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County Commission Meeting Minutes March 29th, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on March 29th, 2021. Those present:

Jerry Henning, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor
Visitors Online: Bob Morris, Leader Courier; Caller 01; Tammy Miller

Visitors: Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Larry Landwehr; Josh Svaty, AEP Renewables

Staff: Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Amber Hartley, County Appraiser; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director

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

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

Chairman Henning would like to do a walk through of the storage buildings on A at the end of the meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with the addition of looking at the storage buildings on A Avenue. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners signed Road &

Bridge vouchers in the amount of \$34,757.42.

Commissioners signed one abatement.

Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Amber Hartley, County Appraiser were in to go over Whites Manufacturing.

Ms. Luntsford let the Commissioners know that she has hired Jamie Smith for the vacant full-time position in the Tag Office. Also, Ms. Luntsford told the Commissioners that she had put an ad out for part time help for the Tag office.

Commissioners agreed that it was a good move to have her as full-time employee.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in with a CDBG-CV application for approval from C-5 Manufacturing in the amount of \$10,000.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the application for C-5 Manufacturing from the CDBG-CV Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to discuss the Emergency Paid sick leave available due to COVID 19 that will expire on March 31, 2021.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve letting the Emergency Paid Sick leave for Kingman County to expire on March 31, 2021. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz submitted a draft of a solar power zoning regulations for the Commissioners to review before it is

presented to the Planning/Zoning board.

Commissioners discussed with Mr. Goetz what they would like in the regulations.

Josh Svaty, AEP Renewables was in to give an update on Flat Ridge III and discussed with the Commissioners about a celebration in late May or Early June when project is finished.

Mr. Svaty has let the Commissioners know that there is potential for Flat Ridge IV in maybe two to three years.

Mr. Svaty gave copies of newsletters on Flat Ridge III; Flat Ridge IV and a map of the location of the wind farms.

Mr. Svaty let the Commissioners know that a possible solar farm could be included with Flat Ridge IV and told them that 6 acres of property is needed for one megawatt.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the March 22nd, 2021 Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the March 22nd, 2021 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with an update and let the Commissioners know that there are more active cases this week.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that they gave 290 doses last week at their clinic and now vaccinations are available to individuals 18 years of age and over in Kingman County.

SB40 was passed and signed into law last week. With the passage on SB 40 the emergency declaration is extended to the end of May. The Board of County Commissioners now must be involved in public health actions affect-

ing COVID-19 related actions.

Richard Schott, Emergency Manager was in to let the Commissioners know about the Governor's order.

Mr. Schott discussed the storage of emergency equipment and PPE.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to review the "Notice to Bidders" for FAS 607 & FAS 364 Hot Mix Overlays.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commission know that he has received documentation from Steve Bachenberg for the FHWA Agreement No. 6982AF-21-K-500028 FLAP project and they are requesting an agreement amount of \$200,000.00 by June 1, 2021.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the Evan #8 RCB project will start today.

Mr. Arensdorf reviewed the bill from Fields & Sons for \$4,095.00 for the Union Township Bridge #23 (Wilson Lake Location).

Commissioner Thimesch let the Board know that he testified last week on a bill at the state on the wind farms.

Chairman Henning let the Board know that he attended the City of Kingman meeting last Thursday and the Law Enforcement Center was discussed.

Chairman Henning recessed the board meeting to the Storage facility on A Ave.

Commissioners viewed the A Ave storage buildings and returned to the board meeting room.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:11 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Kingman Community Hospital Becomes Kingman Healthcare Center

New name and brand signify emphasis on whole health, preventive care

KINGMAN, Kan. (April 5, 2021) — As part of an expanded focus on proactive community health and wellness, Kingman Community Hospital proudly announces its new name of Kingman Healthcare Center.

Kingman Healthcare Center, named a top-20 Critical Access Hospital by the National Rural Health Association, offers high-quality care delivered with a five-star patient experience. Its new name signifies an emphasis on helping patients experience whole health through preventive care and overall community wellness.

"Our ultimate goal is to elevate the health of our entire community through excellent patient-centric services, outreach and education," said Shannan Flach, CEO of Kingman Healthcare Center. "As the local hub for healthcare, we are proud to offer the personal touch and accessibility of a small-town hospital, along with top-notch medical expertise, technology, and quality of care."

Through recent modernization and updates of the primary care clinic and rehabilitation services, Kingman Healthcare Center provides a comprehensive range of care offerings to keep patients well and get them back to good health. Telehealth visits and satellite clinics enable providers to advance health, wellness and safety in many settings beyond the four walls of the hospital.

Kingman Healthcare Center also identifies and prioritizes key community health issues, including mental health, health navigation and obesity in 2021.

About Kingman Healthcare Center:

Kingman Healthcare Center is a 25-bed, Critical Access Hospital (CAH) with a Level IV Trauma Emergency Department. KHC has been named a top-20 CAH by the National Rural Health Association and has received a four-star CMS quality rating, signifying a level of modern, sophisticated care on par with the region's larger hospitals. From primary care and preventive medicine to specialty care and medical emergencies, KHC physicians and staff offer expert care and service to patients of all ages. For more information, visit www.kingmanhc.com

BOE Will Meet Monday

AGENDA
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 12, 2021
7:00 p.m.
104 W 4th, Cunningham, Kansas
I. Call to Order
II. Approval of Agenda (AI)
III. Guest Recognition
IV. Approval of the minutes of the March 10, 2021 regular meeting (AI)
V. Approval of the minutes of the March 24, 2021 retreat meeting (AI)
VI. Approval of financial reports and payment of bills (AI)
VII. Reports
a. Superintendent Report – Robert

Reed
b. Principal Report- Mr. Dunlap
c. Special Education Report – Joyce Gridley
VIII. Old business
a. Construction Project
IX. New Business
a. Executive session for personnel
b. Executive session for Negotiations
c. Accept Resignations
X. Adjournment

National Library Week April 4 – 10, 2021



Cunningham Public Library is celebrating National Library Week throughout the month of April with opportunities for community engagement. To learn more, please visit our website at cunningham.sckslibrary.info, find us on facebook at Cunningham Public Library, and on Instagram @cunninghampubliclibrary. Or stop in!

CATHOLIC Masses

St. Peter's, Willowdale
Saturdays
4:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart, Cuningahm
Saturdays
5:30 p.m.

St. Johns's, Zenda
Sundays
8:30 a.m.

St. Leo
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST Penalosa

Worship
11:00 a.m.

620-474-9131

CHRISTIAN Cunningham

Contact the church for service schedule.

