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Build It and They Will Come: Unofficial Results from Our Special Election

There were 861 registered voters for this election. Fifty-nine percent voted. That means about 275 folks did not use their right to vote. So... if you didn't vote, you can not complain. Question on ballot:

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall Unified School District No. 332, Kingman County, Kansas (Cunningham-West Kingman County), issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$13,245,000, 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; all

pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 10-101 et seq., K.S.A. 25-2018(f), K.S.A. 72-5457, and K.S.A. 72-5458 et seq.?

Canvassing of the votes will take place Monday morning at 8:30. These are unofficial results.

Yes votes: 287
No votes: 228

Minutes from Kingman County Commission March 28th, 2022

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas March 28th, 2022. Those present: Fred Foley, Chairman; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director and Earl Reno.

Online Visitors: Caller 01 and Joyce
Staff: Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer.

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

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

Commissioner Thimesch would like to talk about the tower for the radios.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion of a tower location. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved

upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Foley asked if there was any public comment.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in with an update on what she has been working on for the County Commissioners.

Commissioners signed county vouchers & road & bridge vouchers.

Commissioners reviewed the EMS report received from Zachary Bieghler, EMS Director.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the March 21st, 2022 Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the March 21st, 2022 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with a vacation extension approval for an employee. Commissioners approved extension of vacation for an employee.

Mr. Goetz discussed the tumbleweed addition with the Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz discussed the east door was damaged due to the wind last week and that it has been fixed by Pratt Glass.

Mr. Goetz let them know that the next department head meeting will be April 4th, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners

know that there is a planning/zoning meeting tonight and two hearings for Nextlink is on the agenda.

Commissioners signed one abatement:

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer were in with updates for the Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the Hot Mix Construction Contracts for FAS 693 to be signed by the Commission.

Mr. Arensdorf gave the commissioners the tentative date of April 6th or April 7th for the FAS 13 deck pour.

Mr. Bachenberg discussed KDOT funding with the Commissioners.

Mr. Bachenberg discussed a contract with Schwab Eaton on the old NW 10th project and they wanted an additional \$25,000.00 for their service. After discussion with Schwab Eaton they decided to lower it to \$12,500.00.

Commissioners told Mr. Arensdorf and Mr. Bachenberg that they would like to wait until Commissioner Henning is back next week.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed the location of a radio tower with Mr. Arensdorf.

Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in with bids:

Gate 6 panels :

EL Goulding \$400.00**

Tab O'Dell \$200.00

Chute:

Caleb Sullivan \$1700.00**

Clint Donley \$1200.00

Tab O'Dell \$1000.00

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the bid from EL Goulding of \$400.00 for 6 panels and the chute bid from Caleb Sullivan for \$1700.00. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Frampton also sold the following items on buy, sell and trade:

1984 F600 Ford Truck to Brett Welch for \$3500.00

10' Speed Mover \$1000.00 to EL Goulding

8' Angle Blade to Keith Baringer for \$400.00

8' Arena Werks Rotary Harrow to Steve Mertens for \$1750.00

10' Chisel has not sold as of today.

Ms. Frampton discussed building the new barn building and using the capital outlay funds that she has available.

Commissioners would like for Ms. Frampton to come back when all commissioners are in attendance to make a decision on the barn building.

Earl Reno was in to discuss the taxes on land with the Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

BOE Will Meet Monday Evening

AGENDA
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 11, 2022
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 7, 2022 regular meeting (AI)
V. Approval of the minutes of the March 21, 2022 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 – Travis Thimesch
VIII. Old business
a. ESSER 3
IX. New Business
a. Executive session for personnel
b. Executive session for Negotiations
c. Accept resignation(s)
d. Approve Position(s)
X. Adjournment

Planning and Zoning Will Meet April 21, 2022

Cunningham, KS 67035
Cunningham Planning Commission Meeting
April 21, 2022 Agenda
Meeting at City Hall, 119 N. Main, 6:00 p.m.
Opening of meeting
Approval of Agenda
Review of Building Permit
Discus Chairman Vacancy
Motion to adjourn.

Ad Rates to Raise A Tad

Advertising rates with The Cunningham Courier are currently \$5.50 per column inch for black and white ads and \$6.00 per column inch for color. Beginning June 1st, the new rate for ALL ads will be \$6.00 per column inch.

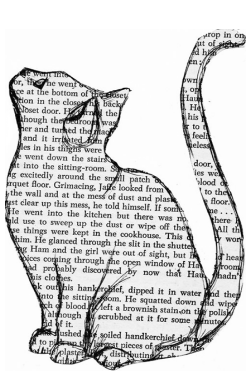
I hope this small 'raise' will help with printing costs and not be a huge burden on my advertisers (of which I need a few more; oh, and subscribers as well!)
Thank you, Roberta

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April 3 - 9, 2022

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Meanderings

Our column by Gaille Pike "Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds" can be found on page 8. I needed extra room for my storytelling/research project, so I relegated her column to the most interesting page in the paper this week. Go ahead, check it out. If you have stories to tell, give me a call.

Bob Sterneker came by requesting more stories or memories, or identification of the players on the team(s). Most of the folks in the photos are long gone, but surely someone has memories or additional photos.... Let me know.

I am using three columns this week because the program I use to format the paper won't let me use two because of the web addresses in this article. GRR.

When I began my column it was actually Saturday evening. I was rather hyped about coincidences of my meanderings and about my meanderings that afternoon.

Last Thursday evening, I had been across the street visiting with the Cricks. We talked about the Sheltons I mentioned in the paper, and the style show photos in paper, and I told Eilene about the creative 'dress' team residing and working at Hilltop Manor: Betty, Don, Clarissa, and Judy. She asked me "Judy, who?" I did not have a last name to give her. I just told her I visited with her a bit and she was just very nice.

I get home and I had an email from one Danny Walker who wanted to sign up for an on-line subscription, "FYI, my cousin Judy Walker Link is in the rest home there and sent me the article about the style show. I also have ties to Kingman County because my dad was the Byron Walker of the Byron Walker Wildlife Area fame. I try and keep in touch down there every way I can."

Okay, you are thinking, "So what? What's the big deal?"

Well, you will never guess where Mr. Walker resides ... are you ready for this? Laramie, Wyoming. Home of the 1943 NCAA Champions.

I started laughing. I shot an email right back to him.... "Danny, it is nice to 'email meet' you! I met your cousin at the little style show. She is very talented and the show WAS SO CUTE! The girls were cute and the dresses were cute... it was a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon. You might take a read through my meanderings this week, (page 2) Laramie gets a mention because someone important once lived there who grew up in Cunningham." (Everett Shelton)

He replied back, "Nice!! Interesting story on Page 2 as well about Ev Shelton, University of Wyoming Basketball Coach. I knew one of the players on that team before he passed. His name was Kenny Sailors and lived here in Laramie after retirement. His claim to fame was inventing the "Jump Shot" and nobody they played against in that tournament could defend against it because they had never seen it before and he had developed it himself, playing against his older, taller brother in the backyard. There are a couple of

books about Kenny and two greater than life size statues here in Laramie."

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C7hKqooYdQU https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ken_Sailors"

I watched the video and replied. "This is great! I loved this information. I have never given much thought to the evolution of basketball plays and other aspects of the game. Thanks for sharing.

Do you know what happened to Coach Shelton? Why there is no gravestone?... that I can find anyway. My thought is that he was cremated and is now in an urn on someone's mantelpiece. I'm going to keep digging and see if I can figure it out.

His reply: "I put some feelers out. There is a guy up here that has been doing a lot of compiling of info about that 1943 team. Will let you know if I find anything."

And there's where we left it.

I called Alan Albers to tell him what I found. He'd been prying around on his own. He told me Johnna Freund called to tell him that her aunt married Ulysses Shelton, younger brother of Everett. Interesting character, Ulysses or "Useless" as I saw him referred to in one newspaper. He graduated in 1917, but in 1916, he was running the Suitatorium Dry Cleaners. From the bit I could gather, it was in the back of the Clipper office, and at one point he was running the dry cleaners and filling in as editor of the paper. Sure enough, there at the top of some of the papers it said, Ulysses Shelton, Editor. All very interesting this information.

Then I received a call from Judith Huffman who remembered seeing something in the archives about Everett Shelton and basketball. I found it in May of 1939: "Everett Shelton, son of Mrs. Lillian Poland of this city, has been named Head Basketball Coach at the University of Wyoming this week. He was formerly coach of the Phillips 66 Oilers, National A. A. U. Champions."

Also on March 28, 1941: "Everett Shelton, head basketball coach at the University of Wyoming, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Poland, this week. His team has just completed a big season, playing in the NCAA Tournament at Kansas City, Mo., where they were defeated in the semi-finals. His successful season paid big dividends, however, as he just signed a new three-year contract for \$4,000 annually, an increase of \$700 per year."

That was all I could find in the Courier archives on my computer.

Saturday afternoon I felt a bit sleepy and laid down for a quick nap. I am not sure where my ol' brain meandered during that nap, but when I woke up I thought about the elusive Everett Shelton, and why hadn't I used newspapers.com, one of my favorite sites to meander through.

I got up, sat down in front of the computer and started browsing. First I checked through the May 1916 Cunningham Clipper editions. Everett was in the Senior play. He played football and basketball and baseball and was even one of two tennis players on the tennis team. But come May, he was not listed in the graduating class. HMMMM.

I meandered a bit more, typing in years and searching for 'Everett Shelton'. He'd gone down to Winfield

with a friend to visit the Hart sisters (found this in the Winfield paper and I wonder if they didn't attend Southwestern College, alma mater of the editor and columnist Gaille Pike.) Ol' Everett had gone to Wichita with Mr. Wetherall to pick up a new car Mr. Wetherall had purchased. He went to the moving picture show and the skating rink in Turon. He spent a few days in Kingman with his older brother Orman. AND THEN I found a clue-- Thanksgiving of 1917 Everett returned home from Little River to visit his mother, Mrs. C. F. Poland. AH!!!

I searched and meandered through The Little River Monitor of 1916 and 1917 editions. September 14th, 1916. "Everett Shelton from Cunningham is the newest member of the senior class." Everett was in glee club. He was captain of the football and spoke at a banquet. He went to Lindsborg. Everett Shelton was one of 18 graduates in the May 31, 1917 Monitor edition.

I could not find anything about why he didn't graduate from Cunningham in 1916 when he was a senior here. Nothing about why he went to Little River. Although I did remember reading something about Mrs. Poland's sister visiting with Everett.

I am sure a bit more digging and I could have figured it out. But, well, the main mystery of his graduation was solved. Maybe another day for other information.

Alan Albers was going to contact the gentleman doing the research to let him know of this interesting bit of history.

I guess Cunningham's claim to fame is that this was Everett Shelton's hometown, but Little River gets the claim that he graduated from there.

A bit more of a coincidence that made me laugh? I have sent an email to the superintendent of Little River to see if I can get a senior photo of Everett Sheldon.

Well, that's not what made me laugh. The superintendent is Mr. Brent Garrison. He was one of the principals I taught under at Kingman back when I was a teacher there. I've not heard back from him. Maybe by next week....

Always reading, and currently reading, "Ranchero" by Rick Gavin, Roberta

"Too many scholars think of research as purely a cerebral pursuit. If we do nothing with the knowledge we gain, then we have wasted our study. Books can store information better than we can--what we we do that books cannot is interpret. So if one is not going to draw conclusions, then one might as well just leave the information in the texts."

— Brandon Sanderson, The Way of Kings

"You'd be amazed how much research you can get done when you have no life whatsoever."

— Ernest Cline, Ready Player One

"Never ignore a coincidence. Unless you're busy, in which case, always ignore a coincidence."

— Steven Moffat



My Breast Cancer Experience: Part 21

By Beth Blasi 2021-2022 April Fool! The one-year anniversary of the discovery of my breast cancer. In a year's time, I have lost my svelte figure (ha ha) with the double mastectomy, had a couple PET scans and CT scans (and do not glow in the dark), and survived chemotherapy. Of course, a few of the side effects/after-shocks are still noticeable – short hair (at least it is returning!) and recovering fingernails. I

have now lost the other thumbnail. At least my thumbs are matching now but ugggly! My hair is maybe getting a little wave to it but definitely not kinky curly. Unfortunately, the gray is winning over the dark hair (just pretend you see a sad emoji here). The not noticeable things are tingly fingers and toes, taste-buds still adjusting, and body temperature a little goofy. I swear my feet have gotten longer as well. I have a terrible time with well-fitting shoes anyway but now it seems my toes are hitting the ends of my shoes. I'm sure the trauma to my hormones and now blocking the estrogen has something to do with that – remember some pregnant women get longer feet. I'll be glad when

it's warm enough for flip-flops and no shoes at all! My strength has recovered – as much as I had any strength to begin with! I do think I feel some "creakiness" that I think I quit feeling while my body was kind of numb thru chemo and now it's creeping back. Guess I didn't notice the "creaks" were missing until they came back. Good thing I'm "un-numbing" (is that even a word?) but bad thing that the creaks are still there.

