

#### Take-Aways from City Council Meeting on November 30th

Harold Stark gave his report on the fire department. The crews made 24 runs this last year. The issue of a new firetruck is being talked about. They still have a truck from 1974 or '76 they still use when needed.

A property in town has been cleaned up.

There is an issue with roots being in the sewer on the south end of town. Mesa Sallee, maintenance person extraordinaire, is treating the roots, but the lines are the old clay ones and probably need to be replaced.

I wrote "park playground lights", but nothing else. I know the power was cut to them several years ago when the new restrooms were built. Maybe they will be fixed soon or are fixed now. Check next month after Molly sends me the approved minutes.

Mesa reported on the sludge in the lagoons at the sewer plant. The buildup isn't bad, but there is a treatment avail-

able to keep it under control.

Well #2, as reported earlier, needs a new floor. One company can come in and remove everything, another company will be needed to pour the concrete.

A webinar will be available for the new council to attend.

The burn pit is open. There are currently 3 new burn pit keys. When taken, they must be returned within 24 hours. Your old keys won't work, gentlemen. (editor's note: Why can't folks follow the guidelines posted at the gate? They aren't that difficult to read or follow. I am an advocate for \$100 cash deposit in order to borrow a key from city hall. Deposit returned when key is returned.)

New valves for the swimming pool will be purchased to make the finding of the leak(s) possible.

Municipal court was held on Monday. All appearances were about dog problems. Two vicious dog complaints, one loud barking complaint. All respondents pled no contest.

Christmas bonuses for \$100 will be given to all city employees. (editor's note: a much deserved bonus).

## Minutes from Kingman County Commission for November 22nd, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on November 29th, 2021. Those present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Robert Casad, Casad & Associates.

Staff: Amber Hartley, County Appraiser; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/ Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

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

Commissioner Thimesch would like to add discussion of insurance with John Caton, Counselor.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion of insurance with John Caton, Counselor. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there were any public comments. No Comments were made.

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

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

Commissioners discussed correspondence received from the Law Company requesting to use photos from project for the 2022 State building awards program.

Commissioners agreed to signing the owner's consent/photo release for The Law Company, Inc.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session at 8:55 a.m. with Amber Hartley, County Appraiser and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act. They will return to open session in the board meeting room at 9:10 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County

Commissioners. Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:10 a.m.

Commissioner Thimesch presented an email received from the State on the radio coverage and would like to come and meet with the Commission to review the results.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/ Wastewater Director was in to discuss that the 2022 Wellness kickoff on December 15, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session at 9:40 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act. They will return to open session in the board meeting room at 9:55 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:55 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 9:55 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act. They will return to open session in the board meeting room at 10:05 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:05 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 10:06 a.m. with Linda Langley, Internal Auditor and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act. They will return to open session in the board meeting room at 10:16 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:16 a.m.

Commissioners discussed with Ms. Langley about submitting items to the ARPA funding and maybe stop sending items to Witt O'Briens LLC to review because the funding should be accounted for.

Commissioners discussed insurance

at the Expo Center.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in and let the Commissioners know that Scott Mullens will be in around 11:00 a.m. to discuss a road.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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#### Meanderings

Well, Readers, I am not sure wherefor I should meander this week.

Neighbor Cricks have a light display of the Grinch stealing their lights. I am looking at it as I write, hoping for some inspiration. I am also looking at the space 'allowed' to me this week for the column....I think I will stick in a cartoon to take up some of the space. It is looking like a great deal of meandering.

I've been organizing my book collections. I should have dusted shelves while I was at it, but I long ago decided that dusting is overrated. Maybe next time I organize. Or maybe if I need something to do some weekend.... Yeah, Right.

Oh, then there is that fortress I built to keep Belle out of the cat food. I had 18 Rubbermaid storage containers that I filled with books. (They are not really organized...

just adult books in some and young adult and kids' books in others). I pushed a chest of drawers close to the table as well. I then stacked the containers two-high. Belle managed to jump on top of the containers and get to the cat food table. Since they were heavy, they held her weight and didn't tip over until she jumped down.