Pastor Mike McGovney
620-298-3201

LUTHERAN **St. John's Nashville**

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

Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

Trinity Medicine Lodge
Morning Worship
10:30 a.m.
620-656-7431

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

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

Our Worship service is found on YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCren-CH12I9nmpeojCFyYLA>. You can also find the service on Facebook by searching for either St. John Lutheran Church, Nashville or Trinity Lutheran Church, Medicine Lodge.

UNITED METHODIST **Penalosa**
Worship
9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.

620-298-2090
Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki

UNITED METHODIST **CHURCH Zenda**
101 N. Main
Sunday Worship
9 a.m.
Sunday School:
Children 8:30 a.m.
Adult 10:00 a.m.

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Friday, April 8th 11:00 a.m. JH Track meet at Pretty Prairie ***** 3:30 p.m. HS Track meet at Pretty Prairie	Tuesday, April 13th 9:00 a.m. to Noon Pre-K Screening ***** 3:00 p.m. HS Track meet at South Barber
Monday, April 12th NO school: Teacher in-service ***** MS Scholars Bowl at Skyline ***** 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting	Wednesday, April 14th Trap Team Recorded Shoot Day
	Thursday, April 15th JH Track at South Barber
	Friday, April 16th Cheerleading Tryouts JH and HS

"In small towns, news travels at the speed of boredom."
— Carlos Ruiz Zafón

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Godzilla vs King Kong
Rated: PG-13

Showtimes are Friday and Saturday at 7:30pm and Sunday at 5:30pm.
All Seats: \$6.00

Doors open 45 before showtime.
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Thank YOU for supporting YOUR Kingman Historic Theatre.
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Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community

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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 church)

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

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

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

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Donna Glenn)

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YEARS AGO IN
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W.A. Bradley, Editor

1931
April 10- 98 citizens cast ballots in Monday's City Election, re-electing the incumbent officials. Frank Doty is Mayor; W. T. Cannon is Police Judge, and Councilmen are Charles Fee, Chares Lakin, Oliver Baber, Carlos Cannon, and Carl Poland.

William Cooley was elected to the High School Board of Education at the annual school board meeting, Thursday.

Members of the Cunningham Golf Club will meet at the First National Bank next Monday morning to discuss opening the local course for playing. Dues of \$4.00 per year are now being collected by Club President Rufus Leiter.

1936
April 10- Gasoline is selling for 12¢ a gallon, including all tax, at most of the filing stations in Cunningham.

The daily output of Skelly Oil Company's Gasoline Plant has reached four million cubic feet of natural gas, six thousand gallons of casinghead gas, and two thousand gallons of butane. The plant is now valued at over a million dollars, and has not had a "lost-time" accident since it was built in 1934. Fourteen men are regularly employed at the plant, all of whom with the exception of one have been with the Skelly Oil Company for two years or more. Plant Superintendent C. P. Duvall has been employed by the company for six years; Engineer Edgar Robinson for twelve years, and Stillman Frank Parker for eight years.

1941
April 11- Wallace Creamer was elected Mayor of Cunningham as 183 citizens cast ballots in the Monday's City Election. Creamer defeated his opponent, Glenn Patton, 127 to 53. Three former Councilmen were re-elected, Frank Doty, S. T. Kincheloe, and Bedford Taylor, and the two new Councilmen are Frank McCool and Dr. Ferd Burnett. Retiring Mayor A. I. Jones has served the city well during his past six years in office.

Glen Pearson was elected to the High School Board of Education at the annual school board meeting, Thursday.

1951
April 13- The Red Cross Bloodmobile collected 76 pints of blood from the St. Leo, Cunningham, and Nashville communities last week.

Arch Lovern was elected to the High School Board of Education at the annual school board meeting, Thursday.

Charter Night services were held last Wednesday for the Cunningham-Cairo Methodist Men's Club. The officers are Paul Fitzsimmons, President; Vernon Fitzsimmons and Dan Cusenbary, Vice-Presidents, and Dale Sheldon, Secretary-Treasurer.

1956
April 12- The first regular meeting of the Cunningham Lions Club was held at the Jones Café, Tuesday evening.

Following dinner, Harry Newton, President of the Turon Lions Club, presided over the business meeting on behalf of local club President Bill Bradley. Mr. Newton was ably assisted by two other Turon Lions Club officers in showing the local officers their duties. Entertainment was provided by Joe McFarland and his dog, "Buster," and Rev. C. A. Wall, all of Turon.

President Bradley presented pins to new members Henry Gibbens and Jack Meyers after which the meeting was adjourned.

The Community YWCA held their final meeting of the year in the Christian Church basement, Monday evening.

President Mrs. Dan Cusenbary gave a resume history of the local association during which recognition was given to past presidents.

Members having perfect attendance records during the past year included Mrs. Floren Rose, Mrs. Glenn Patton, Mrs. Bob Stillwell, Mrs. Everett Hauser, Mrs. Carl Johnson, Mrs. Dwight Lewis, Mrs. Albert McGovney, Mrs. Bill Bradley and Mrs. Cusenbary.

1961
April 13- The Community YWCA met in the Christian Church undercroft, Monday evening.

President Mrs. Bill Bradley opened the meeting with the poem, "Our Garden," and conducted a brief business meeting. Mrs. Bradley installed the new officers for the coming year in an impressive service as the new officers arranged a bouquet of spring flowers as they accepted their charges.

The new officers are Mrs. Bradley, President; Mrs. Dale Williams, Vice-President; Mrs. Bob Long, Secretary; Mrs. Sidney Dillinger, Program Chairman; Mrs. Ferd Burnett, Worship Chairman; Mrs. Dan Cusenbary, Finance Chairman; Mrs. Merrill Folsom, Social Chairman; Mrs. Lewis Mann, Music Chairman; Mrs. Glenn Patton, Publicity Chairman, and Mrs. Weldon Allen, Historian.

Mrs. Merle Cales gave the devotionals, using as a theme, "God's World." Special music was pro-

vided by LaDean Cooley, who sang "Nocturne," and the Cunningham 4-H Club Quartette, who sang "All My Love," and "Harmonize the World."

A very interesting talk on Gerontology was given by Mrs. Ferd Burnett, and the President closed the meeting with prayer.

The hostesses, Mrs. Bob Stillwell, Mrs. Nellie Shelman, Mrs. John Baber, and Mrs. Joe Battles, served delicious cookies, mints, and tea and coffee to the members and guests.

The Cunningham WSCS met in the Methodist Church undercroft last Thursday afternoon.