My March doctor appointments were uneventful. After all that oatmeal I had consumed, my total cholesterol did drop a few points but not as much as I was hoping. I'm not in the danger zone but it seems this stuff creeps up on you. My Medicare wellness check (annual exam) included answering a bunch of questions that really had nothing to do with my health. But, I didn't have to repeat sentences or anything – guess that's changed in the last couple years as my husband had to do that. My ears did need a good washing out – my tiny canals seem to build up wax easily. However, I could not get them washed out on the same day as my Medicare wellness check

– I had to go back another day. Seems it would have been considered an appointment for my ears and not my wellness check for Medicare if we tried to cover them both on the same day. Sounds almost like a union job or just another way to have another charge. And I couldn't just go in to have the nurse do it, I had to have another full-blown appointment – arrrrggghh!

At the oncologist, the CT scan showed that the spot on my lung didn't grow any (but didn't disappear, either) and so it will be another wait and watch situation. Blood work, port flush, and CT scan continues every three months or so.

Did I mention I'd have no luck if it weren't for the bad luck? Well, my poor hubby actually had the bad luck. He got to experience a CT scan and then had a procedure in early March to remove a tumor in his bladder. Unfortunately, that turned out to be bladder cancer. Please, if you see blood in your urine, get it checked out as soon as possible! Also, for you smokers and tobacco chewers, it seems that can also be a big contributor to bladder cancer. You usually hear about the

lung, mouth, or throat cancers associated with smoking/chewing, but not really much is said about bladder cancer – just be aware and assess your life choices. I'm still negotiating with him on whether he wants his story in the paper or not. If not, then I guess you are stuck with just my updates.

After his diagnosis, we decided to not have any more birthdays! Our birthdays are in February and March and both of our cancers were found right after them so we just won't have them anymore – problem solved! (good luck with that, eh?)

The visit to the granddaughter was fun. I made her a little cape (or skirt) from material scraps I had around. I'm not so sure she was very impressed but my daughter recognized some of the scraps from various projects from her school years. Our granddaughter just turned 3 and is already looking forward to 4! She'll be in pre-school this fall. As an only child, I'm sure that will be an experience for her to learn to "share" and "wait" a little more than she's used to doing.

My income tax is done and sent in. Someday I hope to have things sim-

plified, but for now we have a "little of this and a little of that" that just seems to make our taxes just complicated enough to give me a headache. One of these days, Uncle Sam will just take it all anyway – it certainly gets chipped away as it is! Oh yeah! I mentioned my brother-in-law's tax return and the difficulty figuring out his stimulus payments. Guess what? His letter 6475 from the IRS came the first week of March that confirmed what we already figured out. It sure would have been helpful to have received that a few weeks earlier!

At the time I'm submitting this, I don't know the results of the USD 332 School Bond vote. I hope you found the time to vote. Whatever the result, I think we should thank the many people who have put in a lot of time and effort to look at the school situation – both for and against the bond. I think we sometimes forget the effort it takes and how many people (taxpayers included) are involved in our schools.

Next Steps: Easter, springtime, warmer weather!

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Thursday, April 7th JH Track at Pretty Prairie *** HS Track at Pretty Prairie	Tuesday, April 12th HS Track at South Barber
Friday, April 8th 6:00 p.m. FFA Banquet	Wednesday, April 13th 7th Grade Field Trip *** 8th Grade Field Trip *** HS Service to the Community Day ***
Saturday, April 9th Regional Music at Tabor College	Site Council
Monday, April 11th HS Forensics at Pretty Prairie *** 6:30 p.m. Mother Daughter Banquet *** 7:00 p.m. BOE Meeting	Thursday, April 14th State Music - Large Group *** JH Track at South Barber
	Friday, April 15th No School
	Sunday, April 17th Easter



Ladies are Invited!

The CHS KAY Club would like to invite all the women and girls of the community to the annual Mother/Daughter Banquet in the CHS gymnasium on April 11 at 6:30. Please bring a pot luck dish and share in the food and fellowship.

Community Service Day is April 13th

Community Service Day is fast approaching at USD 332. It takes place on April 13. Students will be completing small projects for community members as requested. Examples of these jobs include branch removal, moving furniture, cleaning gutters, etc. Please call the school at 620-298-3271 if interested in having service work done on that day.

The city will be picking up tree limbs and brush on this day. Your limbs and brush must be AT THE CURB for pick up. City employees will not come onto your property to collect them.

If we don't have limbs picked up and they are in piles in our yards, we will be given blue notices to get them removed.

I think we should all take advantage of this opportunity.

Donations Sought for Carnival

The Kingman County Carnival Board is working diligently to acquire four amusement rides and revitalize the remote-control cars/track for the 2022 Carnival. In order to accomplish this goal we have been soliciting donations and have spoken with numerous businesses and organizations. The community has been very supportive and we have been asked by individuals how they could donate. If you would like to donate and help us reach our goal of seven rides in five years, please make your donation to Kingman County Carnival, Inc. If you would like to volunteer to help at the Carnival please contact Karen Lacio at 316-648-3437. We appreciate your support. Thank you!

Send donations to:

Kingman County Carnival, Inc.
700 West 4th Ave.
Kingman KS 67068



Lions' Club Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16 at 1:00 p.m. Cunningham Football Field



Connect WITH YOUR LIBRARY NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2022

Discover all the many services provided by your public library during National Library Week. Did you know the library provides access to free Wi-Fi, computers, printing, scanning, and faxing? The library also provides a large collection of materials for all ages, digital access to a number of popular magazines, a streaming video service, an automated catalog (including online library card signup!), interlibrary loans, a rotating book collection, programs and cultural events, home-delivery, StoryTime, Summer Reading Programs, StoryWalks, a meeting space, and more.

Something else you'll find at Cunningham Public Library: a dedicated library volunteer! Stop in and thank the volunteers during the month of April. With their help we're able to keep providing (and expanding) services to the community and to surrounding areas.

There's plenty to keep you entertained, inspired and informed during National Library Week at Cunningham Public Library.

Hope to see you soon!

"She'd absolutely adored the library- an entire building where anyone could take things they didn't own and feel no remorse about it."

— Ally Carter, Heist Society

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March 27-May 1

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Community Wide Garage Sales

Cunningham will be holding their city-wide garage sale on Saturday, April 30th. (See classifieds page for more information.)

ALSO Kingman will be having their City Wide Garage Sale on Friday, April 29th and Saturday, April 30th

"Passing on knowledge is the most satisfying form of recycling. That and yard sales."

— John Drake Robinson

B-29 Museum

is open on Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Pratt Army Airfield – 82 Curran Road
Visit them on Facebook at www.prairiebombers.org for more information. If you would like to visit the museum at another time call 672-8321, 672-2444 or 620-797-2919 to schedule an appointment!

Libraries

Cunningham Public Library
Mon., Wed., Fri.
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Tues., Thurs., Sat.
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Closed for 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

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Thurs. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fri. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sat. : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
620-532-3061

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April 8th - 10th
Sonic the Hedgehog: 2
Rated: PG

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The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR



1927

April 15— The local high school girls' quartette was awarded first place over eleven other schools in the Invitational Fine Arts Festival in Pratt. Members of the quartette are Josephine Ruth, Pauline Allbritten, Carrie Poland, and Dorothy Krehbeil.

In a cross-country automobile race from Cimarron to Kansas City, Monday, a Ford roadster won the 429-mile event in the time of eight hours, 41 minutes. Second and third places went to Essex cars, followed by a Chevrolet and a Pontiac.

Roy Huffman was re-elected Grade School Board Clerk at the annual school board meeting last Friday afternoon.

J. B. Thompson has purchased controlling interest in the White Eagle Filling Station and has employed C. O. Franks to look after the business.

1932

April 15 — The school faculty for District No. 30 have been employed for the coming fall term of school. Mr. H. Manahan, who has been principal of the District No. 30 school for the past term, has been employed for another term. Mr. Manahan teaches the seventh and eighth grades.

Miss Una Moline, who teaches the fifth and sixth grades has been employed for another term.

Miss Cozette Taylor has been returned to the third and fourth grades. Miss Taylor has taught the third and fourth grades for several years and has given good satisfaction.

The only new member of the teaching staff is Miss Helen McClure, who resides near Calista, Kansas. Miss McClure will teach the primary department.

Work on the Skelly Oil company Liesman No. 1 is progressing nicely and drillers are practically to their contract depth of 3370 feet.

Mayor B. F. Doty officially announces April 18-23 as City Clean Up Week and requests all property owners get their yards and alleys cleaned up with the trash in cans or pasteboard boxes and placed at the ends of alleys or in a place where it will be handy for the trash hauler when he makes his visit.

Mayor Doty wants the city to be entirely cleaned up and looking fine for the summer months. This will reduce the fire hazard and everybody will be ready to give the city a boost when looking the town over.

1937

April 9 — Only forty eight votes were cast at the City election Monday. The Citizens ticket was the only one in the field and all its candidates were elected by practically a unanimous vote. The candidates elected were: Mayor — A. I. Jones; Councilmen — Glenn Patton, Carde Cannon, Wayne DeLair, B. F. Doty, Sherman Kincheloe; Police Judge — Norman Hart.

The house on the John Willinger property in the southwest part of town, recently vacated by the Lee Cape family, is being torn down and a new home will be erected on the property, which Mr. and Mrs. Willinger will occupy. This will be quite a fine addition to this part of town.

Doug Miller is preparing to put another grocery store in Cunningham. Work started Wednesday on the erection of the building which is being built just east of the Dew Drop Inn. It will be built of tile, and probably will be ready for occupancy in about ten days.

1942

April 10 — Several Cunningham youngsters are having a "swell" time this week, victims of the mumps. Cases are quite prevalent over the county.

Carde Cannon was elected clerk of the high school board at the annual board meeting held at the high school building, Thursday afternoon. Everett Hauser was the outgoing officer. Other members of the board are Chas. Fee, director, and Glenn Pearson, treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Crosley announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Ann, on Tuesday, April 7, at the Nashville hospital. The baby weighed six pounds and six ounces.

Thirty-two Kingman county men, six of them from Cunningham, left for Army duty, Thursday and Friday, according to Henry Gibbens, chairman of the draft board.

Those who left Thursday were: Francis E. Wilson,

Cunningham; Ralph E. Converse, Kingman; Roy Ford, Isabel; Charley Parson, Solomon; Earl H. Nimrod, Nashville; Eli V. Tatro, Cunningham; Clemens W. Freund, Cunningham; Jacob W. Ferguson, Spivey; Myron E. Dawson, Nashville; Harry C. Keimig, Zenda; Harold G. Taylor, Zenda; William A. Bohannon, Nashville; Herbert Messenger, Kingman; Leonard H. Detmer, Cunningham; Max C. Farrar, Norwich; Marvin C. Hall, Kingman; George John Henning, Spivey; John G. Pearce, Kingman; Oscar J. Mindt, Kingman; Joe J. Weber, Kingman; Emery E. Spauling, Cleveland; Rex B. Ruth, Cunningham; Henry P. Bloesser, Kingman; George H. Crow, Cunningham.

Those who left this morning (Friday) were: Howard A. Sallee, Penalosa; Wilbur C. Hall, Kingman; Milton D. Sleeper, Nashville; Wilfred J. Kerschen, Cunningham; Frank F. Manler, Zenda; Lawrence A. Henning, Spivey; and Bartholomew G. Schoenecker, Nashville.

1947

April 11 — The Stark & Albers country store at St. Leo was demolished and considerable minor damage was done to other residences and the church in that town Wednesday night by tornadic winds which struck a widespread area in Oklahoma and Kansas. Some damage was reported at Isabel and Sharon but no casualties were reported in this state. 132 people are dead as a result of the storm which was more severe at Woodward, Oklahoma, and White Deer, Texas.

The Cunningham high school music department received high acclaim at the Kingman County League Music Festival, Thursday, April 3rd. Out of ten Cunningham entries, six received highly superior ratings. They were Esther Sheldon, Soprano; Jerome Schnittker, Tenor; Mixed Quartette, composed of Esther Sheldon, Virginia Bradley, Jerome Schnittker, and James Stanley; Boys' Quartette, composed of Jerome Schnittker, James Stanley, Kenneth Watkins, and Verlin Urban; Girls' Glee Club, consisting of 35 members; and the Mixed Chorus, composed of 65 members.

1952

April 11 — Cunningham Rural High School's musicians, under the direction of E. R. Smizer, received gratifying ratings in the District Music Festival held in Pratt, Friday and Saturday of last week.

The following ratings were received:
No. 1 Ratings: Girl's High Voice, Shirley Shafer; Baritone Horn, Roger Buntmeyer; Cornet, Bessie Simonson; Cornet, Darlene Simonson; Violin, Robert Pelzl; Clarinet, Donnie Pelzl.

No. 2 Ratings: Girls' Triple Trio, Mixed Chorus; Girls' Glee Club; Girl's High Voice, Norma Watkins; Boy's Low Voice, Lynn Glaze; Boy's Medium Voice, Larry Ball; Baritone Horn, Charles Thornhill; Trombone, Ila Graves.

Several business places in Cunningham are undergoing new construction and remodeling.

Workmen at Patton's Service Station are erecting a new building to house a wash rack. The Cozy Café is closed while undergoing extensive remodeling. The place is being painted throughout and a new asphalt tile floor is being laid. Construction is underway at the Dunn Oil Company's drive and re-set the gasoline pumps.

