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Homecoming Royalty from left: Hazel Osenbaugh, Kelden Mills, Homecoming Queen Madison Dowsey, Homecoming King Keiden Mills, Nathan Cannon, Annabelle Hansen. First Grade Attendants: Graham Huff and Linux Thimesch



photo by Molly Morgan

Minutes from the December BOE Meeting

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at

7:01 p.m. on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, by President Scott DeWeese.

President, Scott DeWeese; Vice-President, Brent Hansen; Members, Brent Miller, Joyce Gridley and Vicki Oldham; Superintendent, Robert Reed; Principal, Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster; and guests, Annabelle Hansen, Nathan Cannon, Erik Paris, Dale Hoch, Bjorn Halderson, and Roberta Kobbe.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Brent Miller, to approve the agenda as amended, adding e. Policy updates. Motion carried 5-0.

President DeWeese welcomed the guests.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Brent Miller, to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2021 Regular meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Joyce Gridley, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$264,715.70 and the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Reed shared an update from the Steering committee on the Bond project.

Superintendent Reed asked the board how they wanted Graduation to look

this year and to start thinking about any input for the 2022-2023 school year calendar. He also shared a letter from the Attorney General regarding a KOMA complaint against the district. The Attorney General found us to be in compliance. He discussed the cleaning service he found in the absence of custodial staff and options for updating our bus fleet.

Principal Dunlap reported that the district was awarded the BCBS Grant and shared about upcoming calendar items. He then turned the floor over to Mr. Hoch.

Mr. Hoch shared with the board how the new Ag and FFA programs are going and what his vision for the future of the program is.

Member Joyce Gridley reported that there are 3 candidates currently being interviewed for the Director position.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Joyce Gridley, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap for 5 minutes at 8:35 p.m. to discuss personnel matters for the Non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and will return to open session at 8:40 p.m. in the board room. Motion carried 5-0.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 8:40 p.m.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve ICT Germ Busters for custodial services. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Joyce Gridley, to approve a 3 year bus lease from Mid-West Bus sales for a 71 passenger 2021 Bus. Motion carried 5-0. (editor's note: be sure to read the 'old news' 1947)

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve Aimee Ogg as office secretary for the 2021-22 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Joyce Gridley, to accept the resignation of Jennette Rogers as office secretary. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Reed presented KASB recommended policy updates for review.

Board President Scott DeWeese recognized and thanked Joyce Gridley for her years of service as Board Member.

Motion made by Joyce Gridley, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes from the January BOE Special Meeting

The West Kingman County Board of Education special meeting was called to order at

5:02 p.m. on Thursday, January 6, 2022, in the music room by President Scott DeWeese.

President, Scott DeWeese; Vice-President, Brent Hansen; Members,

Joyce Gridley, Brent Miller, Vicki Oldham; Superintendent, Robert Reed; Principal, Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster; and Guests, Sebastian Huelskamp, Steve Shogren, Alice Huelskamp, Bjorn Halderson, Bob Stackhouse, Karla Westerman, Keith Strohl, Alan Youngers, and Martin Lohrke.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Brent Miller, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

President Scott DeWeese welcomed the guests. He then turned the meeting over to Alan Youngers of McCown Gordon to discuss the Bond Development plan. The plan breaks down the estimated costs of the project for each area of the project.

Next Steve Shogren reviewed the Bond Financial plan. This breaks down the 25 year estimated cost and mill levy implications.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Brent Miller, to approve the Plan of Finance for the projected Bond Election Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Joyce Gridley, seconded by Brent Miller, to approve Resolution 2022-015 calling for a Bond election. Motion carried 5-0. (resolution published on page 8)

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Brent Hansen, to adjourn the meeting at 5:31 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

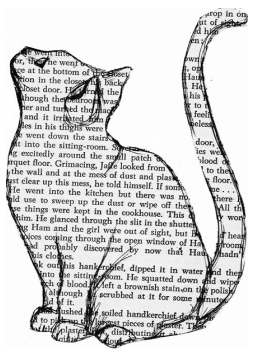
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Meanderings

I have so much that I was going to meander about this week, and here it is 10 o'clock on Tuesday night and I am just starting. Expect several errors in this meandering.

Monte Rose sent a letter to the editor this week asking for folks to consider and commit to taking the EMT class when it becomes available. Please consider this endeavor and contact Rogene Jarmer or Monte if you can make a difference in the community.

On Thursday afternoon, I took my friend, Belle, to the Kingman County Humane Society. She seemed a bit stressed at first with all the dogs barking, but then she became distracted by the rather large lop-eared rabbit in the cage in the lobby. She'd bark at it, scratch at the cage, and whine. They put finally put her in a kennel, and she was trying to take in all the dogs and activity. The noise is overwhelming, for sure.

After a time in there she was taken to the vet's office to be boarded there, and possibly put in foster care with one of the directors. I did give them lots of information about her as she's an easy dog to get to know. They

thought she'd work well in a doggy play group. Yep. She does like other dogs.

I then spent a some time learning about the way things operate in their building, and then I cleaned the cats' rooms. The kittens are so cute. The adult cats were mostly friendly. Yes, I was easily distracted, but anyone would be. I wasn't thrilled about the cat boxes. I have plenty here in my home to clean, I really didn't want more to scoop, but I did. Playing with kittens makes the task less onerous, and they weren't as dirty as mine. Kittens just don't make the messes that 20-pound cats do. I didn't get to walk any of the dogs. Maybe another time. It was a pretty low-key volunteer job. I talked to a total of four people and a dozen cats and dogs. More conversation with the four-legged beasts than with the people.

I came home to a quiet abode. It's been very quiet without Belle. Clarence is resting so much better. He has even started dreaming again. I didn't hear him at all while Belle lived with us. Now during the night, I hear him whimpering and yelping. Once he barked and shot off the bed, when I turned the light on to see what was going on, he was standing by the side of the bed looking rather sheepish. I coaxed him back into bed, and he snuggled up next to me, and it wasn't long he was back to sleep. I just don't think he slept really well with Belle here. He sleeps a lot dur-

ing the day now, for sure. Quin gets a bit bored, but I go out and tug-of-war with him, or toss something for him to chase and fetch. The three of us went for a walk one day. Quin still hasn't quite got the concept of the leash, but Clarence is a pro and tries to set a good example.

I have dismantled the Rubbermaid storage container fortress in the bedroom, and the storage containers are back in the storage room. The gate in front of the bathroom is gone. I have not yet restacked books on the nightstand, but that will happen this weekend. On this beautiful day, all the kitties went outside to jam around in the backyard. They were happy, happy, happy kitties with no Belle there to pester them. I really can't figure out why they didn't like her. They let Quin get in their face, they let Clarence sniff them, but Belle... nope. They were so afraid of her.

I only have one dog that jumps on me now when I check on them. Clarence quit jumping a long time ago, I guess he knows I will always be there or am always here. Quin (and Belle) always act like I've been gone for years when they see me come into a room. I could be out of the room for 2 seconds and they still create a frenzy when I return. Silly dogs.

However, when I took Clarence for his ultrasound a couple of weeks ago, I was talking to the vet in the lobby, and two technicians brought Clarence out to the lobby. He headed right for the

door, head drooping, tail down. He just stood by the door staring at it. The techs tried to get him to walk towards me, but he wasn't having it. I called him once, but I got no response. THEN I remembered. I took off my mask and called to him. His head came up, his tail curled and wagged, and he bounded across the room and threw himself at me, wrapping his paws around my waist. It was so darn cute and got some "Awww"s from everyone in the lobby. They assured me he'd been a good dog, what with getting his tummy shaved and laying on his back while they did the ultrasound. He does jump on me when the occasion calls for it.

I had Zsa Zsa to the vet last week. That gal had lost too much weight. She was diagnosed with a thyroid problem, and now she gets a bit of medicine on her ear every morning.

Eddie Fisher hasn't been feeling well. He's not been eating much, and what he eats, doesn't stay down. Stacie couldn't find anything physically wrong with him, so she gave him a shot for nausea and if he's not better by the latter part of the week, he's to go back. He's not vomiting now, but he's not eating much either. I'm worried about that old cat. Pets are causes for worry.

I had a touch of a bug on Sunday (otherwise I'd have had my nightstand organized.) I woke with a headache that turned into a pretty awful headache with a 101.2 temp. I basically stayed in bed

with the covers over my head and slept all day. I got up to feed dogs and cats and that was about it. The neighbors brought me some stew, and they didn't even know I was sick. The stew was tasty the next day after I felt like eating something. (Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Crick) Those 24-hour bugs may last 24 hours, but the awful feeling lingers a day or so longer.

I tried another new recipe on Friday. It was recipe for Oven Fried Chicken. I make oven fried chicken frequently, but this was a bit different.

The recipe called for 4-5 boneless skinless chicken breasts, but I used thighs and legs. I guess folks can use whatever they want to use.