Of course, I HEARD the commotion, and when I opened my bedroom door, the cat food dish was completely empty, and Belle was looking like she wanted to hide. Lots of scolding, yelling, and curse words and into the crate she went.

I then got seven more empty containers (Thanks to my mom) and stacked them on top of the others.

Belle just knocked them off. So I filled most of those with books. Then I put a cinder block in one, cans of paint in another... whatever I could find to weight them. Now I had a fortress made of a chest of drawers and 21 containers of different sizes and colors. It looks real attractive in my bedroom... or not.

I was pretty proud of my engineering skills until Belle found a hole in the fortress. More disappearing cat food, more

running to hide. More scolding, swearing and into the crate.

I plugged that hole, then saw another potential hole and adjusted a bit. All was good.

Until I went to feed the cats.... I couldn't get to the table to put cat food in their bowl.

Great engineering skills. I shifted a couple of stacks of containers, left a space just wide enough for me to squeeze through.... But that meant Belle could get through. So... I took a baby gate from the bathroom door (I still had one there to keep her out of the litter boxes... Dogs are gross.) and I set the baby gate in the space I made for feeding the little beasts.

Belle still tries to find a way to that cat food. I can tell because sometimes when I go back to my bedroom she's standing by the fortress and looking a wee bit guilty. But there is cat food in the dish, and none of the containers have been moved.

I am hoping at some point she learns there is always dog food for her and she doesn't have to eat the cats'. Clarence learned it, Chloe learned it, Quin learned it. She's just more stubborn.

A positive: Belle has

learned to sit if she wants to eat.

Imagine a kindergarten class. There are two kids who are just rather undisciplined. The teacher announces, "Everyone to the circle for story time." Twenty little kids walk to the circle and sit "Crisscross. You're the boss." EXCEPT for those two. Lucyfer is standing on a bookcase, Beelzebub is running around yelling "STORY! STORY! STORY!"

Teacher says, "Everyone in the circle gets an M&M."

Beelzebub makes it to the circle but can hardly contain himself. He's wiggling and squirming and giggling and bouncing. His crisscross is more of a crosscriss. This is Quinn.

Lucyfer jumps off the table like Batman jumping off a building: Arms spread out, one leg pointed to the ground the other slightly bent. She even has those two little pointy horns, I mean ears. The only thing missing is a cape. When she hits the floor, she reaches into her pocket and pulls out a halo, and as she runs to the circle, she places it over her horns. I mean ears. The halo is a bit crooked, but it is on. She sits in the circle. Perfect crisscross. Back straight

as a rod. She smiles so proudly, because look what she can do. This is Belle WHEN THERE IS FOOD TO BE HAD.

If there is no food, "down" or "sit" don't mean squat.

My Belle is also making progress in eating from her food dish only. No beast can eat as fast as Belle. She's always first done, (she adheres to the "whoever eats the fastest gets the mostest' philosophy) then she heads for Quin's dish. I worked hard to teach Quin to slow down when he eats. He'd eat so fast he'd choke. Now he doesn't

get all his food eaten before Belle and there in lies the problem. I have to fight to keep her away from Quin's bowl.

She'd like to try for Clarence's food, but he took her down once, and that was the last time she actually tried.

There is a lot of work with having pets.

Always reading, and currently between books!

Roberta

"Hounds follow those who feed them."

— Otto von Bismarck

# **Comfortably Dumb** by Bruce Quast QUAST ©2021 Bruce Quast "Are you the kid whose dad drives a race car?"

My Breast Cancer **Experience:** Part 17

By Beth Blasi 2021 Lessons Learned here are a few take-aways thru this experience.

•Don't plan to play for church or do much of anything the weekend after your treatment – the meds wear off and your body has other ideas!

•Medications – try taking something for the issues you are having. After all, you just had these poisons injected into your body - how much worse can it get?

•Side Effects – read up on "possible" side effects, be prepared so they don't freak you out. That being said, I don't remember them mentioning the intestinal issues other than diarrhea and vomiting – I often felt like a war was going on. Oh, and be sure to stock up on toilet paper!