1957

April 11— Carl Johnson uncovered two teeth of a pre-historic elephant while working in the old sand pit at the Cecil Sheldon farm east of town, Wednesday. They were buried about six feet deep. Mr. Sheldon identified the teeth from an illustration in his encyclopedia and reports that the animal became extinct 25,000 years ago.

David Steffen underwent a tonsillectomy at the Pratt County Hospital last Saturday.

A clinic will be held in Kingman tomorrow night (Friday) at 7:30 o'clock at N.E. Hobson and Son for boys (9-14) interested in entering Soap Box Derby races this year.

Miss Norma Rose will teach the second grade at Sylvia Grade School next year. She will graduate from Pratt Junior College in May.

Neely Arrington of Wichita, a former Cunningham resident, passed away last Thursday in a Wichita hospital. He was 80 years old. He was married to Miss Lena Carter of Cunningham, and they moved to Wichita in 1921. Mr. Arrington was a former cattleman, and was a carpenter in the Wichita building trades.

1962

April 12 — Sealed bids by contractors for the four blocks of curbing, gutters, and soil-cement surfacing of North and South Main Street will be opened at the Lodge Hall next Tuesday evening, April 17, at 8:00 o'clock.

Contract specifications call for the street to be narrowed to 65 feet from curb to curb. The street is now 73 feet wide from sidewalk to sidewalk. In the first block of North Main Street, additional sidewalk will be laid on each side of the street to bring the street's width to 65 feet. No additional sidewalk will be laid on any of the other three blocks, but the contractor must "fill in" the area between the new curbline and the sidewalk.

Ninety-six men and boys enjoyed the annual High School All Sports Banquet in the school lunchroom, Tuesday evening. The affair, sponsored by the Cunningham Lions Club, featured Jack Munley of Wichita, Sports Director of Television Station KTVH (Channel 12) as guest speaker.

1967

April 14 — 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. 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 Conrardy of Willowdale, with several nearing the three-gallon mark.

Dr. T. L. Waylan of Nashville, was the attending physician. The Bloodmobile's visit to Cunningham was sponsored by the Homemakers HDU.

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- Gal. Carton, 86c
- Wilderness Pie Filling, 4 #2 cans, \$1
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- Van Camp's Pork 'N Beans, 5 #2 cans, \$1
- Libby's Vienna Sausages, 5 4-oz. cans, \$1
- Choice Round Steak, 79c lb.
- Ground Beef, 49c lb.
- Winchester Skinless Wieners, 1-lb. pkg, 59c
- Bananas, 2 lbs., 25c
- Sunkist Oranges, 20 for \$1

1972

April 6— The Board of Directors of the Cunningham Youth Center (The Wildcat Den) met Monday evening, April 3, at 8 o'clock. Those present were Alva Hellar, Albert McGovney, Leo Zrubek Jr., Dwayne Elliott, Barbara Hansen, Martha Albers, and Marie Mantooth.

Average family income was \$7,083 in Kingman County in 1969, compared with \$8,693 for the State, according to a report on the 1970 Census by the Bureau of the Census, United State Department of Commerce. Per capita income for the county amounted to \$2,338, the report shows.

Public Auction, Thursday, April 13. Machinery and Shop Equipment. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Dostal, owners. Sale conducted by Banbury Auction and Real Estate.

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Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

Agates Underfoot

The path carved through the woods behind a very quiet Cedar Manor Elementary. Fresh from the oven of Florida, I appreciated the cool, summer air, now silent, at once refreshing and reflective. Vacationing in the Twin Cities, I'd driven to my old grade school to visit -- and to think.

Life had gotten too busy lately, more accurately, my tolerance had gotten too low, and a

week off in the old hometown was what I'd convinced myself I needed. A 20-year high school reunion was a good excuse to make it so.

Traveling solo, I owned seven July days free and clear. No family. No business. No obligations. Few things feel as rich as a full tank of gas and an empty week on the calendar.

I strolled the path behind the school, gulping cool, humidity-free air, noticing deer tracks running alongside. They followed the pathway for a dozen yards before crossing, leaving deep,

double-hoofed impressions across a muddy spot on the trail.

It had been forever since I'd last seen deer tracks, let alone wild deer. In fact, it'd been forever since I'd been in the wild. Any correlation with a mind running wild?

Free from the rush of constantly doing and constantly going, 10 minutes into the hike, I was intoxicated by the contentment of just being.

And then it leapt into sight.

Not a deer -- an agate. The rock was smudged and half buried in the

center of the pathway but I was sure. Reflexes pried the stone from the dirt, wiped off the mud and licked its edge, a rockhound's method for making stones more visible. Sure enough, the moisture exposed the beautiful, white pressure lines crisscrossing a polished red face. A bit on the small side, but a keeper none the less.

Not looking for agates, agates came looking for me.

How could I have forgotten the love of hunting them? Had the rush to "live" become so all-encompassing that it had

suffocated hikes in the woods, scouting for wildlife and rockhounding?

Why do we allow our lives to become so complex? Aren't our jobs, our travels, our purchases and our relationships really just a search for contentment, for happiness? We chase things external to ourselves in the mistaken belief that when we get them, we'll be happy.

Unfortunately, we know from experience, the lasting happiness we expected never arrives with the lasting achievement we caught. Our eyes have already settled on the next goal and we run after that,

fooling ourselves again.

Because we always want more later, there's never enough now.

1,800 miles from home, agate in my palm, I'd regained the peace of mind I was looking for. But the solution wasn't tied to geography and it wasn't tied to geology. It was tied to psychology. When I stopped my mind from running, peace of mind caught up to me.

And once that peace overtakes you, agates start appearing in the last place we'd think to look -- directly underfoot.

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How a Community of One Grows to Include More

Richard is a quiet man with a gentleness that belies his height. He stands a good four inches over six feet but has a friendly-giant smile that embraces everyone around him. He makes a modest living that allows him time for a hobby he is passionate about-- raising pigeons.

On Saturday mornings, you'll see his small flock rise out of his backyard and circle the neighborhood. It isn't long before a group of boys gather on Richard's front lawn. You see, Richard raises rollers, a breed of pigeon that flutters mid-flight and tumbles downward as if pelted by some unseen projectile. After dropping 10 or so feet, the pigeon regains its bearings, rights its wings and pulls out of the dive. The acrobatics draw gasps and cheers. Over and over again the



pigeons tumble out of control and then, at the last minute, save themselves. Sometimes a red-tailed hawk will drift in on the summer currents, adding to the drama. The hawk flies in among the pigeons, who daringly escape by keeling over and tumbling toward the ground before flying off to safety.

Richard helps some of the boys build their own pigeon coops and shows them how to raise rollers and homing pigeons. Along the way, two boys named Dee and Miles become fast friends. Some days Richard, a group of boys, and a few dads load up the old station wagon with cages and drive out across the desert to release their pigeons. Richard and the group stop for burgers and then drive home to

see whose pigeons made it back first. There's lots of time for conversation, mostly the boys asking Richard questions. But he doesn't miss the moment to teach them. "There is always a way home," he says. "You just have to look for it."

Miles listens intently. He struggles in school, hiding his learning disability behind a smirk. But he is the most willing to help Richard clean out the coop and lend a hand to the others as they build their own coops. As the years go by, the other boys go off to college, and Miles takes up a shovel to make a living. He saves his money and buys a backhoe, then a dump truck, and another, and another.

He works hard, but also drinks hard. His marriage falls apart, even

though his business grows. He resists any call to come back to his childhood friends. More years pass. He is lost on a cloudless horizon. The image of pigeons tumbling out of the sky becomes his life. He is in freefall. Hawks circle, waiting for him to hit the ground.

But he doesn't. One friend never gives up. His old friend Dee reaches out over and over until Miles has the strength to right himself. They talk about their love for Richard, who brought them together--the quiet, simple man who made time to teach boys a little something about life. And they talk about how each of them has taken their turn freefalling for a time, tumbling until they could get their bearings. There is always a way home again.

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The Ham Sandwich

A Jewish rabbi and a Catholic priest were good friends. At a picnic one day, the priest was eating a ham sandwich. "You know," he said to his friend, "this ham sandwich is delicious. I know you're not supposed to eat ham, but I don't understand why such a good thing would be forbidden. When will you break down and try it?"

To which the rabbi replied, "At your wedding."

Holy Week & Easter Sunday Mass Schedule:

- Palm Sunday (April 9-10) – current weekend schedule
- Holy Monday (April 11) – St. Peter – 8:00 am Mass
- Holy Tuesday (April 12) – CHRISM MASS in Wichita at 11:00 am
- Holy Wednesday (April 13) – St. John – 8:00 am Mass
- Holy Wednesday (April 13) – Sacred Heart – 6:45 pm Mass (Note: No Mass or Adoration at St. Leo)
- Holy Thursday (April 14) – St. Leo – 7:00 pm TRIDUUM – Mass of the Last Supper/Vigil of the Holy Eucharist till 10:00pm! (Note: No 8:00 am Mass or Adoration at Sacred Heart)
- Good Friday (April 15) – St. John – 2:30pm – Stations of the Cross/Veneration of the Cross Liturgy
- Sacred Heart – 5:30 pm – Stations of the Cross/Veneration of the Cross
- Holy Saturday (April 16) – Easter Vigil – 8:30 pm – St. Peter
- Easter Sunday (April 17): 8:00 am – St. Leo 9:30 am – St. John 11:00 am – Sacred Heart

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- 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 contaceJanet 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
Sundays 10:00 a.m.

St. John, Zenda
Saturdays 5:30 p.m.

St. Leo
Saturday 4:00 p.m. St. Leo

St. Peter Willowdale
Sundays 8:30 a.m.

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



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.

Our worship service is found on the YouTube channel at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCrenCH1219nmpcojCFyYLA>

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
Cell: 620-886-0911



Church of Christ

Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.



First Christian Church

Cunningham
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00
Jr High Youth Group 4:00 pm Sunday
Sr High Youth Group 7:30 pm Sunday
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00
Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201



United Methodist Church

Penalosa
Worship 9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
620-298-2090

Zenda
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.

Pastor Ken Keeling
620-491-0680

JH Cats Perform at Fairfield Track Meet

Cunningham participated in the Fairfield Junior High track meet on April 1, 2022. The 8th grade girls finished 3rd with 79 points and the 6-7th grade girls also finished 3rd with 87 points. The 8th grade boys placed 1st with 119 points and the 6-7th grade boys also placed 1st with 172 points. The teams participating included Cunningham, Central Christian, Pretty Prairie, Fairfield, Burton and South Barber. *(by Bob Stackhouse)*

Results:

	6-7 th Girls	8 th Girls	6-7 th Boys	8 th Boys
High Jump		Emily Ogg 2 nd 4'4"	Andrew Kersch 3 rd 3'10"	
Long Jump	Piper Perkins 10 th 9'1" Nora Huff 12 th 8'3.5"	Emily Ogg 1 st 13'2.5" Grace Hageman 3 rd 11'11"	Andrew Kerschen 2 nd 12'8.5" Myles Thimesch 7 th 11'5" Gunner Glenn 11 th 10'5.5" Cole Gridley 16 th 7'4"	Skyler Thimesch 2 nd 14'10" Logan Kinsler 7 th 12'1.5"
Triple Jump	Macy Neufeld 9 th 22'.75" Morgan Oldham 10 th 21'3" Rylee Miller 11 th 20'.75"		Andrew Kerschen 5 th 29'.25" Caleb Lohrke 11 th 22'.725" Weston Rogers 12 th 21'6.5" Will Halderson 13 th 21'1.5"	Kendall Rogers 1 st 28'8.75" Andrew Schultz 2 nd 24'6"
Shot Put	Kourtni Fischer 1 st 28'7" Whitney Mead 3 rd 27'3.5" Nora Huff 5 th 23'8" Andi Young 7 th 22'1.5"	Kyra Morgan 2 nd 28'4"	Stephen Kerschen 1 st 33'10" Layne Green 2 nd 30'10" Wyatt King 4 th 24'1" Sevi Romine 8 th 20'	Dylan Halderson 1 st 34'2"
Discus	Whitney Mead 1 st 64'7" Nora Huff 3 rd 51'9" Kourtni Fischer 4 th 50' Andi Young 7 th 38'	Kyra Morgan 2 nd 74'5"	Stephen Kerschen 1 st 104'9" Hank Adams 5 th 70'11" Wyatt King 9 th 50'3" Cole Gridley 14 th 29'6"	Dylan Halderson 1 st 116'8"
100m	Brynn Wyatt 2 nd 16.12 Janessa Schnittker 15 th 17.73 Andi Young 21 st 19.37 Stasia Shelton 22 nd 22.59	Emily Ogg 1 st 14.67 Grace Hageman 2 nd 15.83 Bella Thimesch 9 th 18.54	Stephen Kerschen 1 st 13.51 Cole Hageman 2 nd 14.58 Layne Green 3 rd 14.96 Brody Bock 8 th 17.58	Trey Shelton 8 th 15.27 Logan Kinsler 10 th 16.39 Andrew Schultz 11 th 16.42
200m	Macy Neufeld 5 th 35.15 Rylee Miller 7 th 35.52 Makenzie Hartley 10 th 36.37	Emily Ogg 2 nd 30.81 Grace Hageman 4 th 32.69	Stephen Kerschen 1 st 27.92 Kollin Fischer 5 th 30.87 Adam Sterneker 10 th 35.51 Gunner Glenn 12 th 39.21	Dylan Halderson 4 th 29.32 Trey Shelton 7 th 30.24
400m	Rylee Miller 7 th 1:22.78 Morgan Oldham 11 th 1:30.84		Kollin Fischer 2 nd 1:13.18 Hank Adams 6 th 1:25.59 Gabriel Chapman 7 th 1:26.23 Caleb Lohrke 8 th 1:30.05	Skyler Thimesch 1 st 58.32
800m			Jack Harden 2 nd 2:41.09 Nathan Ndambuki 8 th 3:16.84 Will Halderson 9 th 3:19.14	Blake Swope 1 st 2:39.44
1600m	Brynn Wyatt 4 th 8:20.44		Jack Harden 2 nd 5:46.51 Will Halderson 7 th 7:05.81	
100m Hurdles	Makenzie Hartley 5 th 22.59		Cole Hageman 3 rd 19.61 Weston Rogers 4 th 23.70	
200m Hurdles	Makenzie Hartley 3 rd 41.82		Weston Rogers 4 th 41.26	Kendall Rogers 4 th 35.36 Blake Swope 5 th 36.39
4X100 Relay	Shelton, Perkins, Fischer, Schnittker 4 th 1:18.88		Lohrke, Rogers, Sterneker, Osner 3 rd 1:09.44	Schultz, Shelton, Kinsler, Swope 2 nd 57.42
4X200 Relay			Green, Glenn, Ndambuki, Bock 1 st 2:18.52	Rogers, Kinsler, Swope, Thimesch 1 st 2:04.18
Medley Relay	Oldham, Neufeld, Miller, Wyatt 3 rd 2:37.01		Fischer, Hageman, A. Kerschen, Harden 1 st 2:04.09	Shelton, Rogers, Halderson, Thimesch 1 st 1:59.69