- 2 cups buttermilk
- 1 sleeve of Ritz crackers (crushed fine)
- 2 cups Panko bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1 pkg dry Ranch dressing mix
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- 6 Tablespoons butter, melted

Preheat oven 375. Place the chicken in a bowl and cover with the buttermilk. Cover and refrigerate for an hour or more.

(I'm not going to explain how to crush the Ritz crackers, I'm pretty sure most cooks can figure that part out.)

Mix well the crushed crackers, the Panko bread crumbs, the cheese, Ranch dressing mix, and black pepper.

Shake excess buttermilk from the chicken pieces and roll in the

cracker mixture. Place them on a lined-with-foil cookie sheet or pan, sprayed liberally with nonstick cooking spray. Drizzle each piece with the melted butter. Bake 40 - 45 minutes.

It was good, but it makes a lot. I rolled 4 thighs and 6 legs, and still had mixture left over, so I recoated some of the pieces.

I'm not a huge fan of Parmesan cheese, and I went back and forth on whether to add it or not. I did, but the next time I make this dish, I won't use the cheese. There was plenty of other flavorings without it.

When I heated leftovers, I did so in the oven. They were still crispy and good-tasting as leftovers.

Panko crumbs can be found in the Asian section of the grocery. "Rice Panko" Japanese Style Bread Crumbs. And they are gluten-free.

Highly recommend the recipe.

I'm almost out of room and I still didn't meander all the way through my forest of thoughts... maybe I'll remember them for next week. Maybe not.

Always reading, And currently reading, "The Book of Blood: From Legends and Leeches to Vampires and Veins" By HP Newquist Roberta

"My dog is always happy to see me, no matter what. We could all learn a thing or two from our four legged friends." — Howard Upton

Veterinarian Pets

Do you know a veterinarian? Do you know that they have a pet accumulation problem?

One of our daughters is a veterinarian. Once she was accepted into the 4 year veterinary school (Oklahoma State in Stillwater), we decided to purchase a home for her rather than paying the high apartment rent or trying to live in the dorm. Of course, having Molly, a dog she acquired in high school, at our house that was going to go live with her, the first criteria of house hunting was a fenced-in yard. After looking at many, many houses, we finally found one. Guess what, a cat came with the house! The man selling the house offered her to us with the home purchase and my daughter

just couldn't resist the friendly feline. So now my daughter had a house cat named Kitty. Shortly after moving in, a friend of hers died in an accident, so she volunteered to take his dog named Spur. The count is now 2 dogs, one cat.

After veterinary school, when our daughter had to go to USAF Officer's Training, we got the lucky task of bringing this group of pets to our home until we could get them relocated to San Antonio, TX, where she was being stationed. After training, she transported her dogs to San Antonio while my sister-in-law and I took Kitty - and not in a carrier. Fortunately, Kitty found a dark spot under a folded down seat and was quite happy there the whole trip. My daughter was able to find a rental house with a fenced-in yard that would accept

pets. After she arrived, there was a dog at the OSU vet school that developed a heart condition, so he could no longer be used as a donor dog at the school. A recent graduate was going to take the dog, but ended up not being able to, so our daughter now became the owner of a LARGE couch surfing greyhound named Dill Pickle- and he was very spoiled! Count is now 3 dogs, 1 cat.

Our daughter joined a veterinary practice in Carlsbad, NM, after she got out of the Air Force. She also joined the New Mexico Air National Guard. So now, the 3 dogs and 1 cat needed to be moved. Guess who gets to transport them since her schedule was a mess and she was also planning an extended vacation between the USAF and veterinary job? My husband and I had the pleasure of transporting

them in the pickup where we tried to pack a bunch of other stuff as well. The cat was in a carrier in the front with us, the dogs were in the back topper part of the pickup. It was a trick to be able to slowly open the topper, hook on leashes, and "release the Kracken" so they could take potty breaks.

The Carlsbad, NM house had a nice cinder block fenced back yard. However, there was not a direct door to the back yard. My daughter was leaving to go on her extended vacation, so I was pet-sitting. By this time, the dogs were spending their days outside, nights inside. We had trash bags of stuff in the house but the dogs had been leaving them alone. I left to take my daughter to the airport for her vacation only to return to the trash bags having been torn to shreds and anything edible was eaten. What a mess! For the morning

and night routine - you either had to trust them to go to and from the back yard, or put a leash on them. After about the 4th escape, I called her veterinary partner and asked for help! We rigged up a red-neck combination of old dog run chain link panels, folding chairs, and wire to form a direct path connecting the side door to the back yard. This hodge-podge of panels, chairs and wires served her well until she moved in with her now husband and rented out the home.

While in Carlsbad, the 3 dogs - Dill, Spur, and Molly - passed away. However, she had the opportunity to get a Giant Schnauzer via her vet practice, named Ida Bell- which she has spoiled. Her now husband, adopted a mixed boxer named Zoey before they got married. She couldn't resist taking on another greyhound, named Piper. And last but not least, an oil-field worker had a Catahoula named Blue that was being cooped up in a dog run. Catahoulas are like to run/roam and a rancher in the area tried to take the dog, but he kept escaping and roaming miles away, often visiting the state lake in the area seeing if he could sneak any snacks. My daughter ended up taking the dog. Count is now 4 dogs, 1 cat.


The next move brings this group to Kansas. We

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<p>Thursday, January 20th Ag Ed Symposium **** 4:00 p.m.: JH BB vs Fairfield at HOME (RESCHEDULED) **** 4:00 p.m. HS Scholars' Bowl at Pretty Prairie</p> <p>Friday, January 21st HS Boys BB 54 Classic at Skyline ***** Ag Ed Symposium</p> <p>Saturday January 22nd HS Boys BB 54 Classic at Skyline **** Ag Ed Symposium **** HS Forensics at Clearwater</p>	<p>Monday, January 24th HS Scholars Bowl at South Barber **** HS BB at Wichita Classical</p> <p>Tuesday, January 25th HS BB Girls 54 Classic at HOME</p> <p>Wednesday, Jan. 26th public speaking ***** 7:00 p.m. Book Club</p> <p>Thursday, Jan. 27th JH BB at Pretty Prairie</p> <p>Friday, January 28th HS BB Girls 54 Classic at HOME</p>
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Take Aways from January School Board Meeting

Brent Hansen was absent, but new members, Bjorn Halderson and Megan Green were in attendance.

First order of business was to appoint positions. Scott DeWeese will continue as board president, Brent Miller will be vice president, and Travis Thimesch will be the special education cooperative's representative. (editor's note: as a former teacher I believe every member should serve at least one year as a special education representative. Our school board is there to represent the kids, and it is imperative they really understand all that is involved in educating ALL the students.)

Thirty I-Pads have been purchased to be used in kindergarten, first and second grades.

The assessment for special education was paid. In essence, the money is paid to the district from the state (\$140,000) and the district pays the special education co-

operative. The money is used to pay teachers and paras (still needed), and other services such as occupational therapy and physical therapy and speech.

Mr. Reed has ordered new sound and light systems for the stage in the gym. They should be installed the first part of March and put to use for the junior high play on March 25th. The system includes all new speakers on the main part of the stage, 2 new speakers in front, LED lights above the stage, sound board, and microphones.

The district will continue to use Kansas Association of School Boards for their general legal counsel.

Friday, May 13th, 2022, is the set date for high school graduation.

Inservice on January 17th included information on mandatory reporting and security training.

Over the holiday break, there were a few changes in the office set up: Principal Cody Dunlap's office has been moved to the high school, (where the former principal's office was) Kristen Young, secretary, has taken over the office that

was Mr. Dunlap's.

Junior high basketball should be winding up the week of February 7th.

Mr. Kerschen and Mrs. Fiegel have begun a powerlifting class. Their first competition was this month. (See page 6)

February 19 -26 is National FFA week.

Education pathways was discussed, as was State Assessment time that runs from March 21st through April 29th. Teachers will be given training in testing ethics prior to the said time. (editor's note: Although I have many good memories of 30+ years in education, I can't remember a single one that involved state assessments).

The school will begin a promotional campaign for the building bond project as soon as the state approves the project, sometime the second week in February. Voting is slated for April 5, 2022.

School calendar for the school 2022 - 2023! was discussed. The district will keep the same number of days, last day will be May 17th. Seven snow days are built into the calendar.

The board approved a 2-year contract for Mr.

Reed as K-6 principal and superintendent, and a one-year contract for Cody Dunlap as the 7th - 12th grade principal.

The board accepted the retirement/resignation of Mrs. Cindy Panek. (editor's note: Congratulations, Mrs. Panek!)

They also accepted a donation of \$29,990 to the Music and Physical Education programs. (editor's note: I think that is the right amount, I should have checked that, but here it is Tuesday evening, and I'm just now writing up my notes. If it isn't correct, someone will let me know, or you will find out about it in next month's board minutes.)