Reports were given by the various officers, and committees were appointed by President Mrs. Sherman Kincheloe to prepare and serve the dinner at the stockholders' meeting of the Cairo Co-op Equity Exchange early in May.

The devotionals were given by Mrs. Zola Pearson, after which Mrs. Cecil Sheldon conducted the lesson study for the afternoon, "Women in Today's World." She was assisted by Mrs. Kincheloe, Mrs. Rufus Leiter, and Mrs. Alva Hellar.

The hostesses, Mrs. Harold Watkins, Mrs. Verne Stanley, Mrs. Vern Hendrixson, Mrs. Charles Ratcliff, and Mrs. Eula Witt, served refreshments of strawberry chiffon pie, nuts and mints, and tea and coffee to 24 members and four visitors, Mrs. Bud Shafter, Greg and Jeanne, of Deerfield, Ill., and Mrs. Bob Kimberlin.

1966
April 14- Nine local business firms will participate with the Cunningham 4-H Club in Kansas 4-H Club Foundation Day, Saturday, April 23.

The firms are Patton's Skelly Service, DeWeese Variety and Hardware, Scripsick Standard Service, Kincheloe Implement Company, Baber's Sundries, Dafforn Appliances, Stark's Fina Service, Cunningham IGA, and Gano Grain.

On every \$5.00 purchase made with any of the nine participating merchants on Kansas 4-H Club Foundation Day (Saturday, April 23), the merchant will contribute 50 cents to the foundation fund if the purchase is accompanied by a "foundation ticket." These tickets are available from any local 4-H club member, or from Club Leader Joe Pelzl.

The Kansas 4-H Club Foundation provides specialized training for club leaders, operates the Rock Springs Ranch, prints the Kansas 4-H Journal, and supports the International Farm Youth Exchange Program.

You can support the Kansas 4-H Foundation when you buy from your local participating Cunningham business firm on "4-H Foundation Day," Saturday, April 23. Present to him a 4-H Foundation ticket with a purchase of \$5.00 or

1% City Sales Tax on Ballot

In the April election of 2011, the citizens of Cunningham voted to adopt Ordinance No. 619. This ordinance approved by the voters allowed the City of Cunningham to collect a 1% sales tax within the city limits. This tax, like the sales taxes in other communities, is used for general fund purposes within the city.

This ordinance expires on September 30, 2021. In the ten years it has been in effect, the tax has generated approximately an average of \$55,000 annually. This sales tax keeps property taxes lower by reducing the mill levies.

On April 27th we will be voting to extend this 1% sales tax. The City of Cunningham encourages you to again vote "Yes!" on this issue.

"Daylight Savings Time was created for the purpose of creating more taxable revenue on sales by the state governments by providing more daylight in the evening."

— James Thomas Kesterson Jr

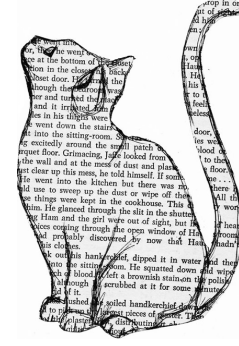


Cunningham Book Club met last Wednesday evening to discuss the book "small great things" by Jodi Picoult. The book seemed to be well-liked by all the readers. It is a book I would recommend anyone and everyone read. It is a story that makes you think. Think about yourself and your beliefs, think about the history of country, racism, hatred, white supremacy. How we view others of different races. How we view our own race.

Desserts made by Rogene were great! Coffee was wonderful. Review was lively. Snacks, furnished by Kathy, were perfect. (Yes, we have snacks AND desserts. See what you are missing?)

Everyone is invited to attend our little group of readers and reviewers. April's book is "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson.

Roberta



Meanderings

I woke up on the proverbial 'wrong side of the bed' this morning. Maybe I should restate that. I woke up on the wrong side of the bed about 6 times this morning. What a night of insomnia. Ugh. No matter what I have done today, I cannot shake my headache and my grouchy mood. We've all been there, right? Bear with me through my contrariness.

Last week, I believe it was Thursday, the third graders from Cunningham Grade School were downtown vandalizing our beautiful sidewalks with chalk drawings. They were running everywhere! Laughing and shouting, having a good time, and all the while graffitiing the sidewalks we taxpayers have worked hard to pay for. They, not being taxpayers or adults, most likely didn't understand the ramifications of what they were doing. Teacher-supervised sidewalk chalk today; gang-supervised spray paint tomorrow. Oh, the abomination of the youth of today! I wonder if Kilroy was here.

I went to the post office on Monday. I had to walk through, around, and over the graffiti drawn by the miscreant youth of our schools. One bit caught my attention.

A line was drawn. "Start. Race a friend." Another line about 20 feet long, connected to it. Further up the sidewalk was another line drawn. "Finish." I started laughing. Too funny. Not much of a race--one I could probably run. And I don't run since my knee replacement. I hobby-horse gallop.

As I was opening the door to the post office, a friend was coming out. She agreed to walk with me so I could show her the 'start race with a friend' sign and the little 'finish' just a few feet away. My friend and I followed the directions. We began on the start and raced each other to finish. I didn't win-- even being 20 years younger than my friend, I just couldn't beat her. We both had the wind to contend with, I was easily the younger runner, BUT I have this fake knee joint, that can be my only excuse. Well, maybe next time.

My friend then suggested we play hopscotch. I told her there was no way I was going to jump on my 'fake' knee after having back surgery. No way. Not on Main Street, anyway. My friend tried it. She could do it. I was beginning to feel like a loser. Although, I'm pretty sure the squares were

too small for my feet to properly fit in....

If you haven't been to the post office to see the graffiti and run the race with a friend and tryout the hopscotch board with the small squares, you best get it done before the next rain. Or before the wind blows it away, as it seems to be blowing everything else.

As many of you know, because I've mentioned it a time or two or three, I hate the wind. Maybe that is the cause of my headache and grouchiness. Headache, grouchiness, losing a race, not being able to hopscotch. All the wind's faults.

Has anyone else been sleeping with their windows open and the fan on? My favorite way to sleep. This is a ritual I usually start the middle of March, but this year, I've been cold, so my first open-window night was Sunday. I do love the cool night air and the quiet whirring of the fan. The best sleeping in the world.

Do you remember running when you were young? Not jogging, not trotting, but running like the world was your and no one could catch you?

I also loved, loved, loved to ride my bicycle. I wish I still did. What? Maybe I wish I still COULD!

Many a spring and summer afternoon found my sisters and I reading north on the blacktop to the bridge and then home again. I rode my bike on my paper route.