Kourtni Fischer throws the shot put



Andrew Schultz throws the discus.



Cole Gridley on long jump.



Caleb Lohrke on the triple jump.



Hank Adams throws the discus



Gunner Glenn at long jump.



Grace Hageman on the long jump



Cole Hageman, Stephen Kerschen, Layne Green, and Brody Bock run the 100 meters



CHS Powerlifters Finish Season

Saturday, April 2nd Cunningham HS participated in the last powerlifting meet of the year at Solomon, KS. There is still the 1A state powerlifting meet but with some scheduling conflicts we are unable to attend. Participating for Cunningham was Alice Huelskamp (junior) in the PWT division and Scott Wyatt (sophomore) in the 165lb division. Both Cunningham lifters performed outstanding for their last meet! Here are the results:

Alice Huelskamp:
Bench pressed 120lbs for a new meet PR and bettering her gym PR. Placing 4th in the Bench Squat 235lbs for a new meet PR for the season. Placing 4th in

the Squat Clean 135lbs matching her meet PR for the season and matching her gym PR. Placing 2nd in the Clean

Overall: 2nd place finish in the PWT division with a 490lb total and 2.49 ratio. Congratulations Alice on a great meet and a great season.

Scott Wyatt:
Bench pressed 140lbs for a new meet PR and matching his gym PR for himself.

Squat 245lbs for a new meet PR and setting a new PR by 5lbs.

Clean 185 for a new meet PR.

Overall: 16th place finish out of 21. 570 total and 3.45 ratio. Congratulations Scott on

a great meet and a great season. Scott was definitely the most improved lifter this season!!

Other lifters and individuals that I would like to recognize who were not able to lift this day who have contributed to starting the group and building an interest are: Coach Kayla Fiegal, Jack Ruckle, Erik Paris and Leo Hageman. These individuals coached or participated in 2 or more meets and brought a lot of fun and excitement to the weightroom. Thank you

by Coach Eric Kerschen



Photo by Rebecca Huelskamp

Alice Huelskamp, Scott Wyatt, Coach Eric Kerschen



Registration for Boys State of Kansas 2022 Session Continues

The American Legion Boys State of Kansas has announced that registration for its 2022 session will continue through the end of May, pending space availability. The 84th edition of the program is scheduled to be held Sunday, June 5, through Saturday, June 11, at Kansas State University in Manhattan.

Traditionally, Kansas Boys State is for indi-

viduals who complete their junior year of high school in the spring just prior to the start of each session. However, the ALBSK program has expanded the pool of registrants for this year's session to include those who will complete their sophomore year of high school this spring.

The American Legion Boys State of Kansas program provides a relevant, interactive, problem-solving experience in leadership and teamwork that develops self-identity, promotes mutual respect and instills civic responsibility to inculcate a sense of in-

dividual obligation to community, state and nation. Boys State is a "learning by doing" political exercise that simulates elections, political parties and government at the state, county and local levels, providing opportunities to lead under pressure, showcasing character and working effectively within a team. It's also an opportunity to gain pride and respect for government, and the price paid by members of the military to preserve democracy.

Those wishing to attend the program should visit ksbstate.org to register. In addition, anyone

can nominate individuals to attend Kansas Boys State by going to ksbstate.org/nominate and submit the nomination form. You can also submit nominees for future years as well.

The cost to attend the Boys State of Kansas program is \$350; however, in many instances, sponsors pay the majority of the fees, with the delegate or his family paying \$50.

Potential sponsors, such as American Legion posts, civic organizations, businesses, clubs and interested individuals, or those with questions, should contact the ALBSK at info.1937@ksbstate.org or (785) 550-6492.

ksbstate.org or (785) 550-6492.

The American Legion Boys State of Kansas is an interactive simulation that teaches high school seniors-to-be the value of democracy and civic duty. Participants form mock governments and campaign for positions at the city, county and state levels. After the elections, participants find out firsthand the difficult decisions made daily by those in government through a series of challenging simulations. Delegates, nominated to attend by their high school counselors and other influential people in their lives, are sponsored by American Legion posts and various civic organizations from

across the state. All delegates demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities in student government, athletics and/or other activities.

The Boys State program was founded by Legionnaires Hayes Kennedy and Harold Card in Illinois in 1935, and was first held in Kansas two years later in Wichita. The Kansas program moved to the University of Kansas in Lawrence in 1963 and remained there until 1991. The following year, it moved to its current location at Kansas State University in Manhattan. For more information about the American Legion Boys State of Kansas, visit ksbstate.org.



4H Meets and Plays

The February 4-H meeting was held on February 6th at the Cunningham Community Building. Roll call was "Where would you go on vacation?" which was answered by 31 members. Ada presented the budget for the 4-H year, which was approved. We had a discussion on where we would like to go for our fun meeting in March. It was decided and voted we would go to Urban Air.

Project Packets were also handed out. Members giving project talks were Adam Sterneker, Leah Rogers and Ava Bock. After project talks Ada Adams led everyone on how to do the Parliamentary procedure by using a trail mix.

When the trail mix was completed, the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting our fun meeting is set for March 5th.

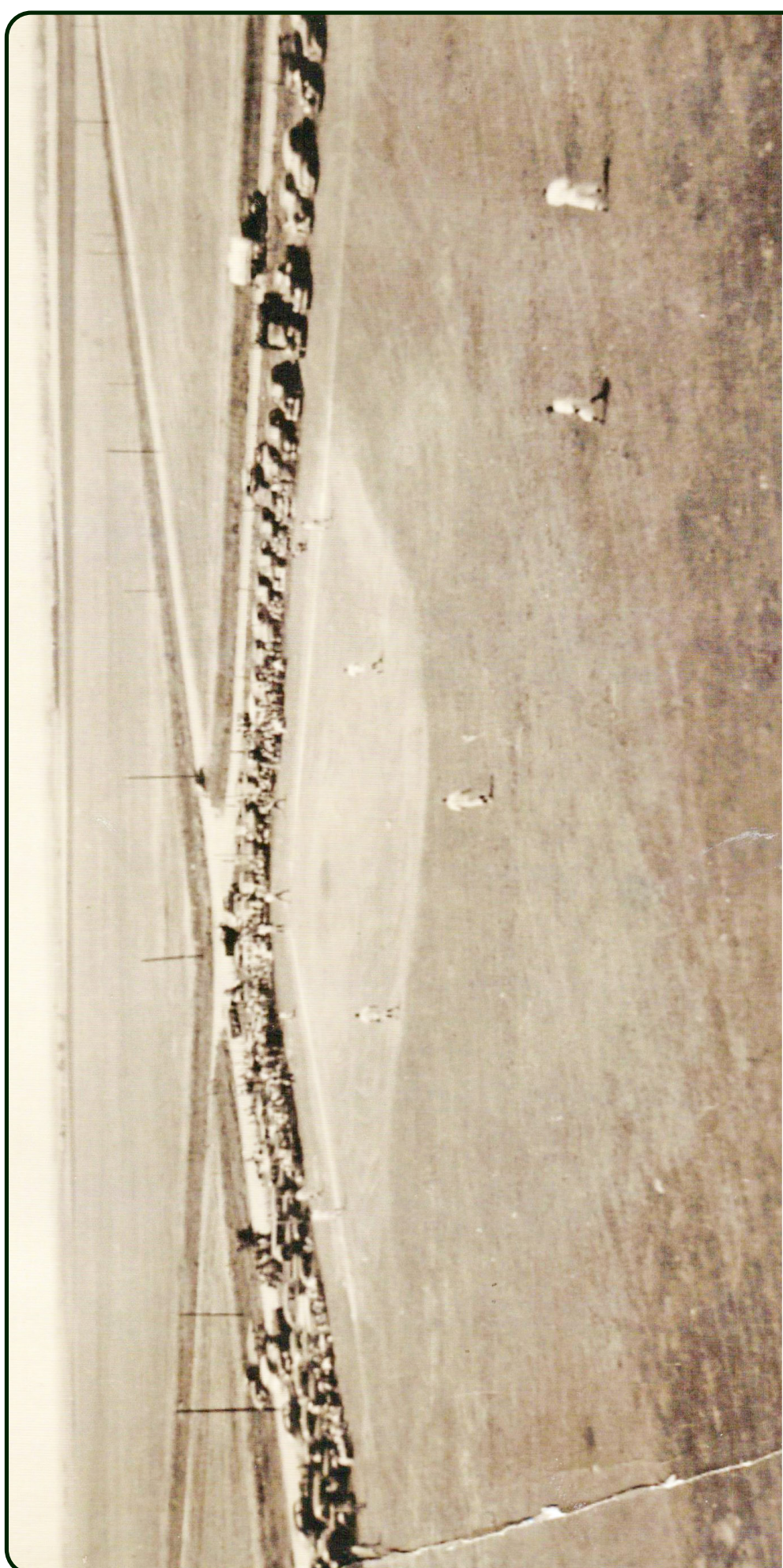
Brianna Dittmer

The March 4-h meeting was our fun meeting held at Urban Air in Wichita. No formal meeting was held. We had alot of fun. Next 4-H meeting is set to be held April 3rd.