The board approved Lance McGuire as the new coach for the high school girls' basketball team. (thank you, sir!)

The next board meeting will be February 9th.

(Editor's note: I think I got the highlights.... There were a couple of notes I couldn't read because I take messy notes and I can't seem to decipher them a week later)

B-29 Museum
is open on Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

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18th Annual 54 Classic Boys Basketball Tournament
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January 18, 21, 22, 2022



Top Team is Home (wear white)

Games 1-4: January 18
Games 5-8: January 21
Consolation and Championship games: January 22
All games will played at Skyline

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"An honest bookstore would post the following sign above its 'self-help' section: 'For true self-help, please visit our philosophy, literature, history and science sections, find yourself a good book, read it, and think about it.'"
— Roger Ebert, *I Hated, Hated, Hated This Movie*

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Our modern culture tends to focus on past regrets and future uncertainty. It is the present where we need to focus, on who we are and what we can be. Something we could learn from the Ojibwe tribe in the mid-Northern states and Ontario, Canada. For the Ojibwe, names are less about what people call you and more for who you are. The name is a spiritual guide to lead through troubled times. The baby is brought before the name giver and a name is bestowed, usu-

ally based on a dream after a long fast. The ritual creates a time to be grateful for ancestors and a future of promise. A teenage boy who had grown close to an Ojibwe tribe was given a name in gratitude for his kindness to them: "Blue Between The Clouds." When he asked what it meant he was told that even as the storm clouds gathered there was always a little bit of blue sky visible. "That is you, gratitude."

What a difference it would make if each of us carried a name reminding us that we are Gratitude. Some cultures just better understand what a force gratitude can be---when it is given and when it is received.

In the midst of troubled times, we can still find gratitude. We can still express it in some way no matter our name. In June of 2020, a few months into the pandemic when the hospitalizations in New York City were overwhelming healthcare workers, a group of nurses flew in from the West Coast to lend a hand. One of the young nurses was assigned a mother of six children. She was on a ventilator, quarantined from her husband, and terrified. Carly, the young nurse decided to cheer her up by bringing a group of nurses together to sing "My Girl." With a tube in her throat and needles in her arm, all the young mother

could do was cry...and raise a few fingers to say thank you. There were tears all around, nurses who were grateful they could help and comfort, and a mother who was grateful they were there. At that moment, a little blue sky was visible between the clouds. With a simple hand gesture, the mother expressed her gratitude. "That little thank you changed me forever," Carly says. "I went because I wanted to make a difference I came home grateful for what I learned."

Gratitude moves us to be kinder. A widow who lost her husband in the midst of the pandemic felt alone. Her neighbors, grateful for over 50 years

of friendship expressed their gratitude by delivering a box of fresh produce to her house every Monday during lockdown. It's our gratitude for what we have and who has loved us that becomes the force to create the chain of good acts that bind us all together.

In the early morning quiet, when so many of us are awakened by the uncertainty of the coming day, we can find peace by mentally listing the things we are grateful for. The angst dissipates and we reach a new place in our life that we accept and appreciate. What's next is to share. Send a random thank you note, make a call. Look around. There

is always someone to thank. By doing so, we become something new; we are that blue between the clouds that makes all the difference in someone's life.

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by Mike Johnson

"I Can Read Your Mind"

I can read your mind. Better yet, I can show you how to read the minds of everyone you encounter. Tarot cards? Horoscopes? ESP? Hardly. Merely watch another's actions and you'll be able to see the thoughts behind them.

Think not? Remember the last time we received a gift that wasn't quite what we wanted and found ourselves saying, "Oh well, at least the thought was there?" We looked behind the action of gift-giving and saw the loving thought that generated the action. We read his mind.

Similarly, we've all seen the sales clerk who is in no hurry to wait on us. When we look behind those actions to her thoughts, we see a person

who does not like her job and has little pride in herself. We read her mind too.

Then there's the cab driver who drenches us with syrupy greetings one moment, only to let loose traffic-directed profanity the next. What are his actions telling us about the hostile thoughts in his mind?

These people believe -- like millions do -- that their thoughts are private things that only they can see. They don't realize that like footprints in a field of freshly fallen snow, their actions leave tracks that lead directly back to their thoughts. Tracks that reveal their true natures as if plastered upon their foreheads.

Reading minds by observing actions is not for the faint of heart. One stray action says more about a person than a book-full of words. Yet, we are so used to trusting another's words that we actually feel guilty after

glimpsing an action that proves them all as false. As if we aren't supposed to see someone trying to fool us about who he is. Novices undertaking the study of human actions are often devastated and depressed by what they first begin to see.

The fact that many people are not who they say they are isn't pessimism-based thinking, it is reality-based thinking. We deal best with those we understand most. Looking no deeper than smiling facades and cheery words leaves us vulnerable to another's hidden motives. Even Charles Manson occasionally grins and tells his guards to have a nice day. On the other hand, sometimes we're to blame for seeing things in another that don't exist at all. We paint a picture of how we hope the person is, and are then devastated later when we discover how wrong we actually were. Worse yet, we then blame the

other person for failing to live up to our inaccurate original expectations.

When it comes to reading minds, five general tips help to more accurately size up another person.

To learn what someone thinks, watch what someone does.

To learn what someone values, watch where someone spends his time.

To learn what someone aspires to become, watch what someone reads.

To learn what someone is capable of doing to you, watch what someone does to others.

And if you really want to gain the deepest measure of someone, watch that someone's actions

during a time of stress.

Our actions reveal our thoughts - our true nature. The thoughts we choose to hold reveal the very essence of who we are. But learning to read minds is a double-edged sword. Not only do we

better see another, but we simultaneously realize how much more others can see of us. What are your actions telling the world?

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Who: A Not-for-Profit (501c3) organization providing assistance through donations and volunteers.

Who we serve: Residents within the USD #332 school district

What: Food

When: Every Tuesday from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

Why: To provide food assistance to those in need.

How: Attend monthly distribution. Adult of household must be present.

Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

Please call 620-491-0292 and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Fundraisers & Charitable

Opportunities in our Community

4C Day Care Shop smile.amazon.com or contact Kathy Albers 620-298-2725 or 620-388-0774 or leave a donation with the Methodist Church.

West Kingman County Education Foundation

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

Hands of Hope (contact 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 (Money is being raised to dig a well in the village of Kakindu, Kenya)

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Alan Albers)

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart, Cunningham Saturday 4:00 p.m.	St. John, Zenda Sunday 10:00 a.m.
St. Leo Sunday 8:30 a.m.	St. Peter Willowdale Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Father Roger Lumbre
620-243-5451
620-246-5370

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Lutheran Churches

St. John, Nashville 620-246-5220 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.	Trinity, Medicine Lodge 620- 886-3397 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 8:30 a.m.
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Our worship service is found on the YouTube channel at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCrenCH1219nmpcojCFyYLA>

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
Cell: 620-886-0911

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Church of Christ

Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

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First Christian Church

Cunningham
Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/CunninghamChristianChurch>
Pastor Mike McGovney
620-298-3201

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United Methodist Church

Penalosa Worship 9:15 a.m.	Cunningham Worship 10:45 a.m. Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki 620-298-2090
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Zenda
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.
Pastor Ken Keeling
620-491-0680

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The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR



1927

The 4-H Club which has been recently formed here has a total of 20 members on its roll now. Ten boys of the group are now getting ready to get their pigs which have been purchased for them by officers of the association. Those signing up for the gilts are: Devere Doty, Darrel Kelly, John Baber, Everett Baber, Bernice Baber, Lester Kasterke, Vernon Ratlief, Aaron Ball, Harrel Watkins, Francis Wilson and Lyle Price. Other members of the Club who will take up poultry and gardening are: Elmo Huffman, Warren Kailer, Bruce Smith, Lester Nighswonger, Earl Ratlief, Dorothy Doty, Elsie Luce, Cecil Kasterke and Avery Maxedon.

1932

Two very thrilling games were played at the high school gym last Friday night, between the Cunningham high school teams and the Nashville high school teams. The Nashville girls led most of the way until the last few minutes when the Cunningham girls came into the lead to win, 18 to 15. The Cunningham boys took the lead from the beginning. It looked like a walk-away for Cunningham, the score at the half being 14 to 3. Nashville came back with a vengeance the second half and during the third quarter ran the score up to 14-13. However, Cunningham boys managed to stop the rally and during the fourth quarter added one point to make the final score 15-13 in favor of Cunningham.

Daisy Dyche purchased a new Majestic radio. Miss Daisy teaches at the Saratoga School, which is just two miles east of Pratt. She makes her home here with her mother, Mrs. Hannah Dyche.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy McNamee and daughters spent Sunday with Jas. Vermillion and family.

The McCormick-Deering Cream Separator will get all of the cream. Reasonable price – long terms. Fee Hardware Co.

1937

Get your good Chili and Hamburgers at the Street Car Café, open All Night.

At Wetherall Bros.

