you may qualify for Zenda Telephone Company's Lifeline Program. This means you may receive a monthly discount for your basic phone charges. This service also includes a discount for line connection charges and free toll blocking for qualifying customers.

Zenda Telephone Company provides broadband internet services for rates which begin at \$49.95 per month for 6 mbps download and 2 mbps upload. Additional speeds and prices

Please call Zenda Telephone Company at 620-243-5531 if you have any questions.

Cunningham Liquor

 ${\sf OPEN-10:30~a.m.~to}\quad {\sf 9~p.m.-Monday~thru~Thursday}$ 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. — Friday & Saturday 12 noon to 8 p.m. – Sunday 298-2033 "Cold Brew... Warm Spirits"

Miscellaneous

rates from top companies! Call Now! 855-656-6792

Lowest Prices on Health Insurance. We have the best

BATH & SHOWER UPDATES in as little as ONE

DAY! Affordable prices--No Paymemnts fo 18 month!

Lifetime warranty & professional installs. Senior & Military

BATHROOM RENOVATIONS. EASY, ONE DAY

Medical Billing & Coding Training. New Students Only. Call & Press 1. 100% online courses. Financial Aid Available for those who qualify. Call 888-918-9985

NEW AUTHORS WANTED! Page Publishing will help you self-publish your own book. Free author submission kit! Limited offer! Why wait? Call now: 855-939-2090

Recently diagnosed with LUNG CANCER and 60+

BEST SATELLITE TV with 2 Year Price Guarantee! \$59.99/mo with 190 channels and 3 months free premium movie channels! Free next day installation!

Get A-Rated Dental Insurance starting at around \$1 PER DAY! Save 25% on Enrollment Now! No Waiting

ARE YOU BEHIND \$10k OR MORE ON YOUR

DONATE YOUR CAR TO CHARITY. Receive maximum value of write off for your taxes. Running or

ATTENTION MEDICARE RECIPIENTS! Open en-

Effective June 1, 2019: Ads are \$5.50 per column inch,

\$6.00 for full-color ads. Front page box ads are \$9.00 per column inch. All ads are subject to approval of this paper,

which reserves the right to edit, reject, or properly classify

any ad. Note: The views and opinions expressed in advertisements in The Cunningham Courier do not necessarily

represent the views and opinions of the Courier or staff. Errors will be corrected when brought to my attention.

rollment is upon us! We want to save you money on your medicare supplement plan. FREE QUOTES from top providers. Excellent coverage. Call for a no obligation quote

to see how much you can save! 855-587-1299

not! All conditions accepted. Free pickup. Call for details.

TAXES? Stop wage &ank levies, liens & audits, unfiled

tax returns, payroll issues, & resolve tax debt FAST. Call

Periods. 200k+ Providers Nationwide. Everyone is

Accepted! Call 785-329-9747 (M-F 9-5 ET)

years odl? Call now! You and your family may be entitled

to a SIGNIFICANT CASH AWARD. Call 866-327-2721

today. Free Consultation. No Risk.

updates! We specialize in safe bathing. Grab bars, so slip

flooring & seated showers. Call for a free in-home consula-

C-1 Construction 620-532-4195

Soil Conservation Practices Site Grading, Pond Dam Restoration - SOIL EROSION MEASURES -**Building Pads** GREG CONRARDY



tion: 855-382-1221

Call 316-223-4415

855-462-2769

844-268-9386

Cunningham Auto Service

Complete Auto Care Call Tom or Matt 620-298-2029 cunninghamautoserviceatgmail.com



Conrardy Seeds

Custom Seed Cleaning 7681 SW 80 Ave Kingman, KS (620) 532-5508 AgriPro Alfalfa Seeds "Wheat is Our Specialty"

Dozer Service, Inc.

416 W Stanley Ave Spivey, KS 67142 (620) 532-3555

• Dozer • Excavator • Road Grader • High Loader • Dump Trucks



Thanks for recycling The Courier on March 22nd



DOES YOUR SEED HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

QUALITY PRODUCT. PROVEN RESULTS.

Star Seed has you covered with our premium line-up of Lawn and Turf grasses. Get your lawn started this Spring with Star Seed's Tuff Turf Fescue Blend, which is designed for a fine, dark green and lush lawn. Or, for the ultimate low maintenance lawn, try our Buffalo and Bermuda grasses. With our variety of seeds for diverse climates and various soils, our agronomists can recommend a seed that has what it takes to get the lawn you want this season.



To reserve the **Cunningham Community Center,** contact Ruth Shelman,

(620) 770-9153 or 318-6042



Spring Sales Event

ur Post-Frame Building Purchase

Get your *FREE* estimate at QualityStructures.com

Building the Rural American Dream™ *Offer ends March 31, 2021. Some exclusions may apply See offer details at QualityStructures.com.