Brianna Dittmer

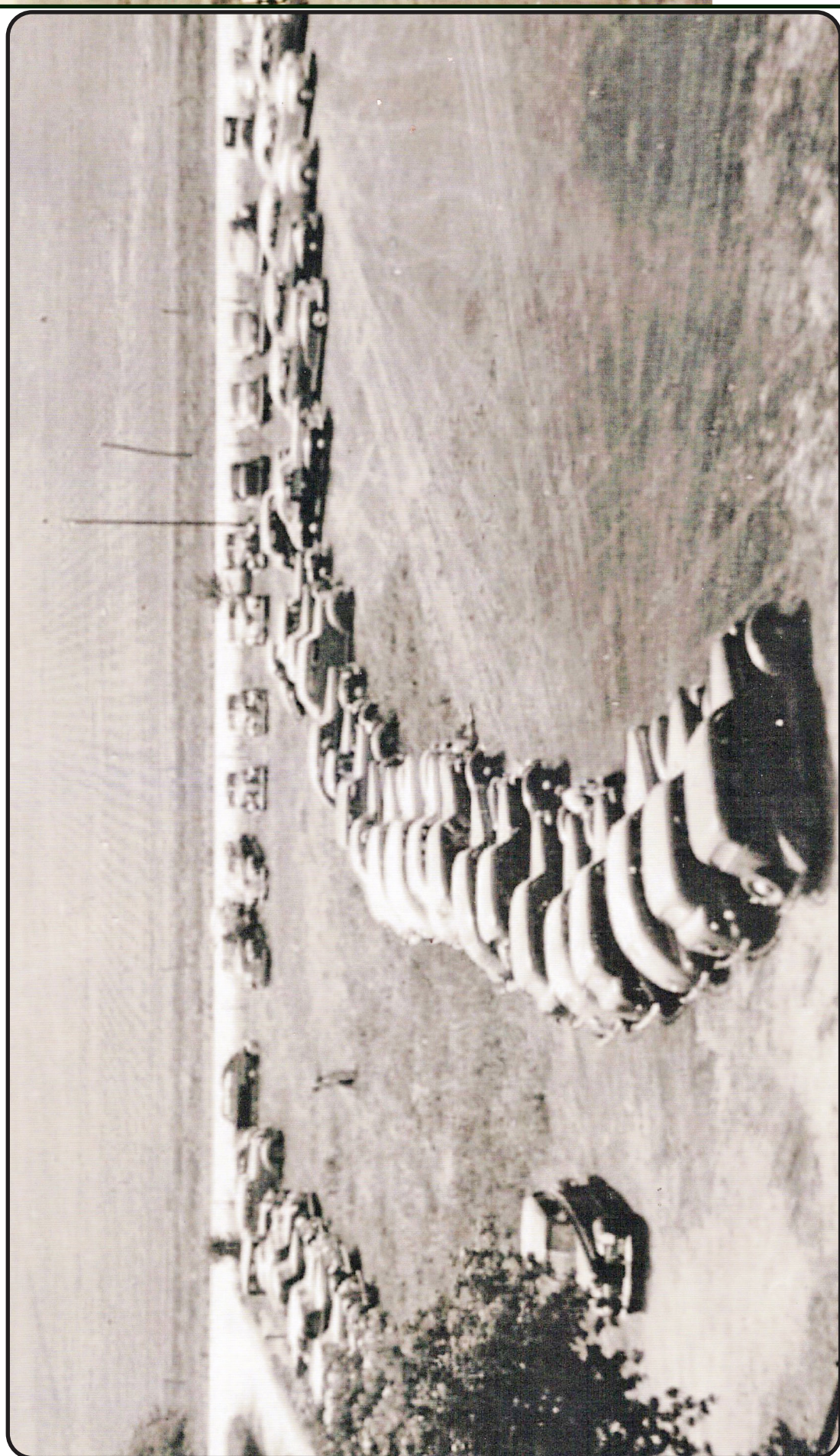


Marianne Dittmer photos



Photos courtesy of Bob Sternaker, Danny Theis and Dan Frick. They were shot from the silo on Bob's farm back in the time (1940's to 1950's?) when there was a baseball field there south of town. I believe someone counted 106 vehicles. Some of the players in the picture are: Joe Theis, Leo Zrubec, Jack Kincheloe, Buzz Anderson, Jack Bradley, Joe Walker, Don Huhman, Delbert Schwartz

If you have any information or stories to tell about this era of Cunningham, please contact The Courier.



Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds

by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers,
Local meteorologists predicted “only a dusting,” but overnight snow transformed the farm yard into a scene reminiscent of a Christmas card: a tableau of snow-flocked branches dotted with holiday-ribbon-red cardinals, while ‘round the pond gilded grass-garlands waved above whiteness. Yuletide was contradicted the by neon greens and charcoal blacks also in view. No snow clung to elm tree leaves nor to the pasture beyond the pond, presumably still warm from its prescribed-burn. And the sun warming my face through the windowpane signaled this exquisite moment would be fleeting, as were the other short-lived treasures of our clime.

One Golden Hour stretched summer-like heat into the evening long enough to grill chicken on the patio. As we loaded our plates, storm clouds filled the sky. We ate inside. The show barely lasted through dinner but this passing tempest’s might was most impressive. On its heels a “Big Bad Wolf” wind began huffing and puffing, begging to be let in. The heater panted in reply, wheezily keeping us cozy. So I made stew with the left-over chicken, baked bread. And snuggled with all my cats.

We retained contact with the outside world throughout this Weather Expo. The power never went out the way it usually does. Nor did our internet go down. Both were welcome surprises. Less welcome though was the sad news that arrived. I’m not talking about world events or an award show slap. I’m referring to sorrows and challenges faced by humans I love, cousins and childhood friends, up-

dates I of course wanted to know.

I don’t like it when people I care about are hurting. Especially when it is the kind of thing I can’t really do anything about—those seismic life-events that can be witnessed and shared but not changed. So I muttered to my cats. I stared out the window. And I also thought about all the people I do not know who are also grieving, sick or struggling, right at that same moment. I didn’t like that either. I sat hoping wisdom or meaning for suffering would pop in my head.

Instead, the oven timer dinged. I don’t usually handle the baking, so I asked the one who does for help. Even after he advised that I make my determination on how golden the top of the loaf was, I needed him to look and help me reach a decision. (It was left to bake another five minutes.)

When I turned the loaf onto a cutting board to cool, a lone ray of sunshine streamed in the window. For a split-second, it was if I were standing in a painting by Van Gogh. I closed my eyes and breathed in the aroma of freshly baked bread. When I gazed again on the scene, clouds had covered the sun. In shadow, the top of the loaf was brown. Another master, Robert Frost said it best: “Nothing gold can stay.”

Until next week—keep your eyes on the stars and your back to the wind.



Upcoming Auctions

Saturday, April 9th - Consignment Auction - Hamm Auction Center



MACHINERY AUCTION

Mon. April 18th, 2022 - 10:00 AM

Location- 18179 30th Ave.

Greensburg, Ks.

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Donald & Ilene Unruh

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Kansas Fisheries Staff Allay Fears With 25-lake Study on Largemouth Bass Virus

EMPORIA – Though it's been 15 years since Largemouth Bass Virus (LMBV) was first identified in a Kansas lake, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) Fisheries Division staff remains committed to fully understanding the effects of this disease on one of Kansas' most popular sportfish.

Beginning in 2018, Fisheries staff from KDWP's Research and Survey Office in Emporia

systematically examined 25 waterbodies across Kansas that had presumably healthy, popular largemouth bass fisheries; populations with declining relative abundance or size structure; and, populations that were previously identified as being positive for LMBV. While the study brought to light the presence of LMBV at eight waterbodies not previously known to harbor the virus, what may be most surprising is the data that wasn't there.

Largemouth Bass Virus Study Highlights

A total of 1,260 largemouth bass were examined throughout the three-year study.

Of the 25 waterbodies tested, 14 of those water-

bodies tested positive for LMBV, six of which were already known to have LMBV.

There was no evidence of LMBV effects on body condition, relative abundance of quality-length fish, or growth rates.

Staff were surprised, but relieved, to learn that there was no evidence of LMBV having long-term effects on body condition, relative abundance of quality-length fish, or growth rates in the Kansas populations.

"It's very possible that the acute effects of LMBV have already occurred in some of these impoundments," said Jeff Koch, KDWP Fisheries research supervisor. "If that's the case, that likely means many of

these populations have already rebounded and have perhaps even developed some degree of immunity to the virus. In fact, some of our best largemouth bass fisheries tested positive for LMBV and have not shown evidence of any substantial population-level effects. Either way you look at it, the data is promising."

Symptoms of LMBV typically occur in waterbodies during the heat of summer or other periods when fish are stressed. Though not all infected fish exhibit outward symptoms, LMBV can cause buoyancy and swim bladder issues, causing infected fish to lose equilibrium and become lethargic, ultimately resulting in death.

Currently, LMBV has been found in the eastern and southern United States, though more research is still needed to understand the full extent of its range.

"Largemouth bass virus is a relatively new disease, so it's all the more important that we continue to study its range and effects, and add to the scientific community's body of knowledge," added Vanessa Salazar, KDWP Fisheries biologist. "Thanks to the hard work and expertise of many biologists in our division, we've been able to accomplish just that."

Similar to most aquatic pathogens, LMBV is transmitted in water or even damp livewells. Anglers are encouraged

to clean, drain, and dry their boats and equipment before moving to a new waterbody to help prevent the spread of aquatic pathogens and nuisance species.

To learn more about KDWP's study, visit <https://afspubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/aah.10133> to access the March 2022 issue of Journal of Aquatic Animal Health's, "The Effect of Largemouth Bass Virus on Bass Populations in Kansas Impoundments."

To learn more about largemouth bass in Kansas, visit <https://ksoutdoors.com/Fishing/Fish-Species/LARGEMOUTH-BASS>.



Wheat Scoop: US Wheat Associates Core Competency Training Brings Global Staff Together

U.S. Wheat Associates (USW) technical staff from offices across the globe came to the United States to learn about current research, market development and technical aspects of the U.S. wheat industry, as a part of their Core Competency Training.

This group had representatives from U.S. Wheat Associates offices in Mexico, South America, Africa, Asia and Europe, as well as staff members from the U.S. east and west coast locations. The tour began March 21, in Portland, Oregon, where they toured the Wheat Marketing Center. The Wheat Marketing Center (WMC) provides technical training and grower workshops, innovative research, product development and crop quality testing services. WMC focuses on promoting U.S. wheat by demonstrating its quality and functionality in Asian noodles, crackers and biscuits, tortillas and flat-

bread and other baked products. At the WMC, participants explored the quality testing and product development of soft white winter wheat — the wheat going into Asian noodles, tortillas and crackers.

Next stops on the tour included Fargo, North Dakota, where they visited the Northern Crops Institute to learn about hard red spring wheat, and Manhattan, Kansas, where they became immersed in the research being done on hard red winter wheat. They discussed topics that reflected a common goal and mission — getting high quality, high yielding wheat varieties into the hands of the farmers

and ultimately to millers, bakers and consumers. The tour concluded on March 30.

Miguel Galdos, Regional Director USW Santiago, Chile office said "This has been a unique opportunity for the technical staff of USW. It is a refresher for our internal contacts to help our customers around the globe in getting the best from our different wheat classes in their milling process, in that way, we are able to demonstrate why U.S. wheat is the most reliable choice and has a type of wheat for all uses."

Having the international staff come to the United States to visit allowed them to get a frame

of reference for how the United States serves the world demand for wheat. This is particularly vital now, as the turmoil in Ukraine and Russia persists, causing disturbances in world wheat supplies, especially for those countries that rely heavily on the Black Sea region for their wheat supplies.

"We are excited to start seeing our overseas partners again, said Justin Gilpin, Kansas Wheat CEO. "We look forward to continued collaboration on how best to market United States wheat around the world."

U.S. Wheat Associates is the export market development organization for the U.S. wheat in-

dustry. USW promotes the reliability, quality and value of all six U.S. wheat classes to wheat buyers, millers, bakers, food processors and government officials in more than 100 countries around the world. Its mission is to "Develop, maintain, and expand international markets to enhance wheat's profitability for U.S. wheat producers and its value for their customers." Funding is made possible through checkoff dollars, goods and services from 17 state wheat commissions and cost-share grants from the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service.

Written by Mary Marsh, Communications Assistant Kansas Wheat

Survey Reveals Optimism Among Business Owners, Despite Challenges

(StatePoint) Supply chain issues top the list of concerns for small business owners over the last six months, but they see those pressures easing by mid-year, according to new research. In the meantime, inflation is expected to continue impacting business owners, with a majority planning to further raise their own prices.

The latest PNC semi-annual Economic Outlook survey of small and mid-size business owners and executives is a good gauge of the overall economy, however analysts point out that the situation in Eastern

Europe that's unfolded since has likely intensified some of the sentiments expressed by respondents.

"The events in Ukraine were not on the minds of business owners when the survey was conducted in January," says PNC chief economist, Gus Faucher, "There was concern at that time about rising prices, and that worry has likely intensified, given the rapid increase in energy prices, among other factors."

In January, 34% of owners who rely on a supply chain said timeliness had worsened in the previous six months and 28% of businesses that rely on inventory are faced with the challenge of not having enough supply to meet expected demand. However, 57% expect these issues to

improve in the next six months.

"Supply chain problems have been a big contributor to the highest inflation the U.S. has seen in almost 40 years. But it's encouraging that most small businesses see this easing soon," Faucher said. "The wild card now is how long inflationary factors due to the Ukraine crisis last."

Rising prices also are on the minds of business owners – 51% expect to increase their prices in the next six months and 34% percent say their prices have already gone up in the past six months.

"Six months ago, businesses were raising prices because demand was strong enough that they could. Now it appears higher costs are forcing them to," Faucher said.

Turnover and Hiring Impacts

Forty-three percent of business owners report losing staff since the start of the pandemic, which they agree is bad for business. Top reasons for employee departures are illness or death (50%), worker concerns over health or safety (46%), and changes in lifestyle or priorities (36%).

Among businesses with employees, 26% say it's become harder to hire qualified personnel. Businesses are responding to recruiting challenges, most notably through improved work conditions, like health and safety improvements, allowing more flexible work arrangements, and increasing compensation. In the meantime, businesses are coping with worker shortages by in-

creasing existing employees' workloads, having owners or managers cover shifts and by increasingly relying on technology or automation.

Other key survey findings include:

- Vaccine boosterism: Fifty-six percent of business owners say a majority of their workforce has a COVID-19 booster vaccination. Sixty-five percent have taken some action to encourage boosters through a requirement (31%), assistance and/or education (29%), incentives (22%) or restrictions for those who choose not to receive the booster (19%).

- Tempered optimism: Business leaders' expectations about their own companies remain strong with 47% feeling highly optimistic and only 2% feeling pessimistic.

However, their outlook for the national and local economies has shifted to cautious.

- Business adaptation: Small and mid-sized businesses have made dramatic, lasting changes to adapt to the pandemic environment. Ninety-two percent have made at least one change to policies, processes, operations or use of technology, and almost all of those owners expect one or more of the changes to become permanent.