- Saturday Only
- Beef Roast, 15c
- Steak, 20c
- Grape Fruit, dozen, 30c
- Flake Hominy, 3 lbs, 25c
- Brooms, 25c to 60c
- Tangerines, 2 doz., 25c
- Shortening, 4 lb. pkg., 73c

Hamilton Watkins, 89, beloved pioneer citizen of this community, passed away Tuesday. He was one of two surviving Civil War veterans in this county.

1942

Two new teachers have been hired recently to fill the vacancies left by the resignations of Coach and Manual Training teacher Bob Siedel, who left after Christmas to join the Naval Reserve and Mrs. Charles Miller (commerce teacher) who left for Wichita to accept a position in a defense plant there. Lem Elrod, of McPherson College, will teach Manual Training and Biology, and bill begin work next Monday. Miss Eleanor Drake of Jetmore, a graduate of Emporia Teachers College, arrived this week to take over the Commerce department.

John Steffen rural mail carrier on Route 2, has been quite ill the past week and confined to his home. With Mrs. Steffen and his brother Herman, he left Wednesday for Savannah, Mo. for medical observance and treatment. He had gone to Wichita the first of the week to consult Dr. Jager.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Swander announce the birth of their daughter, Mer Lynn at the Kingman hospital, January 2.

The new equipment to treat Hydrogen Sulphide gas at the local Skelly gasoline plant was put into operation the first of the week and is doing everything that was expected of it. Up to date, they are treating around 1,500,000 feet of gas per day taken from one well.

The Cunningham Merchants, newly organized town team, will play the high school Wildcatters in a Red Cross benefit game at the high school auditorium Saturday night. The merchants, sponsored by

Cunningham business men, was organized just this week and squad members are old high school grads. The business men who so cheerfully supported the boys are: Houston Lumber Co., Skelly Service Station, Derby Service Station, First National Bank, Burnett's Drug Store, Frankie's Barber Shop, Miller Grocery, Texaco Service Station, Renner's Café, Fee Hardware Co., Hauser's Market, Taylor's Barber Shop, Jones Café, Harry Nossaman, W. D. Creamer, Brunswick Smoker, S. T. Kincheloe, Skelly Production Dept., Dafforn Motor Co., Williams Station, K-T Service Station, Glenn Douglas, Dr. K.E. Warren, Shorty Rose, Cunningham Clipper, L. T. Shafer, S. A. Springer, Bowersock Elevator, Ed Lash Creamery, Skelly Gasoline Dept.

1947

For the first time in the history of the Cunningham schools, a 24 passenger bus, which is one of three that will eventually be used, started the transportation of children to and from the grade and high school. The route which the first bus to be received is taking, goes north, east and south east, and picks up Lucille and Billy Mason; Norma Watkins; Judy Huffman; June and Johnna Cooley; Roy and Pat Raney; Beverly Amick; Esther Sheldon; Ira and Marilyn Hendrix; Le Roy and Doyle Richey; Donna and Billy DeWeese; Dale Boswell; John Sterneker; Norma and Neva Rose; Jackie and Deanna Vermillion; and Wiley and Norman Schmidt. The bus waits two minutes for each passenger.

The bus, driven by Joe Probst, leaves town at 7:15 a.m. and arrives back at school at 8:30 a.m., covering 27 miles for the morning route. In the evening, the bus leaves at 4:00 p.m. and arrives back in town at 5:10 p.m., covering a distance of 28 miles.

The Cunningham high school Wildcats displayed a scoring punch from several positions as they subdued a fighting Zenda high school five, 40 to 31, Friday night in the local gym. With the largest crowd of the season, the Cunningham schools made a night of it, taking all three games played. The grade school edged out the Zenda graders, 17 to 15, and the Little Wildcats withstood a frenzied second half attack of the Zenda second team to win, 26 to 23.

In the feature game, the Wildcats jumped into a lead they never relinquished with Stanley and Schnittker furnishing the scoring punch. High point man for Cunningham was Jim Stanley who was having a hot night of it, sinking six baskets for twelve points, including a one-hander, shot without looking, over his head while going away from the basket. Urban followed closely with eleven points and Schnittker added nine to the Wildcat cause. Lee was high point man for Zenda with ten points.

Before a throng of friends and relatives, Tuesday, January 21st, at the St. Leo Church, Priscilla Petz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Petz, and Calvin Eck, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Eck, were united in marriage at High Mass with Father Lampe of Cunningham reading the ceremony.

1952

The Wildcats came out on the losing end three times out of four games in the past week's activity. Friday night the locals went to Sylvia and were soundly trounced by the Mustangs, 49 to 25, The Sylvia second team also defeated the Wildcat seconds, 36 to 28. On Tuesday night at Isabel, the Wildcats went down in defeat to the Vikings by the score of 67 to 54. Cunningham's second team defeated the Isabel seconds, 52 to 40.

Daniel Blasi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Blasi, is now stationed in an Army camp near Anchorage, Alaska.

Gene Adelhardt, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Adelhardt, left Monday for Fort Riley, Kansas, to begin basic training in the United States Army.

Showing at the Cunningham Theatre –
Friday & Saturday
Dean Martin & Jerry Lewis in
At War With the Army
Sunday & Monday
Ricardo Montalban & Cyd Charisse in
Mark of the Renegade
Wednesday & Thursday
Bob Hope & Dorothy Lamour in
They Got Me Covered
Show starts at 7:30 p.m.

Specials Friday & Saturday at
Stark & Olmstead Grocery

- Red McClure Potatoes, 10 lb., 53c
- Swift's Brookfield Cheese, 2 lb. box, 95c
- Assorted flavors Jello, 3 pkg., 25c

- Van Camp's Pork & Beans, 2 No. 303 cans, 25c
- Rodeo Pork Sausage, 37c lb.
- Sunshine Crackers, 1 lb. box, 27c
- Clorox, the gentle bleach, quart bottle, 17c

1957

The Senior Class will present the play, "Let Me Out of Here," Friday evening, February 8, in the high school gym-auditorium.

The Junior and Senior Classes will sponsor a rummage sale at the Trout Motor Company in Pratt, Saturday, February 16. If you have anything you wish to contribute to this sale, please contact Mrs. Will Seacat or Mrs. Lynn Spencer.

Dr. Ferd Burnett, through the cooperation of the Kingman County Medical Association and Dr. H. E. Haskins, the County Health Department, and the Kingman County March of Dimes Chapter, has arranged for a free polio vaccine clinic to be held in Cunningham, Monday morning, January 28, in the grade school library.

1962

The Cunningham Wildcats defeated the Alden Tigers, 65-50, in the finals of the Ninescah League Tournament at Partridge last Saturday night. All five Cunningham starters scored in double figures. Robert Leiter made 18 points, Eugene Huston 15, Roger Krug 11, and Marshall Swander and Bob Meyers 10 each.

Carl Hart, pioneer resident of the Cunningham community, passed away Wednesday morning at the Medicine Lodge Hospital. He is survived by his wife and two sons, Shirley and Henry, both of Sharon.

Thirty-six out of 95 high school students have perfect attendance for the first semester of the 1961-1962 school year, according to the office of Principal Will Seacat.

Donald Becker, son of Mrs. Rosa Becker of Cunningham, recently inducted into the U.S. Army, is now taking his basic training at Fort Carson, Colo.

1967

The City Volunteer Fire Department was summoned to the vacant lot between Harold's Place and the West Café about noon last Saturday, where they helped extinguish a grass fire.

The Cunningham Wildcats won the Ninescah League Basketball Tournament, held at Partridge last week-end, when they defeated Sylvia in the finals, 72 to 58. Jim McCune came up with a "hot hand" in the finals game, hitting 31 points, as the Wildcats put on a 51-point scoring splurge in the second half after trailing at the mid-way point of the game, 25 to 21. Other Cunningham scoring was done by Dennis Theis with 14 points; Danny Meyers 9; Duane Schnittker and Danny Theis 7 each, and Ned Albers 4.

Duane Schnittker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schnittker of Cunningham, will represent the Cunningham Lions Club as its entry in Lions International's \$50,000 Peace Essay Contest.

The Christian Women's Fellowship met in the home of Mrs. John Vermillion last Thursday afternoon, with Mrs. Emil Dostal as co-hostess.

1972

January 20-Almost the entire country was in the "deep freeze" last week-end. Subzero temperatures were recorded over the entire midwest, accompanied by a very brisk wind. A light snowfall fell on the south central Kansas area on Friday.

The Cunningham Wildcats defeated winless Hardtner for the third time this season, 63 to 29.

Seventh grade students of Cunningham Grade School won six of 10 awards in their grade division in the recent poster and essay contest, sponsored by the Kingman County Soil Conservation District. In the poster contest, Leonard Osner received first place and Janel Rohr won third place. In the essay contest, Ann Fischer was awarded first place, and Kim Johnston, Terri Simonson, and Keva Williamson took all three third place awards.