I really did enjoy that simpler time. But then I got a car and my bike was used by my younger siblings. I wonder whatever happened to it? It was black, had a basket on the front and it had bell on it.... hm. I haven't thought about that bike in ages.

Did you notice the photo on the masthead? Of course, you noticed it. Do you recognize the plant/shrub?

The sandplum bushes are budding out and soon will have those little tart fruits sprouting.

I am sure everyone reading this paper has sandplum picking stories to tell. Go ahead, reminisce. Share your stories with others. Share them with your children and grandchildren.

Do people still go out on a Sunday afternoon and pick sandplums? I know maybe two people who still make sandplum jelly. A lost art, jelly making. A lost art, sandplum picking.

Always reading, and just today finished reading "Tiger in the Well" by Philip Pullman, Roberta

"The reason we race isn't so much to beat each other,... but to be with each other."

— Christopher McDougall, *Born to Run: A Hidden Tribe, Superathletes, and the Greatest Race the World Has Never Seen*

Years Ago

more, and he will pay 50 cents to the Kansas 4-H Club Foundation.

The response to the Red Cross Bloodmobile at the Sacred Heart School Auditorium here Tuesday, was the largest ever received in the Cunningham-St. Leo communities, with 116 donors contributing to the call of the bloodmobile, and the local chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Cooley of Cunningham, and Mrs. Alfred Thome of St. Leo, are grateful for the response.

Donors came from many surrounding towns and communities, with two carloads coming from the Sharon vicinity, but probably the largest percentage coming from the Nashville and Penalosa areas, with friends wishing to donate blood to replace that given to their friends, Norman Witte and John Milburn, both of whom are critically ill.

There were many first-time donors, and the one-gallon donors were Herbert Park and Joe Rohling of Cunningham, Mrs. Alfred Thome and Mrs. Eleanor Mattal of Nashville, and Albert Ziegler of Kingman.

The two-gallon donors were Walter Robinson of Nashville, and Paul Conrady of Willowdale, with several nearing the

three-gallon mark.

Dr. T. L. Waylan of Nashville, was the attending physician, and the Bloodmobile nurses were assisted by local nurses and nurses' aides.

Volunteers from both the St. Leo and Cunningham communities served at the registration tables and other work areas, and the lunch was prepared and served by women from the four local churches, St. Leo, and Nashville.

Mrs. Maud Wallace of Kingman, Kingman County Red Cross Chairman, accompanied by Mrs. Kent Wymore of Kingman, assisted with the work of the Bloodmobile and registration.

The Bloodmobile's visit to Cunningham was sponsored by the Homemakers HDU.

1971

April 8- A good turn-out of voters in the Cunningham area cast ballots for school board members, city officials, and a state constitutional amendment.

The state constitutional amendment (lowering the legal voting age to 18 years, etc.) was approved in Rural Township, 64 yes, 31 no, and also in Dresden Township, 98 yes, 47 no. This two-to-one ratio approval was indicative of voter's feelings throughout the state, where it was also approved by about a two-

to-one margin. Kingman County, as a whole, approved the amendment, 1220 yes, 766 no.

In the U.S.D. No. 332 Board of Education race, Dean J. Mantooth, running unopposed, received 109 votes for Position No. 1. This position is now held by Wm. E. Thornhill, who declined to be a candidate. In the Position No. 2 contest the two candidates, Jack V. Crick of Cunningham, and Robert Stillwell Jr.

of Penalosa, staged a close race, with Mr. Crick edging out a 14 vote victory, 74 to 60. Mr. Stillwell carried Dresden Township, 19 to 12, but Mr. Crick carried Rural Township by 30 votes, 58 to 28. Waldo Graves of Cunningham, is the present board member from the district, and he declined to be a candidate. In the St. Leo area (Position No. 3), John Albers was the victor over Allan Schnittker, 49 to 21. Mr. Albers had a 43 to 17 vote margin in Kingman Township, and a 6 to 4 advantage in Rural Township. S. G. Adelhardt is the present board member from this area, and he declined to be a candidate. Leonard Liebl of Nashville, running unopposed for Position-At-Large, collected 351 votes.

In the Cunningham City Election, voters elected a new Mayor, three new Councilmen, and two incumbent

Councilmen. The new Mayor is Ivan Cain, a present Councilman. Mr. Cain massed 106 votes, and succeeds Francis Dafforn, who completes 10 years in the mayoralty post. The three new Councilmen led the ticket in total votes; Larry Ruckle, 157; Kent Williamson, 151; and Gary Wegerer, 149. Incumbent Councilmen returned to their position were K. C. Jones, 138 votes, and George Urban, 113 votes. Donna McCune, the lone woman candidate, collected 84 votes, and G. L. (Bill) Hergert had 55 votes. Mr. Ruckle, Mr. Williamson, and Mr. Wegerer succeed Floren Rose, Marion Lackey, and Joe Rohling as Councilmen. Mr. Rose, Mr. Lackey, and Mr. Rohling declined to be candidates.

Serving on the Dresden Township Election Receiving Board were John Schnittker, Zola Pearson, Frances Nossaman, Iona Shafer, and Faye Cooley. Members of the counting board were George Gridley, Vera Watkins, Audrey Cain, and Glenda Thornhill.

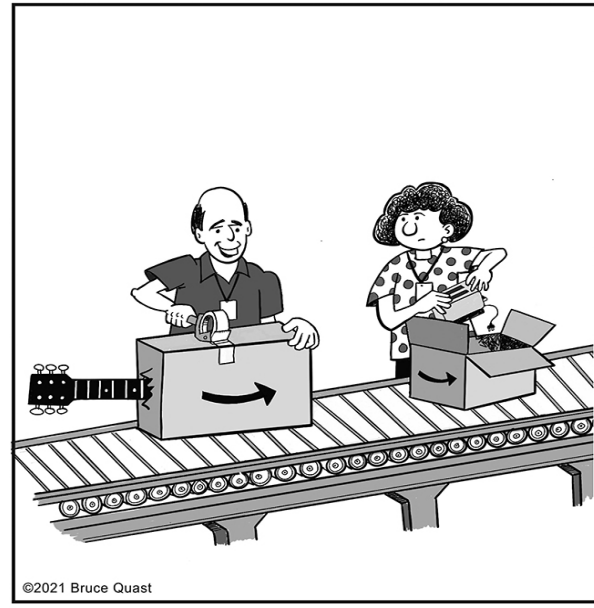
Serving on the Rural Township Election Receiving, and also the Counting Board, were Adia Hayes, Ruth Cooley, Marie Hellar, Elsie Witt, and Lena Duff.

Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast



"Don't ask."

Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast



"Sometimes I try to think outside the box."

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.
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Skyline JH Invitational Results

7th Grade Girls Results (4th Place):

200m dash: Emily Ogg, 2nd Place, 31.58
 400m dash: Kate Jackson, 2nd Place, 1:14:99
 200m Hurdles: Emily Ogg, 2nd Place, 38.73
 4x200m Relay: Brynn Wyatt, Macy Neufeld, Kaylee Mertens, Grace Hageman- 1st Place, 2:26.04
 800mSMR: Macy Neufeld, Grace Hageman, Kate Jackson, Emily Ogg- 2nd Place 2:26.09
 Long Jump: Emily Ogg, 2nd Place, 11'8.75"
 Shot Put: Kyra Morgan, 5th Place, 23'6.5"
 Discus: Kyra Morgan, 3rd Place, 60'1"

8th Grade Girls Results (5th Place):

400m dash: Ada Adams, 2nd Place, 1:23.69
 800m run: Kaitlyn Hennessee, 3rd Place, 3:12.81
 4x100m relay: Ellie McGuire, Kaitlyn Hennessee, Julia Hageman, Emma Harden- 3rd Place, 1:07.75
 800m SMR: Emma Harden, Ellie McGuire, Kaitlyn Hennessee, Ada Adams- 3rd Place, 2:29.56
 Long Jump: Ada Adams, 1st Place, 12'2.25"
 Triple Jump: Ada Adams, 2nd Place, 26'11"
 Shot Put: Ellie McGuire, 3rd Place, 28'2"
 Discus: Ellie McGuire, 5th Place, 61'4"

7th Grade Boys Results (2nd Place):

800m Run: Jack Harden, 2nd Place, 2:54.26
 Kendall Rogers, 4th Place, 3:05.49
 1600m Run: Jack Harden, 2nd Place, 6:17.01
 4x100m Relay: Kollin Fischer, Kendall Rogers, Cole Ruckle, Layne Green- 6th Place, 1:07.68
 4x200m Relay: Kollin Fischer, Stephen Kerschen, Skyler Thimesch, Dylan Halderson- 1st Place, 2:04.02
 4x400m Relay: Layne Green, Skyler Thimesch, Kollin Fischer, Kendall Rogers- 2nd Place, 5:23.05
 800m SMR: Jack Harden, Stephen Kerchen, Skyler Thimesch, Dylan Halderson- 2nd Place, 2:29.56
 Long Jump: Skyler Thimesch, 5th Place, 12'6"
 Triple Jump: Kendall Rogers, 2nd Place, 24'4"
 Shot Put: Dylan Halderson, 1st Place, 30'1"
 Stephen Kerschen, 3rd Place, 28'7"
 Layne Green, 6th Place, 22'6"
 Discus: Stephen Kerschen, 1st Place 103'7"
 Dylan Halderson, 2nd Place, 90'11"

8th Grade Boys Results (1st Place):

100m dash: Lucas Hageman, 3rd Place, 12.90
 200m dash: Wylan Betzen, 2nd Place, 27.46
 Dagim Reed, 4th Place, 28.37
 Lucas Hageman, 5th Place, 28.80
 400m dash: Dagim Reed, 3rd Place, 1:03.55
 Lucas Hageman, 6th Place, 1:08.85
 800m run: Dagim Reed, 1st Place, 2:23.44
 1600m run: Dagim Reed, 1st Place, 5:25
 100m hurdles: Will Wegerer, 1st Place, 18.25
 200m hurdles: Will Wegerer, 2nd Place, 20.09
 Triple Jump: Will Wegerer, 2nd Place, 32'9.5"
 Shot Put: Trenton Schnittker, 1st Place, 37'9"
 Wylan Betzen, 2nd Place, 37'1.5"
 Nate Sterneker, 5th Place, 30'6.5"
 Discus: Wylan Betzen, 1st Place, 127'4"
 Trenton Schnittker, 2nd Place, 101'1"
 Nate Sterneker, 5th Place, 81'6"



Ada Adams



Andrew Schultz



Ava Bock and Emma Harden



Emily Ogg



Cole Ruckle



Grace Hageman



Layne Green



Janessa Schnittker



Kendall Rogers



Skyler Thimesch and Jack Ruckle



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Nebraska

This spring break I went to Nebraska with my dad for potatoes then we would always go back to Kansas to unload, we also saw a hill of sugar beets and several trucks full of sugar beets, pack a lot of things, but didn't use everything, Nebraska was a fun, cool place to go trucking.
By: *Ava Neywick*

Third Graders Write Free Verse Poems

Pepperoni Pizza
I dislike pepperoni pizza so I pick off the pepperoni and eat the slimy cheese the next time I ate pepperoni pizza it was delicious it was spicy and cheesy and the sauce was really good.
By: *Brody Halderson*

Smores
When I tried it, it was so delicious It was sweet It was fluffy It was crunchy It was chocolaty It was very, very messy It smelled so good But I could barely eat it Because it looked so pretty But I at it anyway
By: *Vaughn Preisser*

Coollest Hotel
I was super excited it was time to spend four days with my grandma at the hotel.

The rooms were small but I didn't care we got ready for swimming and headed to the pool.

The pool was cool my baby brother wanted to learn to swim so I grabbed a floaty and put him in.

The four days went by fast but it was fun I will never forget it I want to go back.
By: *Bryer Barber*

Wrestle Mania with Landon

Body slam That hurt Sorry but that was fun Not for me Do you want to go again Sure 3 2 1 fight Throw down Nice job beating me Thanks That was really fun I know.
By: *Cooper Newfeld*

Mount Rushmore
The president's heads In front of your face You could be on it someday And can climb to the top of it You think you are small If you think you are going to Climb it you will be tired. I got to see Mount Rushmore.
By: *Alyssa Osner*

Aquarium
aquarium you'll see why the line was so long but fish were there in tanks and maybe there were sharks so we went through two doors we were in. I didn't want to go next time I will I will I will.
By: *Landen Hageman*

Deer Hunting
Pack snacks, clothes, water Drive to farm Walk to blind, Get in the stand and sit down, Look for deer Sit relax and have some snacks Big buck comes out, Shoulder gun Cross hares on his heart Take the safety off Boom Deer runs off Dies and lays next to tree
By: *Jace Oldham*

Rodeo

Hooves, steers, ropes it felt, Exciting, it, was, fun, But, I, like, it, I got, To, goat, rope, but, I cut, My, finger, But, I, was, okay, My, uncle Jake, won, 3, checks, The first day, He, won a, saddle, and, 2, more Checks.
By: *Carter Wyatt*