•Diet – stick with simple and bland things the

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first week while your intestines are adjusting. Oatmeal was my go-to food. I also found that not eating after 7 pm helped prevent a lot of gas build-up overnight.

•Exercise – try to do something

•Rest - when you need

•Live your life – there are some things you will need to put on hold, but try to keep up with your normal life. The nurses were very encouraging to keep living your life. Take a vacation, keep busy, go out to lunch

•Stay positive – try to find a little bit of humor. I found a book called "Read, Laugh, Repeat, 101 Laugh-Out-Loud Stories" by Amy Newmark that is part of her "Chicken Soup for the Soul" series. I did laugh out loud several times!

 Accept and ask for help – especially during the last few sessions. Fatigue, fingers hurt, etc

Couple other notes -I'm glad most of this happened when the weather was warm and the days long. There were days the heat got to me but at least there was sunshine. My bald head is a cold head so I'm constantly wearing a head covering in the cooler weather. The extra, heavier clothing is annoying and I find myself less motivated to just step outside. My fingers seem to be more uncomfortable – part of it is the cooler temperatures but they just continue to deteriorate and look and feel ugly. Also, I'm currently fighting (for over a week) swelling in not only my ankles, but in my knees, thighs, and arms feel like I have Popeye arms! They assure me it is not unusual and this, too, shall pass – I hope sooner rather than later! We did get our flu and second shingles shots (sore and red arm with the shingles shot). My muscle strength is not coming back as quickly as I was hoping so I am aiming for January to resume delivering meals. I know – whine, whine, whine...

I'm a little disappointed in myself that I couldn't take advantage of this opportunity to lose some weight. Of course, the oncologist didn't want you to lose weight so you had reserves for your body to use, but I would have liked to have

dropped a couple pounds. Alas, even with food tasting bad, I seemed to always eat plenty. My weight fluctuated up and down within 10 lbs during chemotherapy and I ended up pretty much where I started.

**Insurance** – My insurance is provided under my husband's retiree insurance. I quickly hit the deductible and outof-pocket maximums and then the insurance picked it all up. I received EOB's (Explanation of Benefits) as long as there was something I had to pay, but once I didn't have to pay anymore, I didn't get paper copies of the EOB's. I could look them up online, and WOW!, you really don't want to know how much this all costs!!!! For one of my treatments a "Specialty Pharmacy" got involved (didn't know what those were but seems they are involved in something termed "white" or "brown" bagging). My oncologist's billing assured me that they had pre-approvals and were working this out with the insurance so the "Specialty Pharmacy"

did not need to be involved. I'm glad my diagnosis, surgeries, and treatments were able to complete in the same calendar year so I'm not faced with paying the deductible and out-ofpocket costs again.

Basically, the things charged is the same list as the "experiences" I listed in a previous article. However, I would like to mention that the biopsy includes separate charges for the biopsy and the resulting pathology. The surgeries include charges for the surgeon, the surgery center, pathology, and anesthesia. I didn't have any issues with any of these being a contracting participant with my insurance, but I understand that sometimes the anesthesia folks may or may not be so something to maybe keep in mind to check on. Unfortunately, the surgery center is not a onestop, everything included shopping experience.

Going to Medicare this next year has me a little concerned. We're going to meet with someone to help us figure out "Life on Medicare". I am trying to make sure

any additional tests are done before the end of the year as my deductibles and out-of-pocket costs start over at the beginning of the calendar year. Anything big may just have to wait until March when I go on Medicare so I don't have to pay deductibles and out-ofpocket twice.

Next Items – I guess this kind of ends my story for now. After I have my CT and PET scans, I'll give you an update – an update that I hope says all is well for those items and I'm only taking my pill for 5 years and having follow-up labs and port flushes. Wish me luck!

Thanks, Roberta, for printing my story and thanks, readers, for following my story and all the prayers, good wishes, and help everyone has provided. Hope I've provided a little information and a little humor along the way. Roberta now gets a section of her paper back! Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

editor's note: I really didn't want this section of the paper back!