The Cunningham Wildcats put on their best balanced scoring attack of the season as they defeated Nashville-Zenda by a 64-58 score in a Golden Plains League game played at Zenda last Friday night. The Wildcats had three players score in double figures against the Thunderbirds. Steve Albers came up with 17 points; Dean Simon had 16, and Mike Schrant 14. Leon Fischer and Randy Fischer each made 6 points; Mark Stillwell had 3, and Bob McGovney, 2. The Cunningham Bees took a 49 to 37 decision from the Nashville-Zenda Bees in the preliminary game.

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Call (620) 298-2659 or email
cunninghamcourier@embarqmail.com or send to 320 North Stadium Street, Cunningham, KS 67035

Museum Winter Hours
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Angie Mertens at 620-532-4354 or
Alan Albers at 620-298-2725 or
Mike McGovney at 620-770-9503

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Those Lady Cats are Making Their Way

With high school basketball in full swing the Cats traveled to Burrton for a matchup. The Lady Cats enjoyed their best start to a game this season, leading after the first quarter and holding the Chargers to only 4 points. The second and third quarters were not as fun, but the 4th quarter was more even. The Lady Cats continue to improve. Despite a full court press most of the game, the Cats cut their turnovers down. In addition, rebound totals have trended up. There is still plenty to work on but the Lady Cats have not shied away from anyone this season and look forward to plenty of games in the coming weeks.

Maranda had her best game of the season filling each stat column as one of the top three.

submitted by Coach Lance McGuire



Lady Wildcat Scorers

Ellie McGuire	8
Maranda Lohrke	7
Alice Huelskamp	5



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	Name		Name		Name #	Name #
Rebound Leaders	Maranda	13	Alice	8	Ellie	3
Steals Leaders	Maranda	1				
Assists Leaders	Maranda	1	Matilyn	1		

The Lady Cats hosted the Chieftains on Friday, January 14th. The Cats started slower than the last game and found themselves down by 12. Undaunted, the Cats kept the lead even in the second quarter. The Chieftains pulled off the press because it was not effective, but the Cats fell behind a little more in the 3rd. The fourth saw a pretty good quarter and the Cats ate into the lead but were too far down to change the outcome of the game. The Cats lost 31-42. The work and improvement the Lady Cats are making is obvious. They continue to set goals and then work toward them. There will be some tough games in the following weeks. However, the fearless attitude and improvement will hopefully see us in closer and closer contests with some wins along the way.

Stats are more and more balanced which is exciting for the old coach!

submitted by Coach Lance McGuire

Lady Wildcat Scorers

Ellie McGuire	10
Maranda Lohrke	6
Alice Huelskamp	4



Maranda Lohrke



Ada Adams

Molly Morgan Photos

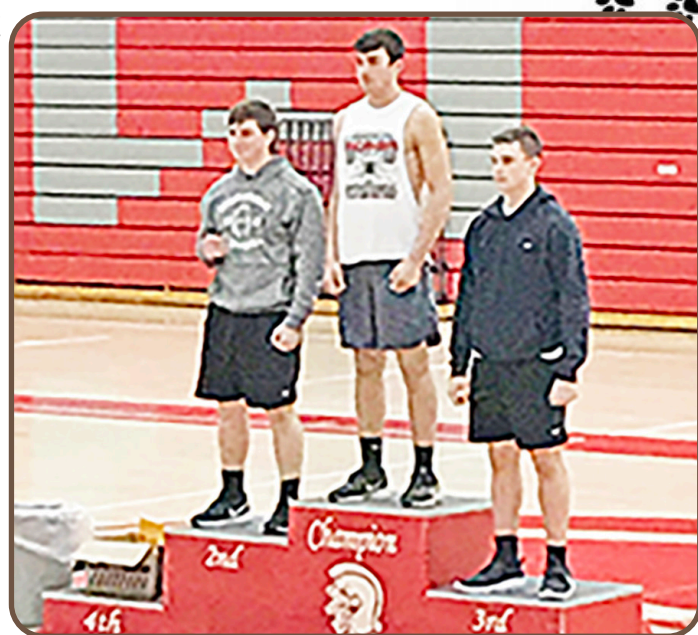
Rebound Leaders	Maranda	8	Kaitlyn	6	Ellie	5	Ava	5
Steals Leaders	Ellie	4	Kaitlyn	1	Maranda	1		
Assists Leaders	Matilyn	4	Ellie	2	Maranda	2		



Jack Ruckle Places 2nd in First Powerlifting Competition

Alice Huelskamp and Jack Ruckle participated in Cunningham's first powerlifting meet in Wellington this past Saturday, January 15th. A fun experience with a lot of lifters from around the area. The two athletes performed very well with some strong lifts near at or better than their current maxes. I am very proud of their hard work and hope we can attend some more competitions in the next few months.

submitted by Coach Eric Kerschen



Jack Ruckle (junior division) 180.8/ 181			
Bench 225	Bench 235	Bench 250 missed	1st place 235
Clean 205	Clean 215	Clean 225	3rd place 225
Squat 315	Squat 335	Squat 350	2nd place 350
Ratio 4.48		Overall 2nd place	
Alice Huelskamp 197.6 PWR			
Bench 95	Bench 110	Bench 115 missed	6th place 110
Clean 95	Clean 115	Clean 125 new max	5th place 125
Squat 225	Squat 240	Squat 250 missed	4th place 240
Ratio 2.40			



Wildcats Down the Chargers

Cunningham traveled to Burrton on January 11, 2022 to take on the Chargers. The Cats came away with a 62-31 victory.

Cunningham put 20 points on the scoreboard in the first quarter and gave up 13 points to Burrton. Luke McGuire made two of his seven three-point baskets to tie Trey DeWeese with six points for the quarter. Lane Halderson, Dagim Reed, Erik Paris and Isaiah Reed each had two points for a balanced attack.

Cunningham extended their lead in the second half by five points adding 12 points to Burrton's seven points. Paris added

five points. DeWeese scored four points and McGuire hit another three-pointer.

Cunningham held Burrton to single digits in the third quarter with six points and added 17 points to lead by 23 going into the fourth quarter. McGuire continued his shooting assault with 11 points, Halderson and DeWeese added four and two points, respectively.

Isaiah Reed scored six points in the fourth quarter to lead the way to 13 Wildcat points. McGuire scored one more three-point basket and Paris and Dagim Reed each added two points. The final score was Cunningham 62, Burrton 31.

by Coach Bob Stackhouse



Erik Paris



Molly Morgan Photos

Luke McGuire



Lane Halderson



Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire	1	7	0/2	23	1	1	1	
Halderson	3			6	6	4	1	
Wegerer	2			4	3	3	1	
DeWeese	4			8	4	7	4	1
D Reed	2			4	4	1		
Paris	4		1/3	9	7	2	1	
I Reed	4		0/3	8	5	4		

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cunningham	20	12	17	13	62
Burrton	13	7	6	5	31

Wildcats Slam the Door on the Chieftains

Cunningham improved their record to 6-3 after a 66-25 win over the Chieftains from South Barber on Homecoming night.

Cunningham pulled out ahead of the Chieftains in the first quarter after a slow shooting start, making just one of their first nine shots. The defense was very good throughout the quarter holding South Barber to four points. The shooting percentage did heat up as the Cats managed 16 points in the quarter. Luke McGuire made two three-point baskets. Trey DeWeese added five points and Will Wegerer and Isaiah Reed scored three and two points, respectively.

The second quarter was unbelievable for the Wildcats as they scored 31 points making 7 out of 11 baskets from two-point range and five for eight baskets from three-point range. The lowest percentage came at the free throw with two for

four makes. The best part of the quarter was the fact that the Cats did not commit any turnovers in the quarter. DeWeese scored 11 points while Lane Halderson and Wegerer each had six points. Isaiah Reed hit a three-pointer to round out the scoring giving the Cats a 47 to 15 lead at the half.

Cunningham added 12 more points in the third quarter while holding South Barber to nine. Halderson made four points while Wegerer and I. Reed each made a three-pointer. DeWeese scored two points.

Leading by a score of 59 to 20, the running clock was implemented in the fourth quarter. The JV team finished out the game with Scott Wyatt making a three-point basket and Keldon Mills and Trenton Schnitker each scoring two points. The final score was Cunningham 66 and South Barber 25. That win gives the Wildcats a 2-0 record in the Heart of the Plains League.

written by Coach Bob Stackhouse



Keldon Mills



Molly Morgan Photos



Trey DeWeese

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire		2		6	3	1	1	
Halderson	5			10	8	2	3	
Wegerer		4		12	3	1	2	
DeWeese	7	1	1/4	18	4	1	3	
D Reed		1	2/2	5	3	2	1	
Paris					5			
I Reed	1	2		8	6	2	3	
Kel. Mills	1			2	1		1	
Wyatt		1		3		1		
Morgan					2	1		
Schnitker	1			2				

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cunningham	16	31	12	7	66
South Barber	4	7	9	5	25

OOPS!