Sophie Mouse Book
I love Sophie mouse books, I read them all the time They're always entertaining and I'm always curious what's going to happen she always has adventures outside and draws her mom loves to cook and her brother likes to be funny her did is like her she has a frog friend and a snake friend too.
By: *Carly McGuire*

Whale Watching
We were looking for whales and I went and got ice cream and they saw whales and I was a little angry but when I took a bite of ice cream it made everything better.
By: *Landon Green*

The Sleepover

jump on the trampoline play hide and go seek stay up all night do hair sleeping outside painting nails watching movies telling stories making bracelets and having fun
By: *Mackley Glenn*

Rocks
I have a rock collection There aren't a lot of big rocks And I don't want little rocks So I did not know what to do! Than I stopped and thought what to do I said to myself I can collect Big rocks and little rocks too So I collected big and little rocks And when I got done collecting the rocks I put them in a hole that was in the grass.
By: *Kalvin Fischer*

Fun Sleepover
Eating eating eating Staying up late Watching movies Doing hair Painting our nails Searching for rocks Making forts Trampoline super fun Laughing hiding dancing Now it's time to sleep Goodnight goodnight goodnight.
By: *Lianna Jaquez*

Cool Book
At the start it was slow But then I got in the groove It was a little long I am not done yet

But it was really good It is pretty hard But, I am not giving up I'm on page 22 But there is one thing 86 pages left to go!
By: *Casyn Miller*

New Switch Game

Last Saturday at 7:00PM I played a game A game called Carnival Games when I first played I felt like I was in a carnival game with My favorite mini-game called road Hog my sister bailey gave it a Try and she liked it my sister Still plays it And today that is what I will Be playing
By: *Lucas Theis*

New Mexico

We drove up the mountain on the way to New Mexico up up up around the mountain to go up them, When we got to our Destination we went To a restaurant and my dad tricked me when I was eating he told I was eating chicken I was actually eating FROG LEGS!
By: *Lux Thimesch*



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Pratt County Commission Meeting March 29th, 2021

The Pratt county commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 29, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor in the courthouse. With the following members present: Thomas W. Jones, Rick N. Shriver and Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director. Also, present, Linda Hoeme.

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

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

Heather Morgan, economic development advisor, gave an update on

changes she has turned in for the SPARK grants. There will be more grants available to shuttered venues, also pandemic assistance for ag producers that experienced supply chain disruptions. She reported Kansas has a 2.8% unemployment at this time. Legislators want 25% of the American rescue program to help businesses closed or had to limit capacity.

The state will replenish the unemployment fund due to the fraudulent claims filed. They are still discussing SB286. SB13, the transparency bill was signed into law and will be effective in 2022. She stated this will mean more work for the county clerk. The bill includes provisions for payment plans to the treasurer's office. Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, questioned the cost to the county to implement SB13, she stated the cost will be covered by the state. SB40 the emergency management bill would allow school boards and trustees to decide if they are open or have a mask mandate. Tyson Eisenhauer, coun-

ty counselor, stated the health officer would have to come to the commissioners with any health order to be approved.

Tim Branscom, emergency manager/zoning director, stated he has the paperwork for zoning Iuka and Coats. He has a meeting with Iuka to make changes and will contact Coats next week to set up a meeting. He received the report on the weather tower and is going to have a zoom meeting with the other affected parties to make decisions.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to pay TowerKraft engineering in the amount of \$2000.00 out of capital improvement for work on the weather tower. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Jason Winkel, landfill/recycling supervisor, reported the cost of rebuilding the scraper is \$242,443.79. They discussed options. He will get a quote on necessary repairs and report back. He reported recycling prices are up.

Scott Harris, EMS

director, reported they are getting ready for the annual inspection.

He stated the contract with Zoll Medical Corporation, their billing provider is coming up for renewal. They are pleased with their services and will be renewing. He reported the hospital meetings are going well.

Tracy Petz, RSVP assistant director, presented checks for signatures. Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, reported he had looked over the Pratt area economic development agreement and found no problems.

Commissioner Shriver reported he had received the contract and invoice from Kansas Gas for our share of the cost to get gas to the PSB. The bill is \$4,381.09, since Tyson had not had time to review the contract, they will discuss April 5, 2021.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the contract with Spyglass Group LLC.

Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver signed two emergency

vehicle permits.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve payment of the landmark invoice for \$3,491.25. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from March 22, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Robert Torres, environmental services supervisor, reported Jason Winkel had done welding on his trailer. Reported he has been spraying.

Doug Freund, road supervisor, presented eight road crossings located at SW 20th street, SE 10th avenue, SE 30th street, 249 NE 30th avenue, NE 10th street, NE 30th street, NE 45th

Avenue and NW 20th Avenue for SC Telcom for fiber optic lines.

Michelle Yingling, BCBS representative, presented the health/dental renewal. There is an increase of 25% as the policy is right now. She discussed different options to lower that cost. She needs a decision

thirty days ahead of the renewal date of May 31, 2021. No decision was made at this time.

Darcie Vandervyver, health director, gave the covid update. There have been 3,454 vaccines given. The lab is finished, and they will start installing the new HVAC system.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, discussed the joint LEC meeting that was held March 24, 2021. It was discussed rather the dispatch needed their own ORI number. Commissioner Shriver stated we have a contract with the city of Pratt for them to run dispatch. Tyson will contact Regina Goff, city attorney and report next week.

Commissioner Jones made a to approve payment vouchers dated March 29, 2021.

Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 4:50 p.m. commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

USDA Announces Funding Available to Organizations to Assist Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers under Pandemic Assistance for Producers Initiative

FSA Accepting CFAP 2 Applications Beginning April 5

WASHINGTON, April 5, 2021— The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) today announced the availability of \$2 million to establish partnerships with organizations to provide outreach and technical assistance to socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. The funding was made possible by USDA's new Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative, an effort to distribute resources more broadly and to put greater emphasis on outreach to small and socially disadvantaged producers impacted by the pandemic. Today also marks the reopening of FSA's Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP 2) signup as part of the Pandemic

Assistance for Producers initiative.

Farmers and ranchers will have at least 60 days to apply or make modifications to existing CFAP 2 applications.

Cooperative Agreements

The cooperative agreements will support participation in programs offered by FSA, including those that are part of USDA's Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative. Interested organizations must submit proposals by May 5, 2021.

"USDA is committed to making financial assistance available to a broader set of producers, including to socially disadvantaged communities, and we know that we need partners to help make that happen," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "This funding will support grassroots organizations and public institutions as we support their producers. I am excited to see their innovative, results-driven proposals to help us reach our producers, especially those who have not taken full advantage of the available assistance."