Use the Courier to say "Thank You". \$5.00 - \$10.00

Recycle - Reduce - Reuse - Repurpose

Help Wanted

City of Cunnigham is taking applications for summer lifeguards. Application can be picked up at City Hall or accessed at cunninghamks.net.

Help Wanted

Truck Driver

Convoy Systems is hiring Class A drivers to run from Kansas City to the west coast. Home Weekly! Great Benefits! www.convoysystems.com Call Tina ext. 301 or Lori ext. 303 1-800-926-6869.

Help Wanted

CITY SUPERINTENDENT/ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

The City of Erie, Kansas is accepting applications for the position of City Superintendent/Public Works Director, a management position in a city of 1,150 people located in SE Kansas. Knowledge of electric generation and distribution is required.

Knowledge of water production and distribution; wastewater collection and treatment; storm drain systems; street maintenance; purchasing and working with budgets desirable.

Must possess strong communication and public relations skills. Also responsible for supervising work crews and coordinating work activities. Residency required. Send resume to City Hall, 101 North Main Street, Erie, Kansas 66733, giving employment history and references. Contact City Hall for complete job description at 620-244-3461.





HORSE BARNS | GARAGES | HOMES | SHOPS

Visit our website and YouTube channel to view thousands of projects and testimonials!

800-447-7436 mortonbuildings.com



©2021 Morton Buildings, Inc. A listing of GC licenses available at mortonbuildings.com/licenses.

Advertisements Needed!!!

The Cunningham Courier 320 North Stadium Street

Cunningham, KS 67035 Name_ Address____

Subscription Rates:

In Kansas: \$40.00 per year / Out of State: \$45.00 Students: \$30.00 and \$35.00

Advertise Your Business in the Courier

Accountants

DEADLINES: 2:00 p.m. Tuesdays

\$5.00 minimum charge for one-week run.

Classified Ad Rates

_aubhan,Harbert&Haas,L.C. Certified Public Accountants Complete Accounting Services

- Consulting -Joseph A. Harbert, CPA 217 N Main St. Kingman, KS 67068 620-532-3667

Tax - Bookkeeping - Payroll

Lorin Haas, CPA 420 S. Jackson Suite 200 Pratt, KS 67124 620-672-3400

Banks

KANZA bank 151 N. Main, Kingman, KS 620-532-5821

> Lobby Hours 9-5 M-F Drive Thru Hours 8 - 6 M-F, 8-12 Sat.

Equal Housing Lender Member FDIC

Home Improvement

Dixon's True Value Hardware Heating & A/C 325 N. Main, Kingman, KS 532-2631

Insurance

Fitzsimmons Insurance Cunningham, KS 67037

Bus: 620-298-5291 Toll Free: 800-536-5291

For more information see display ad on page 2

Jon Wollen, Agent 152 N Main Street Kingman, KS 67068 Bus: 620-532-3179 Toll Free: 800-824-6681

Optometrists

Pratt, Kansas 67124 620-672-5934 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. M - F

604 N. Walnut Medicine Lodge, Kansas 67104 620-886-3222 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Seth Thibault, OD Andrew W. Piester. OD 104 West C Ave. Kingman, KS 67068 620-532-3154

1-800-371-3154

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday

Pharmacists

Kingman Drug 211 North Main,, Kingman, Pharmacists on call 24 hours

Days - store ph. 532-5113 Emergency after hours call Merlin McFarland 532-3855

Real Estate

Kingman Real Estate SALES AND APPRAISALS

Scott Sparks 532-4242 Nancy Milford 491-0774 Diane Wilson 491-1139 Office 620-532-3581 146 N. Main, Kingman, KS www.kingmanksre.com

Repair Service

Ability - Honesty - Service



415 West Santa Fe, Cunningham We now have a Tire Machine OUR LIVING IS FIXING YOURS!

Agriculture

Neville Built **Grain Trailers** & Custom-Built Trailers Dick or Marvin Neville 5581 SW 50 St. Kingman, KS 620-532-3487 1-800-301-3487

Child Care

Cunningham Child Care

120 West 3rd Cunningham, KS 620-298-2010

Children 8 weeks to 11 years

State Farm Insurance

www.jonwollen.com

Troy Maydew, OD Seth Thibault, OD Andrew W. Piester, OD

216 S. Oak

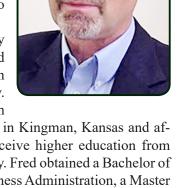
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Friday

Celebrations of Life

Fred Hampel

Fredrick A. Hampel was born in Kingman, Kansas on October 30, 1964 and passed away peacefully in his home in Evergreen, Colorado on March 3, 2021.

Always a farm boy at heart, Fred was raised on the family farm in rural Kingman County. Fred graduated from



Kingman High School in Kingman, Kansas and afterward went on to receive higher education from Kansas State University. Fred obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, a Master of Accountancy and Master of Science in Agriculture Economics. Throughout Fred's life, he had many career paths. Fred was a business owner, a rancher and farmer, an agricultural economist, and a college instructor and professor at many colleges and universities in Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, and Texas.