The beautiful photo of the geese on the Ninescah River that appeared in last week's paper (and accompanied by this quote) was taken by Josh Theis. The lack of photographer's identification was an oversight by the editor.

"Two sounds of autumn are unmistakable...the hurrying rustle of crisp leaves blown along the street...by a gusty wind, and the gabble of a flock of migrating geese."

— Hal Borland

Pratt County Commission Minutes for January 10, 2022

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session, Monday, January 10, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioner Room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Thomas W. Jones III, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Tim Branscom.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, please state your name and title when speaking, public comment will be allowed to the extent that it is on topic. Persons participating via Zoom are currently muted. If you have a comment, please let Mark know via the chat function. Mark will then inform Chairman Shriver, who can take up the comment in a manner that does not disrupt the agenda. In the event an executive session is needed, it will be muted when recessed and turned back on when they return from executive session.

Chairman Shriver opened the bids for tract of land located at 35-27-11. The first bid was from Eddie and Brenda Kile for \$550.00, the second bid was from Bryan Evens for \$90.00.

Tyson explained if one of the bids is ac-

cepted there is a resolution that will have to be adopted. Commissioner Adams made a motion to accept the bid from Eddie and Brenda Kile in the amount of \$550.00. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Tyson read resolution 01-10-2022a concerning the sale of county owned property.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adopt resolution 01-10-2022a. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Heather Morgan, economic development/ COVID consultant, reported the final ruling concerning ARPA funds was announced last Friday, there are a lot of changes. They are allowing additional flexibility for county use. Emergency communications is an allowable expense. The communications tower at the PSB would be allowed. Alongwith the county, the small cities and the city of Pratt will also have added flexibility with spending. Election operations were allowed so voting booths will be an allowed expense. The quote from Randy's Tower Service, Rolla, KS had a quote of \$34,855.00. The quote is for materials only for the tower. The cement pad and labor are not included.

Commissioner Adams

made a motion to waive the procurement policy due to no other vendor able to supply the services. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Shriver made a motion to accept the quote from Randy's Tower Service in the amount of \$34,855.00 for the tower materials to be paid out of the ARPA funds. They also discussed updating the communications in the commissioner room. This will be covered by the ARPA funds. Chairman Shriver will check with Mark Graber, IT Director to get quotes. Commissioner Adams made a motion to adopt resolution 01-10-2022b the rural opportunity zone student loan payment program for 2022. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. She questioned if commissioners were planning to attend the meeting in Topeka January 25, 2022. No one will be able to attend. Pratt economic development meeting Wednesday. There will be a small business meeting earlier that morning.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:30 pm for thirty minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return

from executive session at 2:52 p.m. with no action taken. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:55 p.m. for 30 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to return from executive session at 3:25 pm with no action taken. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 3:25 p.m. for thirty minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:55 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tim Branscom, emergency manager/zoning reported the lights for the tower have been shipped. The generator at the weather tower can't be repaired, they cannot get parts. He will get quotes, might be able to pay out of ARPA funds. He reported Sheriff White resigned from the paid position of assistant EM and moved to volunteer basis.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from January 3, 2022. Commissioner Adams seconded the mo-

tion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the contract with Stephenson Law Office for public defender fees in the amount of \$37,804.44. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to publish the notice to request bids for the NE 20th Avenue road project. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Doug Freund, road department, presented a new hire slip. Commissioner Adams made a motion to hire Carl Brad Swisher at \$15.00 for the road department. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jimmy White, sheriff, presented a six month raise for Kory Hagen. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve a six month raise of \$.50 for Kory Hagen. He will be getting a web site put together. He also stated the generator at the LEC needs to be repaired or replaced. Chairman Shriver stated ARPA funds might be available to repair or replace.

He is having problems with the electronic door controls. They will keep them working for now. He discussed putting new doors in as a whole or just do parts of the building at a time.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session at 4:05 pm to dis-

cuss non-elected personnel for fifteen minutes. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 4:15 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Shriver made a motion to hire Linda Brehm, part time in the clerk's office at \$15.00 per hour. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Darcie Vander veer, health director, stated the sign at the community center would be in next week.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session at 4:20 pm for ten minutes to discuss attorney/client matter. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 4:25 p.m. with no action taken. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 4:26 p.m. for five minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 4:31 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Shriver made a motion to appoint the Pratt Tribune as the Pratt County office newspaper.

Chairman Shriver discussed an email he had received from IMA Consulting about employee benefits. He will discuss next week.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for January 10, 2022. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 4:54 pm. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO VOTE AND ISSUE SCHOOL BONDS IN EXCESS OF THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL BOND DEBT LIMITATION

To the Electors of Unified School District No. 332, Kingman County, Kansas (Cunningham-West Kingman County):

You are hereby notified that the Board of Education (the "Board"), of Unified School District No. 332, Kingman County, Kansas (Cunningham-West Kingman County) (the "District"), will make and file its application with the State Board of Education, Topeka, Kansas, together with proof of publication of this Notice, for permission to vote general obligation bonds (the "Bonds") in excess of the District's general bond debt limitation for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs to: (a) construct, equip and furnish a new high school building within the District including classrooms and support spaces, a shop area, storm shelter, and including furnishings and technology; (b) make improvements and renovations to the existing Elementary School within the District including, but not limited to, installation of air-conditioning (HVAC) to the gymnasium, providing necessary asbestos abatement, and improvements to office area fire suppression; (c) demolish the existing high school building and gymnasium lobby area to create space for the planned new construction; (d) make upgrades and improvements to security systems and parking areas at the District site; (e) make all other necessary improvements appurtenant thereto (collectively the "Project"); and (f) pay costs of issuance and interest on said general obligation bonds of the District during construction of the Project. The costs of the Project will be payable from proceeds of the Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$13,245,000.

The application will be filed pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board on January 6, 2022, under the authority of K.S.A. 72-5458 *et seq.*, as amended.

Dated: January 6, 2022.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 332,
KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS
(CUNNINGHAM-WEST KINGMAN COUNTY)**

By: /s/ Scott DeWeese, President

ATTEST:

/s/ Stacy Webster, Clerk

Public Notice

First published in the *Cunningham Courier*, Thursday, January 6, 2022 (3t)

IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
MARCELENE E. HENNING,
Deceased.
Case No. 2021 PR 47

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on December 28, 2021, a Petition was filed in this Court by Ty A. Eason and Kelly R. Feril, the Co-Executors named in the "Last Will and Testament of Marcelene E. Henning," deceased, dated October 30, 2017, praying the will filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record; Petitioners

be appointed as Co-Executors, without bond; and Petitioners be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before January 25, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236. If demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Ty A. Eason & Kelly R. Feril, Petitioners
Matthew W. Ricke, #20995
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349 North Main, P. O. Box 113
Kingman, KS 67068
(620) 532-3103
Attorney for Petitioner

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, January 9

Traffic stops 11
Traffic complaint 16000 block E Hwy 42 Norwich
Traffic complaint NE 50 St & NE 170 Ave area, Cheney
Traffic complaint NE 10 St & NE 110 Ave area, Kingman
Motorist Assist 17000 block W. Hwy 54 Cunningham
Suspicious Vehicle NW 170 Ave & Nw 50 St. area, Cunningham

Monday, January 10

Traffic stops 6
Traffic complaint 15000 block E Hwy 2, Norwich
Traffic complaint SW 70 St & SW 80 Ave area, Cunningham
Theft 12000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham
Welfare check aircraft SE 70 St & S Hwy 14 area, Kingman
Welfare check 12000 block SE 20 St. Murdock

Tuesday, January 11th

Traffic stop 2
Traffic complaint 1000 block W Hwy 54, Cunningham
911 call Acc/hangup 200 block E Fishcer Ln, Kingman
Alarm 300 block N Vail St. Spivey
Animal 400 block W C Ave, Kingman
Suspicious person N Main St & E Stanley Ave. area, Spivey

Wednesday, January 12th

Traffic stop 7
Animal 400 block NE 20 ave. Kingman
Animal 200 block E. F Ave. Kingman
Suspicious person 400 block E Leiter Ave. Cunningham
Suspicious person 100 block E 1st Ave Norwich
Vehicle disabled 6000 block W Hwy 54 Kingman

Thursday, January 13th

Traffic stops 2
Traffic Complaint 13000 block E Hwy 42 Norwich
Theft 10000 block SE 30 St. Murdock

Friday, January 14th

Traffic stops 5
Traffic complaint SW 90 Ave & SW 10 St. area Kingman
Animal SE 20 St & SE 130 Ave area Murdock
Citizen assist 100 block S Main St. Kingman
Suspicious person 2600 block SE Viney Ave, Murdock
Theft 800 block E. D Ave Kingman

Saturday, January 8

Traffic stops 5
Traffic complaint W. D Ave & N Cedar St. area Kingman
Traffic complaint 400 block E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
911 call acc/hangup 6000 block SE 170 Ave Cunningham
Damage SE 150 St & SE 100 Ave area, Rago
Welfare Check 1600 block S Main St Kingman

Wildcats Intense Against Bulldogs



On January 13th the Junior High drove south to Attica for a league match up. The 8th graders could remember being upset by the Bulldogs a few years ago by shooting as bad as a team could. The Cats did not start out hot from the field with a 5-3 lead after 1 quarter. While this was a win for the boys in the book it was a win for the moral of Attica. We are the better team. Keeping it that close was good for them. The boys asserted themselves more in the second and we added to the lead with a 16-7 halftime score.