For full survey results, visit pnc.media-room.com. Labor and supply shortages continue to plague small and mid-sized businesses. Despite these challenges, there's prevalent optimism, which experts say is an encouraging sign of what's to come.



Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

Kansas legislators will soon be on spring break, and as they head back to their districts to tout the work they've already completed this session. At public forums and town halls across the state, lawmakers are also likely to talk about an unexpected problem: too much money.

Certainly, this is much better than crafting a budget with a shortfall where none of the options are appealing. However, dealing with a surplus is kind of like a child in a candy store. While

there's not enough money to buy everything, there's still enough to fill up on empty

calories. Right now, legislators are in that candy store with their eyes darting around a menu of paying off debt, cutting taxes, issuing rebates, shoring up rainy day funds or spending the excess on services. Individually, each one of these has merit.

As they return home during the break in the legislative session, it's a prime opportunity for citizens to speak out about how those budget decisions can make a difference in their communities. Getting it right means not gorging on the

excess now, so we don't have to deal with the stomachache later.

Those of us in rural areas need to make a strong case for using some of this money to make real investments in our communities that will have an impact long after the good times have ended. It's a chance to advocate at home for the future of our communities. In fact, one of the best uses for a portion of the money is in homes, especially in rural areas across the state.

A lack of quality housing is repeatedly cited by businesses, workers and community leaders as a substantial barrier to rural economic growth. The influx of federal dollars and Kansas' robust budget present a rare opportunity to make a lasting invest-

ment in rural Kansas with a one-time appropriation to the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC).

We're not asking for a handout, rather we want to prime the pump for private investors to build, rehabilitate and finance housing in the 96 Kansas counties with a population of less than 60,000. As a Kansas entity KHRC is not bound by mountains of federal regulatory requirements that rural areas may not meet.

As history has shown, spending on KHRC programs offers up to a six to one return for every dollar invested. This multiplier effect means any investment by the legislature likely results in significant spending on

rural housing.

That's real money to address a lack of homes for people with moderate incomes, like teachers, police officers and young professionals who struggle to find suitable accommodations in rural Kansas.

KHRC has a proven history and ability to be flexible to meet the needs of rural communities. This money would provide real, tangible returns not only by providing homes for current and future residents, but it would also incentivize businesses to expand to meet the needs of growing communities.

There's a real opportunity to use this funding in the short term to create a cycle of growth in areas of need. Now is the

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

TOPEKA – This week, Kansas Governor Laura Kelly issued a proclamation declaring the month of April 2022 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Each year, Sexual Assault Awareness Month raises awareness about and prevention of sexual assault, harassment, and abuse.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 in 3 women and nearly 1 in 6 men experience some form of contact sexual violence in their lifetimes.

“Sexual violence affects the lives of many Kansans, and it is critical that we work together to raise awareness,” said Joyce Grover, Executive

Director of the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence. “The majority of rapes are committed by someone known to the victim – in 80% of Kansas cases.”

Sexual assault and rape are some of the most underreported crimes. There are a wide range of reasons why people do not report, including fear of the rapist, self-blame, self-doubt, shame, guilt, and embarrassment. Fear of not being believed is one of the strongest deterrents to reporting.

“The experience of sexual violence can have different impacts on each person. There is no ‘right’ way to respond after experiencing sexual violence,” said Grover.

Sexual assault advocates have found that many people experience sexual violence as a severe emotional and physical violation. The

effects of that violation may be felt directly after the assault or for many months or years later. The trauma from sexual violence can cause feelings of helplessness and powerlessness, as well as physical symptoms such as breathing problems or nightmares. Research has also found that this trauma can affect the way the brain recalls memories and details of the assault.

“We live in a society where the victim is often blamed for where they were, who they were with, what they were doing, or what they were wearing,” said Grover. “When we question victims’ responsibility for their own rape, we deflect blame from the offender. Rape is never the victim’s fault, and offenders must be held accountable.”

In 2020, one incident of rape was reported to Kansas law enforcement

every 7 hours, 56 minutes, and 5 seconds; and in 2021 more than 5,300 people received services for sexual assault from Kansas victim advocacy organizations.

Sexual harassment, assault, and abuse can happen anywhere, including in online spaces. For too long harassment, cyberbullying, and sexual abuse and exploitation have come to be expected as typical and unavoidable behaviors

State-level efforts in Kansas are underway to raise awareness and prevent sexual violence. The Kansas Bureau of Investigation’s Kansas Sexual Assault Kit Initiative worked collaboratively to develop a number of resources for responders. The Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence currently partners with the Kansas Bureau of

Investigation and other multidisciplinary stakeholders on the Kansas Sexual Assault Response Advisory Committee.

This committee facilitates cross-discipline collaboration and develops promising practices in sexual assault response that increase victim safety and offender accountability. A statewide public awareness campaign, Yes, This Room (Sí, Este Cuarto) was also launched in 2019 to raise awareness in Kansas.

If you would like to learn more about sexual assaults reported by law enforcement agencies in your community, refer to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation’s 2020 Domestic Violence, Stalking and Sexual Assault in Kansas report. See a summary of Kansas Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, & Stalking Advocacy Services pro-

vided in 2021 here.

Kansas victim advocacy organizations provide free and confidential services to victims, survivors, and their families. If you or someone you know needs help, call the Kansas Crisis Hotline at 1-888-363-2287 or visit www.kcsdv.org/find-help.

Founded in 1982 and celebrating 40 years of service this year, the purpose of KCSDV is the prevention and elimination of sexual and domestic violence through a statewide network of programs providing support and safety for all victims of sexual and domestic violence and stalking with a primary focus on women and their children; direct services; public awareness and education; advocacy for victims; comprehensive prevention; and social change efforts. Learn more at <https://www.kcsdv.org/>.



Kingman County Humane Society Pets for Adoption

Boots



Sponsored by The Cunningham Courier
 Female Domestic Shorthair
 Age: 10 Years/11 months/2 weeks
 Adoption Fee: \$25.00
 Intake Date: 2/11/2022
 Declawed
 Indoor cat only
 Serious sun-worshipper.
 Vintage kitty who is used to being an only child in a very quiet home.

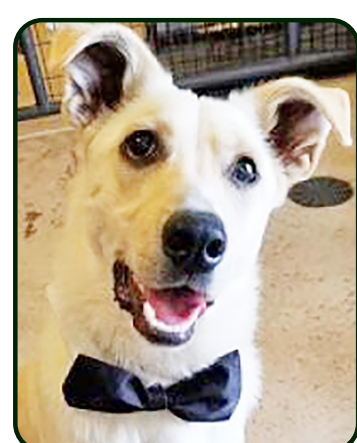
Jackson



Sponsored by Baker Accounting
 Male Cattle Dog, Australian (Red Heeler) / Mixed Breed (Medium)
 Weight: 47.8 lbs
 Age: 3 Years/5Months
 Adoption Fee: \$150
 Intake Date: 1/31/2022
 Adult-Only Home Preferred
 Single Dog Home

Jackson has the most awesome set of ears...he has really cute freckles on the back of his ears. He looks great coming and going. He's housetrained and walks fairly well on a leash. He's a Red Heeler mix, currently weighs about 50 lbs but needs to lose a few pounds to get to a better weight. Fur as soft

as a lamb's butt. He likes to chase cats up the tree and wants to be the alpha dog so he will probably do best in an adult only household where he can be the only pet. Bonus points - he LOVES to play fetch. Seriously...he LOVES to play fetch :-). And he loves to play in the water hose. He's a player!



Diesel
Sponsored by Quarters for Canines
 Male Retriever, Yellow Labrador
 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.

You or your business can sponsor a Humane Society pet for \$10.00 a week per pet. Fifty percent of the profits will be donated to the Humane Society.

Estate Planning Offered Through South Central Community Foundation

South Central Community Foundation is proud to partner with Pratt Community College Foundation and the Pratt Health Foundation to offer free estate planning to our communities.

The Foundation's

hope is for all community members to have an active Estate Plan with their wishes detailed completely.

Offering monthly appointments with local estate attorney John Griffin, it takes an average of four sessions to complete your plan. Best part, this planning process provided by the 3 Foundations is completely FREE to the client!

The goal is to maximize the value of your estate distributed to next generations, and if you choose, the opportunity to provide support to the communities and causes you love.

SCCF currently has appointments available; to schedule or learn more, contact SCCF at (620) 672-7929 or scf@scfcs.org.

KDHE Announces Photo Voice Project for Healthy Kansans 2030

TOPEKA – The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Healthy Kansans 2030 (HK2030) project team are inviting photographers to submit photos to be considered for inclusion in a State Health Assessment Report being published later this spring.

“For many people, photographs are a vi-

tal way to convey important messages,” Jade Ramsdell, MBA, LSSGB, Performance Improvement Director at KDHE, said. “We are delighted to invite amateur and professional photographers across the state to help us explore and tell the story of the health of Kansas in a different and deeper way.”

The project is seeking photos to help visualize health in Kansas. Entries should answer one or both of the following questions

What does healthy living look like in your Kansas community?

What makes it easy

or hard to stay healthy in your everyday environment?

Entries can be submitted until April 15. Winners will receive print credit in the report and will be notified of their selection by April 29. A panel of KDHE staff and the HK2030 project team will review and judge each entry.

Complete photo entry details, FAQs and supporting documents are available on the Healthy Kansans 2030 webpage, kdhe.ks.gov/201/. Questions about the project should be directed to kdhe.HK2030@ks.gov.

“I like that the Aborigines say dogs make people human”
 — Sigrid Nunez, *The Friend*



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

1015 East U.S. 54, Kingman, KS

KCHS Donation Wish List

The pets at Kingman County Humane Society are in need of the following items:
 dry cat and kitten food
 clumping cat litter
 canned dog food
 Purina Puppy Chow

long-lasting chews
 8-quart stainless steel flat sided water buckets
 paper towels
 bleach
 liquid laundry detergent
 poop bag rolls
 disposable gloves (large)

The items can be brought to KCHS at 811 East C Avenue in Kingman. Monetary donations can be sent to KCHS P.O. Box 103 Kingman KS 67068

Want to be a Volunteer

- Go to KingmanCountyHumaneSociety.org
- Click on the button
- Fill out the volunteer form
- Wait for us to get back to you!

If you can help out just one or two hours per week, we have lots of ways for you to help. You must be 16 years of age or older.

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Pratt County Commission Minutes for March 21, 2022

The Pratt County Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, March 28, 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 Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, economic development/COVID consultant, reported the announcement for the base grant the city of Pratt has applied for has been delayed a couple of weeks.

There are two new federal funds available for daycares. Also, rental assistance for anyone that has had COVID for an extended period of time and fallen behind on their rent. Renters or landlords can apply. State budget being conferenced. They are proposing \$50 million for rural housing, any developer in Pratt County building additional housing could qualify.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from March 21, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk Voss presented a letter from 75's dinner asking for financial support. Commissioner Jones made a motion to donate \$500 to the 75's dinner. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson reported Scot Loyd of Loyd Group, LLC is available May 3, 2022, to meet with department heads and commissioners at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the budget process. The meeting will last from 1-2 hours. Clerk Voss will notify all department heads.

Commissioner Shriver said there will be a meeting at the PSB this week. The overhead doors have been delivered but the tracks were not and are on backorder. Completion should be by June 28, 2022.

Rich Sanders, Strong's Insurance, reported EMC insurance is going to come out and perform a historic building property appraisal to estimate the approximate reconstruction cost of the courthouse. They will call to set up an appointment.

Doug Freund, road su-

pervisor, presented road crossing for approval for Vernon Hirt to locate the gas line to their irrigation well in section 10-28-11. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve locating the gas line for Vernon Hirt. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. He discussed purchasing a new grader before the end of the year. Quote from Foley Equipment is \$315,958.51. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the purchase of the grader from Foley Equipment at a cost of \$315,958.51 that includes a trade in of \$44,000 for the old grader. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. He discussed increasing rates at the lake. They are now \$15 would like to raise to \$20 per day for camping hook up sites. Tyson stated a new resolution will need to be drawn up with the new costs.

He reported department of labor inspected the road shop and the forklift is older and does not have seat belts or safety features. The forklift is old enough it is hard to find repairs. He would like to get prices on purchasing a different

forklift. The commissioners approved him getting quotes for a new/used forklift. They discussed the area north of the lake for a disc golf course.

Billy Hampton, fire/rescue chief, presented bids for wall racks hang bunker gear in the new public safety building. There were quotes from three companies for twenty sets of hangers for rescue and bunker gear to mount on the wall. Gear Grid Corporation bid \$11,660, Danko bid \$10,202.92, and Weis Fire & Safety Equipment, LLC bid \$9,762.86. It will be paid out of special equipment funds if approved. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to purchase twenty sets of wall mounted hangers for rescue and bunker gear from Weis Fire & Safety Equipment, LLC in the amount of \$9,762.86. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for five minutes at 2:48 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel with DJ McMurry, appraiser present. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return

from executive session at 2:53 p.m. with no action taken.

Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Darcie Vander Vyver, health director, reported Barton Community College Nursing Program would like to use the health department to shadow the nurses at the health dept. Commissioner Jones made a motion to sign the agreement between Barton College Nursing Program to shadow the Pratt County health department with supervision. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Reported the Community center sign needs repairs covered by warranty. Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session for five minutes at 3:00 pm to discuss nonelected personnel. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at 3:02 p.m. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver Made a motion to approve a six month .75 raise for Kari Osner,

RN. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. She reported she can get a grant for \$7,000 for cement the back of the health department. Commissioner Jones recommended it be used for other things.

Jalaa Miller and Ryan Powell, IMA consulting, presented the BCBS renewal. Michelle Vakulenko and Jennifer Burns, BCBS representatives were also present. Ima suggested a dual policy option be offered, the employees could buy up for a lower deductible, or increase the employee contributions or add a 4-tier rate structure employee only, employee & spouse, employee & child, or family. IMA will return April 18, 2022, to present the chosen options.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to sign payment vouchers for March 28, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Adams made a motion to adjourn at 4:22 pm. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

ICYMI: Kansas Tax Collection Numbers Show State Well-Positioned to Axe Food Tax

“These collection numbers demonstrate the ability to ‘Axe the Food Tax,’ eliminating the state’s sales tax on groceries on July 1, which provides immediate relief to all Kansans.”

Kelly: Kan. tax collec-

tion numbers show state could axe food tax

Hays Post
April 2, 2022

Governor Laura Kelly announced Friday that March’s total tax receipts continued their positive pattern. Total tax receipts

were \$679.6 million, which is \$80.2 million, or 13.4%, more than the November 2021 revised estimate.

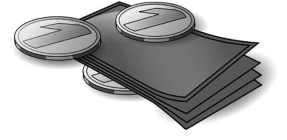
“Due to the state’s sales tax on groceries and pandemic-induced inflation, Kansans continue

to pay some of the highest grocery prices in the nation,” Governor Laura Kelly said.

Kansas lawmakers did not act on eliminating the food tax before they adjourned early Saturday for their annual, three-

week spring break.

Revenue



Emergency Rental Assistance remains available

More than \$125 million in rental, utility assistance awarded

TOPEKA, Kan.— Kansas Emergency Rental Assistance (KERA) funding remains available to support Kansans at risk of eviction. KERA provides rent, utility, and internet assistance to households that have experienced a financial hardship during the pandemic.

“More than a third of Kansans rent their homes, and many have struggled to cover rent and utility bills since the pandemic began,” said Ryan Vincent, Executive Director of Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC),

which administers the KERA program. “The financial repercussions are far from over for our most vulnerable families. This crucial assistance is still available to keep Kansans safely housed throughout our economic recovery.”

The KERA program has disbursed more than \$125 million in rental, utility, and internet assistance to 17,633 eligible tenant households in Kansas. These funds have prevented 45,674 Kansans from experiencing evictions and utility disconnections and helped make 6,656 landlords whole.

One frontline worker described how KERA assistance kept her in stable housing during the pandemic. While on short-term work leave, she was unable to return to her health care job after twice contracting the virus. “I am beyond grateful for the rental

and utility assistance provided by KERA while I recovered so I could get back to work,” she said.

The KERA program supports Kansas tenants and landlords experiencing financial hardship. Recent updates have made the program more inclusive, allowing the state to serve even more Kansans:

Households that have experienced financial hardship at any time during the pandemic may now qualify for assistance.

Eligible households may receive up to 18 months of assistance, an increase from the previous 15-month maximum.

Eligible households may receive a lump sum of \$900 in past-due or future internet assistance, an increase from the previous \$750 limit.

Previous applicants who have not hit the 18-month maximum are eligible to recertify for

additional months of assistance.

A Topeka property manager witnessed how KERA funding has helped both the complex and her tenants thrive in hard times. “Since emergency rental assistance has been available, we have provided KERA documents and Shawnee County income guidelines to any tenant that receives an eviction notice,” she said. “I tell tenants, ‘It’s always worth a shot to apply.’”

Tenants and landlords can apply jointly online via the KERA application portal. Tenants must answer pre-screening questions to determine their eligibility before accessing the application. KERA applicants must meet income guidelines and must provide:

Proof of identification;
Assigned lease or equivalent documentation;

Documentation or self-attestation of hous-

ing instability;

Documentation or self-attestation of financial hardship; and

Proof or self-attestation of household income.

Once an application has been submitted, households can track their application status and respond to communications by logging into their KERA dashboard. If applicants have additional questions, they can contact KERA customer service by emailing kera@kshousingcorp.org or calling 785-217-2001, Option 1 for English; or Option 2 for Spanish.

KHRC launched the KERA program in March 2021 with funding provided by the Coronavirus Supplemental Relief Act of 2021. Continuing funding is provided through the American Rescue Plan Act. The measures have provided a combined \$23.4 billion in emergency rental as-

sistance to rental households nationwide, with nearly two-thirds of those funds serving extremely low-income households.

For more information and to apply, visit kshousingcorp.org/emergency-rental-assistance.

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Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) is a self-supporting, nonprofit, public corporation committed to helping Kansans access the safe, affordable housing they need and the dignity they deserve. KHRC serves as the state’s housing finance agency, administering essential housing and community programs to serve Kansans.

For more information on Kansas rental statistics, visit the National Low Income Housing Coalition’s report, *Out of Reach 2021*.

Governor Signs Bill to Construct a Memorial Honoring Kansas Gold Star Families on Statehouse Grounds

TOPEKA—Governor Laura Kelly today signed Senate Bill 330 authorizing the construction of a permanent memorial honoring Kansas Gold Star families on

Statehouse Grounds.

This legislation comes after Governor Kelly directed LTG Perry Wiggins, Executive Director of the Governor’s Military Council, to explore the process to install a permanent monument and to spearhead the formation of the Gold Star Memorial Fundraising Committee. Hershel “Woody” Williams, a retired Marine Corps warrant officer and the only living Medal of Honor recipient from

World War II, personally challenged her to add a Gold Star Families Monument on Statehouse grounds. The two met at the dedication of the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument at Olathe Veteran’s Memorial Park in September 2020.

A Gold Star Family is the immediate family of a fallen service member who died while serving in a time of conflict. The monument will be on the Veterans’ Walk at the Kansas Statehouse.

Governor Kelly also

signed the following bipartisan bills into law:

Senate Bill 141

Enacts the Kansas uniform directed trust act.

Substitute for Senate Bill 300

Substitute for SB 300 by Committee on Judiciary: Amends the Kansas racketeer influenced and corrupt organization act to add a person who has engaged in identity theft or identity fraud to the definition of "covered person" and add identity theft and identity

fraud to the definition of "racketeering activity."

Senate Bill 336

Updates certain investment limitation requirements to provide increased options for Kansas domiciled life insurance companies investing in equity interests and preferred stock.

Senate Bill 367

Requires officers to file copies of receipts with the court when property is seized under a search warrant and providing requirements and procedures for de-

struction or disposition of dangerous drugs and return or disposition of weapons.

Senate Bill 417

Establishes minimum and maximum permit renewal fees for certain solid waste disposal areas and processing facilities.

Senate Bill 419

Allows certain employees from the department of corrections to attend the Kansas law enforcement training center and including special

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Kansas Farm Bureau Advocacy Color of Awakening

Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

Kansas legislators will soon be on spring break, and as they head back to their districts to tout the work they've already completed this session. At public forums and town halls across the state, lawmakers are also likely to talk about an unexpected problem: too much money.

Certainly, this is much better than crafting a budget with a shortfall where none of the options are appealing. However,

dealing with a surplus is kind of like a child in a candy store. While there's not enough money to buy everything, there's still enough to fill up on empty calories.

Right now, legislators are in that candy store with their eyes darting around a menu of paying off debt, cutting taxes, issuing rebates, shoring up rainy day funds or spending the excess on services. Individually, each one of these has merit.

As they return home during the break in the legislative session, it's a prime opportunity for citizens to speak out about how those budget decisions can make a difference in their communities. Getting it right means not gorging on the excess now, so we don't

have to deal with the stomachache later.

Those of us in rural areas need to make a strong case for using some of this money to make real investments in our communities that will have an impact long after the good times have ended. It's a chance to advocate at home for the future of our communities. In fact, one of the best uses for a portion of the money is in homes, especially in rural areas across the state.

A lack of quality housing is repeatedly cited by businesses, workers and community leaders as a substantial barrier to rural economic growth. The influx of federal dollars and Kansas' robust budget present a rare opportunity to make a lasting investment in ru-

ral Kansas with a one-time appropriation to the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC).

We're not asking for a handout, rather we want to prime the pump for private investors to build, rehabilitate and finance housing in the 96 Kansas counties with a population of less than 60,000. As a Kansas entity KHRC is not bound by mountains of federal regulatory requirements that rural areas may not meet.

As history has shown, spending on KHRC programs offers up to a six to one return for every dollar invested. This multiplier effect means any investment by the legislature likely results in significant spending on

rural housing.

That's real money to address a lack of homes for people with moderate incomes, like teachers, police officers and young professionals who struggle to find suitable accommodations in rural Kansas.

KHRC has a proven history and ability to be flexible to meet the needs of rural communities. This money would provide real, tangible returns not only by providing homes for current and future residents, but it would also incentivize businesses to expand to meet the needs of growing communities.

There's a real opportunity to use this funding in the short term to create a cycle of growth in areas of need. Now is the

time for some hometown advocacy. All of us have concrete examples of what the housing needs in our communities are. Share them with your legislators when you see them over the next few weeks in church, the grocery store or at a town-hall. Let them know how important the issue is to you and ask if you can count on their support to make prudent, long-term investments in rural Kansas.

"Insight" is a weekly column published by Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization whose mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service.

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Public Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, Kansas CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Specialized Loan Servicing LLC

Plaintiff,

vs.

Danny Lee Rouse a/k/a Danny L. Rouse; Stacy A. Rouse; Unknown Spouse, if any, of Danny Lee Rouse a/k/a Danny L. Rouse; ; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant),

Defendants.

Case No. 2022-CV-000006

Court Number:

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

Notice Of Suit

THE STATE OF KANSAS, to the above-named defendants and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased, and all other persons who are or may be concerned.

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas, praying to foreclose a real estate mortgage on the following described real estate:

ALL THAT PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (W/2 SE/4) OF SECTION 29, IN TOWNSHIP 27 SOUTH, RANGE 7 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT THE CENTER CORNER OF SECTION 29, AFORESAID; THENCE SOUTH ON THE WEST LINE OF THE W/2 SE/4 OF SECTION 29 AFORESAID, A DISTANCE OF 290 FEET; THENCE EAST AT RIGHT ANGLES A DISTANCE OF 150.2 FEET; THENCE NORTH AT RIGHT ANGLES A DISTANCE OF 290 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 29 AFORESAID; THENCE WEST AT RIGHT ANGLES A DISTANCE OF 150.2 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING SITUATED IN KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS, commonly known as 2236 N Chariton St, Kingman, KS 67068 (the "Property")

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before the 18th day of May, 2022, in the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE MATTER OF THE

ESTATE OF:

DIXIE L. ROHLMAN, Deceased

CASE NO. 2022 PR 18

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on March 31, 2022, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Matthew W. Ricke.

You are required to file your writ-

ten defenses thereto on or before April 26, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, 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 of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Matthew W. Ricke, Petitioner

Matthew W. Ricke

Ricke Law Office

349 N. Main, PO

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE MATTER OF THE

ESTATE OF:

JOANNE E. SMITH, Deceased.

Case No. 2022 PR 8

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Larry Noakes, Administrator of the above entitled Estate of Joanne E. Smith, deceased, praying for an Order authorizing the private sale of the following described real estate situated in Kingman County, Kansas:

The East Fifteen feet (15') of Lot Thirteen (13); all of Lots Fourteen

(14) and Fifteen (15); and the West Fifteen feet (15') of Lot Sixteen

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and for further Order confirming the private sale thereof to Donald and Debra Miller for \$53,000.00 cash, with taxes prorated to the date of sale, abstract or title policy to be furnished and possession to be delivered upon closing; and for a further Order authorizing the Administrator to pay the costs of the sale.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before April 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. o'clock a.m. in the District Court in the city of Kingman, in 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.