Outreach and technical assistance cooperative agreements support projects that:

- Increase access and participation of socially disadvantaged applicants in FSA programs and services.
- Improve technical assistance for socially

disadvantaged applicants related to county committees focused on urban agriculture as well as FSA programs, including loan, disaster assistance, conservation and safety-net programs.

FSA will prioritize review of proposals that support outreach on CFAP 2. To ensure effective outreach during the signup period for CFAP 2, these applications will be reviewed immediately following the submission deadline for prioritized approval and project initiation.

This funding opportunity is available to non-profits having a 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service (other than institutions of higher education), Federally recognized Native American tribal governments, Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), and public and state-controlled institutions of higher education, including 1890 land grant institutions and 1994 tribal land-grant colleges and universities.

Awards will range from \$20,000 to \$99,999 for a duration between six months and one year.

Applications focusing primarily on CFAP 2 will be expedited. For other proposals, FSA anticipates announcing or notifying successful and unsuccessful applicants by June 20, 2021 and expects to have

Federal awards in place by September 1, 2021.

For more information, view the cooperative agreement opportunity on grants.gov (No. USDA-FSAMULTI-21-NOFO0001104) or visit fsa.usda.gov/cooperativeagreements.

Reopening of CFAP 2

CFAP 2 provides financial assistance that gives producers the ability to absorb increased marketing costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible commodities include specialty crops, livestock, dairy, row crops, aquaculture, floriculture and nursery crops. The initial CFAP 2 signup ended on Dec. 11, 2020, but USDA will reopen sign-up for CFAP 2 for at least 60 days beginning today. Visit farmers.gov/cfap for details on all eligible commodities, producer eligibility, payment limitations and structure and additional program resources.

Producers have multiple options to apply for CFAP 2, including through an online application portal and by working directly with the FSA office at their local USDA Service Center. Customers seeking one-on-one support with the CFAP 2 application process can call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer assistance. This is a recommended first step before a producer engages with the team

at the FSA county office.

Additional CFAP Actions

USDA will also finalize routine decisions and minor formula adjustments on applications and begin processing payments for certain applications filed as part of the CFAP Additional Assistance. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, enacted December 2020 requires FSA to make certain payments to producers according to a mandated formula.

While USDA offices are currently closed to visitors because of the pandemic, Service Center staff continue to work with agricultural producers via phone, email, and other digital tools. To conduct

business, please contact your local USDA Service Center. Additionally, more information related to

USDA's response and relief for producers can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

About Pandemic Assistance for Producers

Today's announcement supports USDA's efforts to bring financial assistance to farmers, ranchers and producers who felt the impact of COVID-19 market disruptions. The new initiative—USDA Pandemic Assistance for Producers—will reach a broader set of producers than in previous COVID-19 aid programs.

USDA is dedicating at least \$6 billion toward the new programs. The Department will also develop rules for new programs that will put a greater emphasis on outreach to small and socially disadvantaged producers, specialty crop and organic producers, and timber harvesters, as well as provide support for the food supply chain and producers of renewable fuel, among others. For more information,

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Kansas Department of Revenue Announces a Web-Based Written Driver's License Exam Option

TOPEKA — On Thursday, April 1, 2021,

the Kansas Department of Revenue's Division of Vehicles launched KnowTo Drive Online, a web-based version of its driver's testing exam, powered by Intellectual Technology, Inc. (ITI). The introduction of this testing service adds to the Department's expanding online services it provides. With

KnowTo Drive Online, Kansans have the opportunity to take their written test from the comfort of their home.

"The availability of an online written test has been on our list of customer service enhancements and we are happy to finally announce its arrival," David Harper, Director of the Division

of Vehicles, said. "This testing portal, coupled with our other online services, should greatly decrease the number of customers in the office and considerably reduce the duration of customer visits."

Kansas is the newest state to offer testing through KnowTo Drive Online. ITI also hosts

self-service kiosks in 13 states, which help motor vehicle agencies extend services to grocery stores and other places of convenience.

The KnowTo Drive Online testing portal is available 24/7 on the Division of Vehicles' website at <http://ksrevenue.org/vehicles>. Fees are \$10 for the first test

and \$8.50 for any re-test.

If preferred, the Kansas Driver's License written version of the test will still be available to be taken in the office.



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Celebrations of Life

Charlie Thimesch

Charles W. "Charlie" Thimesch, 86, died March 29, 2021, at Wichita.

He was born July 26, 1934, at Cleveland, Kansas, the son of Frank and Helen Meis Thimesch. A longtime Cunningham resident, Charlie ran two gas filling stations, worked with his brother, Robert, in a dirt construction business. He also worked for the Don Dye Co., the City of Cunningham and retired from Dresden and Eureka Townships as a heavy equipment operator.

On Feb. 12, 1966, he married Carol Bohrer at Willowdale; she died Jan. 18, 2005. Survivors include two sons and their wives Chuck with wife Tammy, and Larry with wife Melissa; daughters Beverly and Laura Thimesch, and Kim Griffith with husband Brad; brothers Gary and Richard; sisters Betty Jo McLaughlin and Mary Flores; and 5 grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by brothers Bob, Jerome, Leon and Kenny; and sisters Connie and Darlene.

A mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday, April 7, at St. Peter Catholic Church. Burial was in the St. Peter Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Thimesch grandchildren Education Fund or the Cunningham Fire Dept. both in care of Livingston Funeral Home.



Dr. Frank Depenbusch

Dr. Francis "Frank" Leo Depenbusch, MD, 83, passed away March 21, 2021, at Hospice House of Reno County, Hutchinson. He was born in a farmhouse, outside of Zenda, February 9, 1938, to Bernard Peter "Ben" Depenbusch and Pauline Ann (Rohling) Depenbusch of Zenda, Kansas.



After graduating from Zenda High School in 1956, Francis initially attended Emporia State University, and then transferred to Kansas State University, where he graduated in 1961.

While attending the University of Kansas Medical School, Francis married the love of his life, Celestine "Sally" Arensdorf, on August 25, 1962, at St. Peter Catholic Church, Willowdale, Kansas.

Francis graduated from the University of Kansas Medical School in 1965 and joined the United States Navy Submarine Service as a medical officer. He served six years, completing three tours of duty. Francis completed his military service as a Lieutenant Commander, and continued specialty training in ophthalmology at the prestigious Jules Stein Eye Institute at UCLA. He returned to his home state of Kansas and founded Hutchinson Eye Physicians and Surgeons, in 1972.