The Bulldogs were not prepared for the intensity of the Cats in the second half. The boys out played the home team in every way. Offensively they put up 11 more points. Defensively they did not allow a point in the whole quarter. The game was over as the Dogs tucked their tails and the Cats won 40-8.

Dylan Halderson led the team in rebounds (8), with Stephen Kerschen following (4). Layne Green led in steals (6), trailed by Stephen and Skyler who were tied (3).

submitted by Coach Lance McGuire



Dylan Halderson



Andrew Kerschen

Molly Morgan Photos

Wildcat Scorers

Dylan Halderson	17
Stephen Kerschen	11
Kendall Rogers	4
Andrew Kerschen	2
Skyler Thimesch	2
Blake Swope	2
Layne Green	2



Layne Green



Skyler Thimesch



Stephen Kerschen

Junior High Girls vs. Attica



Kyra Morgan



Emily Ogg



Rylee Miller

Molly Morgan Photos

"Life is like a basketball game, you can shoot but miss. sometimes you even lose a game. There is always a next tournament, but never a time to give up."
— David Dunham

Upcoming Auctions

Saturday, January 22, 2022
Consignment Auction - 9:30
Hamm Auction Center

Wednesday, January 26, 2022
Lane Co, KS Land Auction
- Lane Co Fairgrounds

Wednesday, February 16, 2022
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For more information and a complete list of auctions, see our website at www.hammauction.com

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Cunningham CYO Donates to Kingman County Humane Society



The Catholic Youth Organization of Cunningham visited the Kingman County Humane Society to bring a \$100 cash donation and a bag full of hand-made braided denim toys that they made for the shelter dogs. They raised the money themselves by selling donuts. They got to visit the dogs while they were here and hand out the toys to each dog. "This is a great organization and these kids are awesome. We are so grateful for their support"

Pictured in the photo from left to right:

Front row – Ellie McGuire, Taylor Schultz, Alice Huelskamp, Julia Hageman, Will Wegerer, Mrs Huelskamp

Back row – Anthony Swope, Luke McGuire, Leo Hageman, Jack Ruckle and Mr Huelskamp

(Editor's Note: Many thanks to these young people and their sponsors.)



Kingman County Humane Society
Pets of the Week

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Cookie

Breed: Shepherd, White German
Sex: Female
Weight: 44.4 lbs
Age 5Y/5M/1W
Intake Date: 1/23/2021

Cookie is our very special, special needs Doggie. She is the Mama to six adorable puppies that were born on January 23, 2021 at the very time we were attempting to rescue her and about 20 other dogs from a neglect, hoarding situation. What a trooper! Cookie is totally

blind and just had a litter of newborns and she was whisked off to our shelter and really had no clue what was going on or what was coming next. After a few days of adjusting to her new environment she gradually became more trusting and started accepting food as long as it was hand fed to her by our truly awesome kennel workers! Rachael Ray Chicken Nutrish is her favorite and it contributed greatly to her physical and mental recovery. Yes, we admit we have totally spoiled her but who could blame us. Her pups are on their own now and its time for Mom to find her new Forever Home. She's not housetrained so will need a secure fenced yard and a little patience until she can make this next adjustment in her life. She's very friendly and loving but is easily scared by loud noises and would probably do best in an adult only home with low activity. She gets along with most other dogs as long as they are not excessively hyper. A shelter environment is not ideal for a blind dog - she's looking for a special person to open their home to her and help her find the safely and security she needs.

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Nacho

Breed: Domestic Shorthair
Sex: Male
Size: 2.4 lbs
AGE 0Y/4M/2W
Adoption Fee: \$75
Intake date: 10/21/2021

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Diesel

Breed: Retriever, Yellow Labrador
Sex: Male
Weight: 42 lbs
Age: 1Y/6M/3W
Adoption Fee: \$150
Intake Date: 1/23/2021

Diesel is blind but don't tell him that. His favorite game is tracking his ball and he can find it almost anywhere, even underwater. Loves squeaky toys too. He's a pretty easy keeper and adapts well to new situations. Has lots of energy and would love to have a fenced in area where he could run around at little.

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High School Automotive Students Earn ASE Certifications through PCC



Two Automotive Technology students earned certifications from the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) in Steering and Suspension.

Mitchell Partridge is a senior at Kingman High School and Tanner Clark is a senior at Kingman High School. Both are taking Career Technical Education (CTE) courses through Pratt Community College, which allow students the opportunity to get a jump start on a career by earning college credit and certifications while still in high school.

PCC Automotive Technology instructor Tyler Wells runs the program at Kingman High School.

"I am very proud of these students and their efforts to obtain this certification. This will help them to further their careers as technicians and I am excited to see what else they will achieve in the industry."

ASE Certifications are an important and trusted addition to a resume, especially as the automotive field evolves as vehicles get more complex and the technology changes.

Several high school students also earned OSHA 10 Safety certificates through PCC's Welding Technology program located at Kingman High School.

See both of these news items on PCC website at the following links:

OSHA 10 Welding Certificates: <https://prattcc.edu/about-pcc-welding-technology/high-school-welding-students-earn-certifications-kingman>

ASE Automotive Certificates: <https://prattcc.edu/college-start-college-credit-high-school-students-about-pcc-automotive-technology/high-school>



EMTs Needed!

The Cunningham EMS, Inc. is still in need of someone(s) to take the EMT class. The the class was postponed due to a change by the instructor. The start up date has not yet been scheduled.

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Public Notice
First published in the Cunningham Courier, Thursday, January 20, 2021. (3t)
IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
EUGENE J. ALBERS, Deceased. Case No. 2021 PR 3
(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)
NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on January 13, 2022, a Petition was filed in this Court by Sharon K. Albers, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executrix of the Estate of Eugene J. Albers, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys' fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executrix of the Estate of Eugene J. Albers, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.
You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 8, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.
Sharon K. Albers, Petitioner
Matthew W. Ricke, #20995
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Thelma Westerman

Nashville- Thelma K. Westerman, 98, passed away Monday, January 10, 2022 at Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital. She was born on July 8, 1923 at Isabel, the daughter of William and Anna (Wehling) Laverentz. On March 6, 1943 she married Wilbert Westerman at St. John Lutheran Church, Nashville. He preceded her in death on November 29, 2003. She remained an active member at St. John Lutheran Church while her health permitted.



They made their home on a farm east of Nashville. Thelma was a homemaker and enjoyed embroidering and word search puzzles.

She is survived by a son, Gary (Lleanna) Westerman of Nashville; a daughter, Donna Clough of Nashville; three granddaughters, Raedeen Wingate of Shady Shores, Texas, Kelly (James) Pauling of Big Cabin Oklahoma, and Shelley Westerman (fiance, Jerry Armstrong) of Nashville; 3 great-grandsons, Wesley (Madison) Pauling, Graysen Wingate and Karsen Wingate; and 2 great-great grandchildren, Bo and Hudson Pauling.

Thelma is preceded in death by her parents; grandparents; her husband; brothers, Marvin, Roy, Earl, and Dale; sister, Fern Lampe; son-in-law, Wes Clough; and grandson-in-law, Kevin Wingate.

Graveside service were held Friday, January 14, 2022 at St. John Lutheran Church Cemetery in Nashville with Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer presiding.

Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church or Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital Long Term in care of Larrison Mortuary, Pratt.

Rosemary Reed

Rosemary Reed, 72, passed away January 11, 2022 at Hilltop Manor, Cunningham, KS. She was born July 29, 1949 in Pratt, KS to Charles and Mary Rosella Mallonee Heflin.



She Attended Pratt High School.

Rosemary married Roger Smith Sr. April 8, 1966 they later divorced, he passed in March of 2021. She married Gary Reed and they later divorced.

She worked for the two Nursing Home's in Medicine Lodge, KS.

She was a Member of EHU in Medicine Lodge and the Red Hat Society.

Rosemary liked to do arts & crafts, embroidering, sewing and scrap booking as she made everybody one.

She mostly loved spending time with the grandchildren.

She is survived by Son, Gene (Elaine) Smith of Pratt, KS; Two Daughters, Mary (Scott) Nunn of Pratt, KS, and Clarissa (Steve) Smith of Kingfisher, OK. Siblings, Roberta Mayes, Pratt, KS, Linda Haworth, Patt, KS., Ronald (Sandy) Heflin, Salina, KS., Ruth Heflin (James Cooper) Leavenworth, KS., Roger Heflin, Wellington, KS.