Larry Noakes

Petitioner

BY: Matthew W. Ricke

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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, March 27th

Traffic stops 3
Animal SW 80 Ave & SW 120 St Ave. Zenda
Explosion noise 13000 block NW 20 St. Cunningham
Fire investigation 11000 block E Hwy 54 Cheney
Fire outside 1700 block SW 80 Ave. Cunningham
Welfare check 11000 block NE 10 St. Murdock

Monday, March 28th

Traffic stop 1
Traffic complaint SW 90 Ave & W Hwy 54 Cunningham
Animal 10000 block NE 10 S. Murdock
Welfare check animal 14000 block NE 20 St. Cheney
Welfare check 100 block N Spruce Kingman

Tuesday, March 29th

Traffic stops 2
Traffic complaint E Hwy 42 & Se 40 Ave area, Rago
Traffic complaint SE 80 St. & S Hwy 14 area, Kingman
Traffic complaint 11000 block E Hwy 42 Norwich
Alarm 4000 block NE 160 Ave Cheney
Citizen assist 100 block N Spruce Street, Kingman
Citizen assist 11000 block NE 10 St. Murdock
Theft 100 block S Robbins Rd. Norwich

Wednesday, March 30th

Bite Animal 700 block W. D Ave Kingman
Welfare check 16000 block SW 120 Ave. Zenda
Welfare check SE 30 St. & S Hwy 14 area, Kingman

Thursday, March 31st

Traffic stop 1
Traffic complaint 600 block N Main St. Spivey
Traffic complaint 700 block W. D Ave Kingman
Assist other agencies 15000 block SE 10 St Cheney
Assist other agencies 100 block N Spruce St. Kingman
Suspicious person 2000 block NW 50 Ave. Kingman
Suspicious person S Parkway St & E Second Ave Norwich
Suspicious vehicle E Leiter Ave & S Elliot St. area Cunningham
Vehicle disabled 700 block S Main St. Kingman

Friday, April 1st

Traffic stops 7
Animal 600 block W. G Ave Kingman
Suspicious Vehicle 1000 block SE 160 Ave. Cheney
Unlock vehicle 1000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Welfare check 400 block S Penalosa St. Penalosa
Vehicle Abandonment NE 10 St & NE 100 Ave area, Murdock

Saturday, April 2nd

Traffic stops 4
Traffic complaint 7000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Traffic complaint 17000 block W Hwy 42 Nashville
Traffic complaint SE 140 St. & SE 150 Ave area, Norwich
Fire Outside 3000 block NE 30 Ave Kingman
Suspicious person 12000 block SE 20 St. Murdock
Suspicious vehicle NE 20 St & N Marquette St. area Kingman
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West Kingman County Education Foundation scholarship applications are due at the school office on Friday, April 15, 2022. Applications may be obtained at <http://www.usd332edfoundation.webs.com>. There is also a link on the school website at <http://www.usd332.org>. Please contact Janet DeWeese at 620-298-2717 if you have any questions.

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Duane Polok

Pratt - Cecil "Duane" Polok, 64, passed away Friday, April 1, 2022 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born on September 3, 1957 in Stafford to Clarence and Shirley (Volkers) Polok. Cecil married Debra "Debbie" Sue (Withers) Polok on August 19, 1980 in Wichita. They were married for 41 years.



Duane graduated from Pratt High School in 1976. He worked as a Sales Manager for Southwest Truck Parts, Inc. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and BPOE Elks Lodge #1451. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, hunting, camping, raising chickens, pulling pranks and spending time with his family, his 10 grandchildren and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie; children, Kelsey Polok Bair, Jenna (Darrin) Lenkner and Kyle (Rebecca) Polok all of Pratt; grandchildren, Brock, Kate, Oakley, Emmarie, Cooper, Coby, Briggs, Jacob, Levi and Hannah; sister, Deb (Renda) Butler of Nevada, Missouri; brother, Brian Polok of Oklahoma; father-in-law, Dale Withers of Pratt; nephew, Jim (Amy) Butler of Wichita; great niece, Felicia Raquel Butler; great nephew, Robert Butler; stepbrother, Pernell (DeAnn) Peters of Peculiar, Missouri; and sister-in-law, Carol (Larry) Lewis of Castle Pines, Colorado.

Duane is preceded in death by his father, Clarence Polok; mother, Shirley Joan (John) Peters; brother, Robbie Butler; and mother-in-law, Arlene Withers.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at First United Methodist Church, Pratt. Burial followed at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

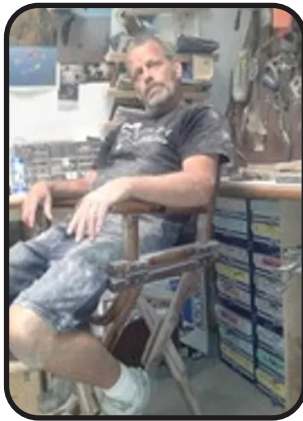
Memorials may be made to Friendship Park, Pratt School Foundation or Skyline School Foundation in care of Larrison Mortuary.

Wayne Schmidt

As dusty as the workshop he worked in, always working, always creating.

Husband Father Brother Son Uncle Grandpa and Friend to many.

Wayne was born on August 1, 1965 in Kinsley, Kansas, to Norman and Ruth Schmidt.



Wayne made his grand entrance into Heaven on November 4, 2021 with his family by his side in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Wayne was raised in Turon, Kansas, and attended Fairfield Schools, graduating from Fairfield High School in 1984. He moved to Hutchinson to start a family in 1993, and married Carla Foos on April 3, 1998. There he worked for Nunn's Construction as a carpenter for 23 years. In 2016, he moved to Pleasant Hill, Missouri to build his dream home for Carla and himself. He continued his master carpentry as a subcontractor in the Kansas City, Missouri area, and Columbia, Missouri area.

Wayne had many passions and hobbies, including martial arts, boating and water skiing, flying, racing, and golf. His biggest passion was creative, artistic, and challenging carpentry. No matter what he was doing, he would always give his best effort and never cut corners.

Wayne absolutely loved and cherished his family and friends. He'd do anything in his power to help those who needed it. Wayne embraced life, and there wasn't anything he was afraid of; he went head on into any situation and made the most out of it he could.

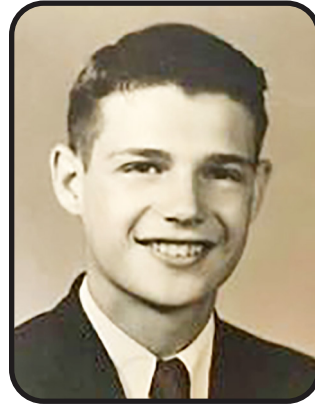
Wayne is survived by his loving wife, Carla, son Josh, stepdaughter Alisha, grandsons Dominic, Donivin, and Draiden, brother Bryan (Val) Schmidt, sister-in-law Cindy (Don) Klotz, many nieces and nephews, and many other family members and close beloved friends that will miss his presence in their lives. Wayne also leaves behind his beloved dog Chloe.

Preceding Wayne in death were his parents, and brothers Gregg and Brent.

Wayne's Celebration of Life will be held at Carey Park Homebuilder's Shelter on Saturday, April 9, 2022 from 1pm to 3pm. We would love to have you join the celebration of Wayne Schmidt.

Virgil Sallee

Goddard, Kansas - Virgil Sallee, 83, retired plumber, died Monday, December 13, 2021. Memorial Service was Friday, March 25, 2022 at Goddard United Methodist Church.



Preceded in death by his parents, Cecil G. and Leta Sallee; son, Jeffrey Sallee; sisters, Joan Hood, Carol Sallee, and Janet Tiemeyer.

Survived by his wife, Judith Ann Sallee of Goddard; son, Todd (Jana) Sallee of Bartlesville, OK; brothers, Roger (Sue) Sallee of Lawrence, KS, Paul (Colleen) Sallee of Penalosa, KS, Dale (Chris) Sallee of Hutchinson, KS; sisters, Linda (Donna Massey) Sallee of Lawrence, KS, Elaine (Robert) Caminiti of Las Vegas, NV, Kathy (Ron) Ruthkowski of NV; grandchildren, Mandi Sallee, Tim Sallee, Justin Sallee; eight great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established with: Goddard United Methodist Church, 300 N. Cedar St., Goddard, KS 67052. Downing & Lahey Mortuary - West Chapel.

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M'Kala Whitson

M'Kala Jill (Bobbitt) Whitson was born June 6, 1969, to Bob and Beverly Bobbitt in Houma, LA. She was the youngest child with three siblings: brother Scott (Patti) of Harper, KS, and sisters Kathy (Jon) Chamberlain of



Prairieville, LA, and Lesli (Ed) Miles of Canton, KS. The family moved back to Great Bend, KS when she was a few months old where she grew up and attended school graduating in the class of 1987.

Her daughter KaiLei Megan was born in 1989 and shortly after she began her life's work as a daycare provider in Great Bend. M'Kala met her husband Ted in 1999 and they were married June 2, 2001, in Pratt, KS.

Ted had three children and she openly admitted to falling in love with the kids before him. After their marriage M'Kala opened her daycare in Pratt.

In 2003 M'Kala and Ted became foster parents. Their first long-term placement came in March 2006 when two sisters came into their lives. The girls quickly became part of their household and their older sister Alicia even lived with the family for two years. In 2008 the two girls were adopted.

M'Kala and Ted's children are Linn (Jeremy) Walters of Olathe, KS; KaiLei Petz of Pratt, KS; Anelise (Kevin) Towne of Wichita, KS; Jakob (Rynaria) Whitson of Pratt, KS; Brittany Whitson of Osborn, KS, and Cassie Whitson of the home. M'Kala's eight grandchildren - Carter, Tripp, Lilly, Arlo, Maisy, Emma, Nora and Hazel-Dean - had the most special place in her life. Mimi could always be counted on for unconditional love and sweets.

She is preceded in death by her parents and brother and leaves behind many nieces and nephews and other family as well as countless friends across the country.

Over the years M'Kala loved and nurtured hundreds of children in her home. Caring for children, especially babies, was her passion and heart's delight. Not only were the children cared for but also many anxious new parents relied on M'Kala's knowledge and comfort. She was a bright spot in the world and will be missed by all.

A celebration of M'Kala's life will be held April 16th, 2022, at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt at 10:00 a.m. followed by a meal and an Easter Egg hunt for all at Lemon Park, East Shelter, Pratt. Inurnment will be take place at a later date at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt. Memorials may be made to the Pratt Public Library for the children's reading room in care of Larrison Mortuary.

Joe Carnaghi

Raymond Joseph (Joe/ Joe Joe/Bishop) Carnaghi was born on December 23, 1954 in Bloomington, Illinois to Raymond and Mary Carnaghi. He peacefully passed from this life on April 3, 2022 in Pratt, Kansas. One of his great passions from an early age was music, not as a performer but as a composer, collector, and enthusiast. His collection included not only music but the various machines that played his beloved music. His dream was to open a free music history museum that would display his multiple Edison players, Victrolas, and 1950 vintage record players. He had a vast collection of Edison spindles, one sided records, 78s, 45s, and modern vinyl. He loved to share his love of music with every and anyone who would listen. His knowledge of early rock and roll trivia was second to none. Another passion of Joe's was 1950-60 TV shows. Among his favorites were The Wild Wild West, Batman, Gunsmoke, Gilligan's Island, and The Monkeys. Joe had a fantastic imagination and loved to make up and record stories for his nieces and nephew when they were small. Music and old TV shows was not Joe's only passion. He was a dedicated sports fan and loved his Kansas City Chiefs, KC Royals, K-State football, and KU basketball.



Joe moved a lot as a child attending school in 3 states and multiple towns. He attended Syracuse High School in Syracuse, Kansas for 10th and 11th grade and considered Syracuse his hometown. He graduated from Emporia High School in May 1973. He attended and graduated from St. Mary of the Plains College in Dodge City, Kansas in May 1977. Joe settled in Larned, Kansas and worked at the Larned State Hospital for 27 years in the Food Service Department. While at the State Hospital, Joe mentored many inmates and was proud that he was a part of their rehabilitation. Joe retired from Larned State Hospital in August 2012.

Joe faced many physical and other challenges during his life, but he persevered and lived his life his way. Joe had a distinct sense of humor and will be missed by all who took the time to get to know him. Joe always had a friendly ear to anyone who just needed someone to talk to.

Joe was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Carnaghi, his mother, Mary Carnaghi, two brothers who died at birth, nephew, Raymond Register, and a great-nephew, Jackson Vilella. He is survived by his 4 sisters, Susan (Frank) Beyerl of Belen, NM, Beth (Mauri) Register of Pratt, KS, Annie (Rich) Pincus of Belen, NM and Kay (Kelly) Russell of Belen, NM. Joe also leaves behind 2 nieces, Nichole (Demonic) Vilella and Janelle Beyerl, and a nephew, Justin (Jordan) Beyerl, 3 great-nephews, Domico Jr, Harison Vilella and Judah Beyerl and 2 great nieces Madison Vilella and Jayden Beyerl.

Mass of Christian Burial was April 6th. Inurnment will take place at a later date in Belen, NM. In lieu of flowers, donations in Joe's name to the Pawnee County Humane Society, Inc. would be appreciated as he adopted and loved his many fur babies, in particular Mr.Sluggo.

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

Legislation

(con't from page 11) agents of the department of corrections in the definition of law enforcement officer under the Kansas law enforcement training act.

Senate Bill 440

Establishes when an occupational therapist may treat a patient without referral from a physician and requiring occupational therapists to maintain professional liability insurance.

Senate Bill 448

Adopts the national association of insurance commissioner's amendments to the unfair trade practices act excluding

commercial property and casualty insurance producers, brokers and insurers from prohibitions on giving rebates as an inducement to sales.

SUB Senate Bill 450

Sub for SB 450 by Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance: Eliminates the crediting to the Kansas public employees retirement fund of 80% of the proceeds from the sale of surplus real estate, authorizes state educational institutions to sell and convey real property given to such state educational institutions as an endowment, bequest or gift and authorizes the state board of regents to adopt policies relating to such sale and conveyance.

Senate Bill 483

Increases criminal penalties for theft and criminal damage to property involving remote service units such as automated cash dispensing machines and automated teller machines.

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