Fred is survived by his wife of 32 years, Leslee French Hampel; mother, Patricia (Lager) Hampel; brother, Tom Hampel (Judy); his two sisters, Christie Creighton (Alec) and Julie Pinkerton; as well as his nine nieces and nephews. Fred is preceded in death by his father, Martin L. Hampel.

Greg Smith

Gregory L. Smith, 61, died March 6, 2021 at his

He was born March 15, 1959, in Kingman the son of Lynn and Betty Schoenecker Smith. A lifetime resident of Kingman, he was a retired concrete finisher.

Greg attended the Kingman United Methodist

He is survived by his daughter Nichole Smith; his brother David Hayes; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins; and his grand-dog Willie T. Nelson. He was preceded in death by his parents; son Daniel; and a brother Bob.

Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, March 19, 2021 at the Kingman United Methodist

Memorials may be made with the Greg Smith Memorial in care of Livingston Funeral Home.

FREE BREAD & BAKED GOODS AT THE CUNNINGHAM METHODIST CHURCE

> 1 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M. ON **TUESDAYS**



621 South Main Pratt, KS (620) 388-0366

Spay and Neuter Those Pets!!

Important Change in COVID-19 Vaccination Registration Information

The Kingman County COVID-19 Vaccination Sign-Up Survey that has been hosted on the Kingman Community Hospital Website will close at 5 pm Friday, March 5, and hospital staff will no longer be available to take vaccination-related phone calls.

COVID-19 Vaccine scheduling will now be done through the Kingman County Health Department. Anyone interested in receiving the COVID-19 Vaccination needs to now call 620-532-2221 to register. Please remember that registering does not guarantee an immediate vaccination appointment. We continue to be in Phase 2 of the Kansas COVID-19 Vaccination Plan. If you have registered on the survey and have still not received a phone call to schedule an appointment, please know we continue to partner with Kingman Community Hospital to ensure we get contact information for those people. Those people will be contacted as vaccine is available for the appropriate priority group.



A Note of Thanks

Thank you so much for the thoughts, prayers, kind words, cards, stamps, food, flowers, masses and memorials during George's illness and death. George was very fortunate to have a loving family and so many good friends throughout his lifetime, and we thank each and everyone of you. We would also like to thank Father Lumbre for the wonderful mass.

Kyle Kampling Linda and Joe Seiwert Mary and Stan Parsons **Bob** and **Joy** Kampling Kathy and Doug Griffis



Check the **Blessing Box** east of the Methodist Church. Anyone can give to or take from the Blessing Box at any time.

CHS National Honor Society to Sponsor Blood Drive

March is Red Cross Month, give blood Monday, March 29th at Cunningham High School.

Be a hero in your community by rolling up a sleeve. Cunningham, KS — March is Red Cross Month, and for more than 130 years, heroic American Red Cross volunteers have provided hope and urgent relief to families in communities across the country.

This March the community is invited to join in the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross and be someone's hero by rolling up a sleeve to give blood Monday, March 29th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.at Cunningham High School.

According to the Red Cross, someone in the U.S. needs blood every two seconds to respond to patient emergencies. Accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease may all require blood. All blood types are needed.

To make an appointment or to learn more visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Completion of a RapidPass® online health history questionnaire is encouraged to help speed up the donation process. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with a parental consent form), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, from 8:00 - 5:30 (except during lunch 12-1) on Wed., from 8:00 - 12:00 Call for Saturday hours.

1015 East U.S. 54, Kingman, KS

"You should read books like you take medicine, by advice, and not by advertisement."

— John Ruskin









Hayes Thimesch is the young 'official' spotted at the sub-state tournament and was photographed with two of his 'clients', Brianna Dittmer and Kendra Morgan.



- Go to KingmanCountyHumaneSociety.o Click on the
- Fill out the volunteer form
- Wait for us to get back to you! If you can help out just one or two hours per wee

56 years of age or older.

ALL HOURS - 620.220.5701

STAY CONNECTED **F** 8+ **SERVING THE CUNNINGHAM AREA | FREE ESTIMATES**



FARM GENERATOR OILFIELD **RESIDENTIAL INDUSTRIAL**

HEATING/AIR CONDITIONING

RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL NEW INSTALLATIONS SYSTEM MAINTENANCE **CHANGE-OUTS**

PLUMBING

ECKSERVICESKS.COM

WATER HEATERS WATER WELL DRAIN CLEANING KITCHEN/BATH SEPTIC SYSTEMS







Upcoming Auctions:

Mon. March 22, 2021 – 1:30 PM – Hamm Auction Center in Pratt

160 Acres of Pratt Co Land (north of Isabel)

Mon. March 29, 2021 – 1:30 PM – Hamm Auction Center in Pratt

160 Acres of Kingman County Land (south of Cunningham)

For a complete list of auctions, see our website at www.hammauction.com