Francis was an active member of Church of the Holy Cross, Hutchinson, and belonged to the Knights of Columbus Council #612, and was a charter member and Vice-President of Membership for Serra Club of Hutchinson. He also was active in the Rotary Club, Quivira Council board member with the Boy Scouts of America, a Silver Beaver Recipient for Service, and Scoutmaster and Cubmaster for BSA. In addition, Frank served on the Trinity High School Board and Booster Club, Hutchinson Hospital Board, was a fellow at the American Academy of Ophthalmology, American Medical Association, Ducks Unlimited, and Pheasants Forever. Francis was a loving spouse, proud father and grandfather, an active hunter, traveler, photographer, scuba diver, boater, and lake-house owner at Yankee Run, Kanopolis.

Francis is survived by: his wife of 58 years, Sally Depenbusch, Hutchinson; three children, Dennis (Darcilyn) Depenbusch, Lawrence, Michelle (Brian) Powell, Lawrence, and Dr. Michael Depenbusch, Phoenix, AZ; one sister, Patricia (Ted) Neises; two brothers, Harold (Barbara) Depenbusch and Richard (Marilyn) Depenbusch; and grandchildren, Francis Dean Depenbusch, Brooke Ann Depenbusch, George Hoag Depenbusch, and Miranda Catherine Powell.

Francis was preceded in death by: his parents, Ben and Pauline; sister, Cecelia; and grandson, Jack Powell.

Mass of Christian Burial was Saturday, March 27, 2021, at Church of the Holy Cross, Hutchinson. Burial followed in Memorial Park Cemetery, Hutchinson, with military honors conducted by the United States Navy Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Trinity Catholic High School, Church of the Holy Cross, or the Dr. Frank & Sally Depenbusch Donor Advised Fund at Hutchinson Community Foundation, in care of Elliott Mortuary, 1219 N. Main, Hutchinson, KS 67501.

Paulette Forcum

Paulette Kay Walker Forcum was born Sept. 24, 1945 in Cushing Oklahoma and passed away Apr. 2, 2021 in her home in Kingman at the age of 75 after a short courageous fight with cancer.

She was born in Cushing OK and was raised in Ponca City OK where she met the love of her life Harold. They were high school sweethearts who were together for 62 years. As a young couple they moved to Kingman to start their lives together.

They raised 4 children together as well as the many other children of god that she has touched throughout her life.

She was a Member of the Kingman Mennonite Church where she was involved in all aspects of the church and the family she had there. She looked forward to quilting with the Mennonite women. She was also an avid 22 rifle target shooter where she and Harold traveled all over the country to participate.

Above all Paulette loved her family and made every gathering special with a large meal and lots of love.

Surviving family include husband Harold Forcum, brother Scott Walker and wife Sandy, children Destry Forcum and wife Aimee of Canon City Colorado, Stacey Lyon and husband Dennis of Hutchinson, Corey Forcum of Kingman, Josh Forcum and wife Cassandra of Pretty Prairie, grandchildren Shelby, Gunner, Taylor, Eric, Gabriella, Braxton, Lillian, and Taela and great grandchild Leland.

A Celebration of her life will be at 10:30 am, Saturday, April 17 at the Kingman Mennonite Church with a lunch following at Paulette's request.

Memorials may be made with the Kingman Mennonite Women

Golden Wedding Anniversary



LeeRoy and Gail (Hageman) Ford are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on April 17th. Married in 1971, the couple live in Wichita as do their daughters, Tonnia (Conan) Schickel, and Stacie Ford. Their son, Jay Ford, lives in St. Marks, Ks. Leeroy and Gail are the very proud grandparents of 8 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Cards of congratulations can be sent to them at:

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A Note of Thanks

Thank you one and all at Hilltop for the wonderful care Eugene received while being there. I can only put into words what he said often: "The girls and guys are so so good to me." Thanks again.
Eugene and Clara Mae

Denny McKenna

John D. "Denny" McKenna, 69, passed away March 30, 2021 at Hilltop Manor, Cunningham.

He was preceded in death by his parents Kevin and Gwen (Roessler) McKenna, brothers Pat and sister Tish.

Survivors include brothers Bob, Minturn, CO and Phillip (Spank), Kingman; nephews Kevin McKenna and Casey McKenna with his daughter Kloe, all of Minturn, CO; and niece Lily McKenna, Wichita.

A private scattering service will occur at a later date.

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Joyce Kaufman

Joyce L. Kaufman, 87, died April 3, 2021 at Via Christi St. Theresa Campus.

She was born Jan. 8, 1934, at Johnson, Kansas the daughter of C.L. and Eunice Potts Bonham. A longtime Kingman resident she was a former telephone operator for SW Bell and a former Para for Kingman USD 331.

Joyce was a member of the Kingman Mennonite Church.

On March 11, 1960, she married Wesley Kaufman at Anthony, Kansas; he died in 2007. Survivors include a son Jeff; daughters Janelle Darr with husband Jeff and Janene Haydon with husband David; sisters Yvonne Dundore and Maureen Grandon; and three grandchildren Gavin, Derek and Drew Darr. She was also preceded in death by a brother Galen Bonham; and grandsons Alex and Andy Darr.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, April 9, 2021 at the Kingman Mennonite Church. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. Burial will be in the Kingman Mennonite Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Kingman Mennonite Church.



Vicki Roth

Vicki Roth, 67 of Kingman, Kansas passed away on March 29th after many years struggling with a respiratory disorder.

Vicki was born in the small farming community of Payette, Idaho. Her parents, Gary and Betty, moved from the farm when she was nine years old. From there, her family lived in several communities in Idaho and Oregon.

She is survived by her three sons, Christopher, Timothy, and David; three grandchildren, Ember, T.J., and Caitlin; and one great grandchild, Lyla; also, by her four siblings, Terrence Roth, Elizabeth Engebretsen, Linda Haga, and Brenda Gunderson.

We remember Vicki's enthusiasm for adventure, her flare for embellishment, and a vivid sense of humor. We will miss her hearty laughter and words of encouragement. As a resident of Kingman, she is known for her commitment to animal welfare, particularly that of the local cats, even referring to herself as the "cat lady of Kingman." In one of her final letters, Vicki wrote of her gratitude for her family, friends, and community expressing that "God is so good to us." As siblings, we wish to thank the residents of Kingman for their care and love of our sister.

A memorial service was held Saturday April 3rd at Livingston Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to one of Vicki's favorite cat rescue: Country Cats, P. O. Box 37, Andover KS 67002 or via paypal countrycatsrescue@gmail.com.



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