There are 10 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Rosemary is preceded in death by her siblings Vina Blasdel, Nancy Brown, Doris Williams and Raymond Heflin.

Cremation has taken place.

The family request that you wear something purple. Memorial service will be 1:00 pm January 21, 2022 at Trinity Evangelical Church, Pratt, KS with Pastor Doug Enick officiating. Inurnment will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Kindred Hospice in care of Larrison Mortuary 300 Country Club, Pratt, KS 67124.

Donna Hager

Donna Lou (Knoche) Hager, 88, passed away Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at Hilltop Manor. She was born on January 15, 1933 in Pratt to Clyde O. and Pearl Irene (Heimuller) Adams. Donna married Merle Knoche on January 29, 1955. He preceded her in death on May 15, 1981.



Donna was a farmer's daughter and grew up on a farm west of Cullison near Texas Lake. She attended and graduated from Cullison High School in 1951. Donna was a homemaker and was always there to help Merle on the farm. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was a member of the Stafford First Christian Church.

She is survived by her daughter, DeNean (Ken) McGuire of Pratt; brother, Richard (Marilyn) Adams of Pratt; sister, Leola Hartley of Guymon, Oklahoma; grandsons, Justin (Brooke) McGuire, Corey McGuire, Terry McGuire and Tyson (Danielle) McGuire; and 14 great grandchildren.

Donna is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Merle Knoche; and grandson, Kevin McGuire on December 5, 2015.

Funeral service was held on Friday, January 14, 2022 at Larrison Mortuary with Pastor Mike McGovney presiding. A private burial was held at Stafford Cemetery, Stafford.

Memorials may be made to Lemon Park Lights, Hilltop Manor or Donor Choice in care of Larrison Mortuary.

Velma Thom

Velma Mae (Mease) Thom, 93, of Medicine Lodge, KS, died Monday, January 17, 2022 at Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital with her family at her side.



She was born on June 11, 1928 near Isabel, KS to Byron and Bertha (Price) Mease.

Velma graduated from Isabel High School in 1946. She attended Southwestern College for two years before the love of her life after returning from war said: marry me now or never. They did. On November 14, 1948 she married Charles Wayne Thom and began 70 years of loving marriage. Wayne and Velma set up farming and ranching in the Lake City area and eventually moving to Isabel in 1953.

Through the years Velma was a devoted wife and after a rough start a Mother. She was a co-founder of the Valley Builders EHU, Nashville Dorcus Society, Medicine Lodge Lady's of Trinity, and a 4-H leader.

Velma was formerly a member of St. John Lutheran church Nashville, KS, currently Trinity Lutheran Church, Medicine Lodge, KS.

Her greatest joy was working alongside her family and husband on all farm projects and growing her family in a loving home. Velma loved cooking with her kids and grands, gardening, sewing, developing friendships with everyone she met, and pulling those darn weeds in her yard. She was a kind soul, always smiling, tough as nails, and a beautiful person inside and out.

Surviving are her sons, Matt Thom, Medicine Lodge, KS, Monte (Toni) Thom, Medicine Lodge, KS, Clark (Brandi) Thom, Isabel, KS.

Her grandchildren, Micah (Andy) Waggoner, Isabel, KS, Riley Thom (Reagan Fischer) Medicine Lodge, KS, Carrington Jo Thom, Wichita, KS, Micah John (Taylor) Polson, Pratt, KS, Madison Polson (Hunter Soyey) Wichita, KS, Morgan Polson, Hays, KS, Kristine Landwehr (Andy Larkin), Medicine Lodge, KS, Herbie (Laura) Landwehr, Sharon, KS, Heath (Alyssa) Landwehr, Sharon, KS;

Her great grandchildren, Braylee and Blaine Waggoner, Isabel, KS, Emersyn May Polson, Pratt, KS, Jocelyn Jones, Medicine Lodge, KS, Hayes Landwehr, Sharon, KS.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Wayne Thom, a son, Randy Scott, her parents Byron and Bertha Mease, her brother Harold Mease and an infant brother, Edward.

Visitation will be on Thursday, January 20, 2022 from 1:00 pm until 8:00pm, with family present from 5-7 pm. at Larrison Funeral Home, 120 E. Lincoln, Medicine Lodge, KS, 67104.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 21, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Medicine Lodge, KS with Pastor Merlyn Lohrke officiating. Burial will be in the St. John Lutheran Cemetery, Nashville, KS.

Memorials may be made to the Lincoln Library or St. John Lutheran Cemetery Fund in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be left at www.larrisonmortuary.com

Reatha Clark

Reatha Ellen Clark, 96, passed away Friday, January 14, 2022 at Pratt Health and Rehab. She was born on December 4, 1925 in Zenda to Edward and Mary (Mercer) Tatro. She was baptised in 1938 at Methodist Episcopal Church.



She married Elwood Culver in 1941 and lived in Zenda for about four years and then moved to Pratt. They had three children Carlotta, Roger and Marsha. They divorced in 1962. She married Walter Clark in 1979 and he passed away in 2011. They had lived in Enid, Oklahoma together and Reatha continued to lived there until 2014 when she moved back to Pratt. She lived at Hillside Terrace until she had to go to Pratt Health and Rehab.

She was a good student and carried a grade average of 91% and also received a certificate of merit for bookkeeping. She also played softball. She was a healthcare worker and retired from Enid State School.

She is survived by her daughter, Carlotta Liska of Eudora; sister, Louise Gould of Pratt; and many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

Reatha is preceded in death by her husband, Walter Clark; parents; son, Roger Culver; daughter, Marsha Ann Ford; brothers, Clam Tatro, Gene Tatro, Bill Tatro, Frank Tatro and Dick Tatro.

Graveside service was held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at Sunset Cemetery, Cullison with John Hamm presiding.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children Hospital in care of Larrison Mortuary.

Mary Lou Hedrick

Mary Lou Hedrick, 89, died Jan. 18, 2022 at the Prairie Sunset Home.



She was born July 5, 1932, at Hutchinson the daughter of Thomas and Amelia Girard

White. A longtime resident of the Castleton and Pretty Prairie communities, she was a homemaker, an Avon representative and a former EMT.

Mary Lou was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kingman; the St. Agnes Altar Society, Castleton, the Beta Study Club and the Pretty Prairie Bell Choir.

On Aug. 3, 1950, she married Bryce Hedrick; he died Oct. 30, 2012. Survivors include sons Mike (Connie), Tony (Cindy), Pat (Tricia) and Kevin (Amy); daughters Sharon (Dave) Wassenberg, Susan Duran, Jane (Chuck) Thronson, Cindy (Kris) Hedrick, Rosemary Hedrick and Mari Ann (Tom) Farrell; sisters Patricia Perkins and Elaine Meier; 27 grandchildren; 58 great-grandchildren; and 9 great-great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by brother Thomas and an infant brother Lawrence; sisters Dorothy Roylance, Francie Grilloit and Theresa Barb; son-in-law David Duran; granddaughter Latisha Duran; and grandson-in-law Jeff Matthews.

Parish rosary will be 7:00 p.m., Friday at the St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kingman. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday also at St. Patrick Catholic Church. Friends may call from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Friday at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. Graveside services will be 12:00 noon, Saturday at the St. Agnes Cemetery, Castleton.

Memorials may be made with the St. Patrick Grade School, the Prairie Sunset Home or the Quiet Place Singers Scholarship Fund all in care of the funeral home.

Jack Lambert

Sawyer- Jack Doran (Poppy) Lambert 58, passed away at his home December 24, 2021. He was born on April 20, 1963 in Pratt to Donald Lambert and Esther Lambert. He went to Skyline School. After he finished school he helped his dad with farming. He was a pumper for Woolsey and F. G. Hall for many years. One his free time he enjoyed welding and building trailers together. He also collected Hot Wheels. He had his own towing business Lambert towing until he couldn't do that anymore because of his health. He attended Reach Church. He loved and enjoyed spending time with his granddaughters. He is survived by his mom Esther Lambert- Stafford 2 kids Crystal (Phillip) Spragis- St. Paul, NE, Ryan Lambert- Hutchinson. 6 grandkids Courtney Degenhardt (Dalton Nemece) "- Stafford, Kayla Degenhardt- St. Paul, NE, Kaylee (Riley) Juel Great Bend, Jeffery Spragis Great Bend, Kaden Spragis Great Bend and Austin Croft Pratt and one great grandson Kasyn Juel Great Bend. He is preceded in death by his father Donald (Buck) Lambert.

Funeral service was Monday 17, 2022 January at Reach Church, Pratt with Arron Hirt officiating. Burial was in Sawyer Cemetery,

Memorials may be made to the family in care of Larrison Mortuary, Ltd.. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.



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