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#### Friday, December 10th HS BB Falcon Classic at Fairfield

Saturday **December 11th** Santa Day Parade and Events (see flyer on back page(

**HS Winter Formal** 

Monday, **December 13th** JH BB at Skyline

Tuesday, **December 14th** HS BB vs Argonia

Thursday, **December 16th** JH BB at South Barber

at HOME

#### Friday, December 17th

HS BB at Wichita Classical \*\*\*\*\*

1:00 p.m. Forensics Winter play

#### Tuesday, **December 21st**

School Early Dismissal 2nd quarter ends

Winter Break begins Lions' Club

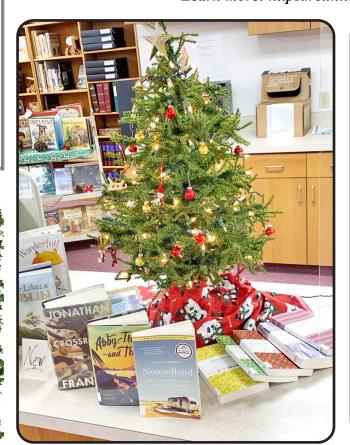
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#### Zenda **Public Library**

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## December 9th

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# Die Hard

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Showtime is at 6:30pm with doors opening at 5:45pm.

December 10th - 12th

## **Eternals**

Rated PG - 13

#### December 16th FREE THROWBACK THURSDAY MOVIE

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#### A Note of Thanks

A big Patton thank you to the community for joining us at the 'Pancakes for Parker' dinner. We appreciate everyone's support, generosity, kindness and caring. -The family of Parker Patton



#### A Note of Thanks

Thank you, thank you to everyone who came to our 65th anniversary celebration. Thank you for all the cards that were sent. What a great day you made for us! It is great to live in such a caring community. A special thank you to our children for everything. God bless all, Jack and Eilene Crick



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"Help others



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- 6. Registration begins during the craft fair and closes at 1:00 pm. If you are not registered by 1:00 pm, you may be in the parade but will NOT be judged.
- 7. Parade line-up is at 1:00 pm in front of the high school. Judging begins at 1:15 pm. Parade at 1:30 pm.
- 8. NO single ATV entries allowed in the parade.
- 9. Drivers of Motorized Utility Vehicles and Golf Carts must be age 15 or older. Other vehicles must be driven by a person with a valid driver's license.
- 10. Candy may be tossed by any entry on foot or in line in front of the floats. Lineup is as follows...

(Horses and other entries, including vintage cars, tractors, and Fire/EMS will follow the categories listed.)

- \*Tricycles
- \*Scooters
- \*Wagons
- \*Bicycles
- \*Mini-Motorized Cars
- \*Motorized Utility Vehicles \*Pets
- \*Costumes
- \*Floats

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Have Questions? Contact Tim & Barb Schultz 620-318-6022

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Father Roger Lumbre 620-243-5451

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Our worship service is found on the YouTube channel at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCrenCH12I9nmpcojCFyYLA

> Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer Cell: 620-886-0911



**Church of Christ** Penalosa Sunday 11:00 a.m.





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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

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Hands of Hope (contact any church)

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**Cunningham Museum** (to donate contact Alan Albers)

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

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#### 1931

**December 11-** The Christian Ladies Aid met in the home of Mrs. E. C. Ratlieff, last Thursday afternoon with an attendance of twenty-five. The meeting was opened by singing "Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus." The Chaplin read part of the tenth chapter of Romans, and prayer by Mrs. Luther Digby.

Report of the Treasurer was heard. It was decided at this time to begin on luncheons the first of next year. It was also decided at this meeting to have the Mothers and Daughters Banquet. The sick were reported better-five sick and 33 social calls reported.

The hostesses for the afternoon, Mrs. Otis Vermillion and Pearl Ratlief served lunch of Chili, celery and coffee.

The Aid will meet in two weeks on December 17th in the home of Mrs. Rex Shelman. Everyone please come, you are needed.

#### 1936

**December 11-** Jim Luce and Ray Amick went to Coats, last Thursday evening, where they joined Melvin Cozens and other friends for a coon hunt near Aetna. The boys were successful in treeing three coons, and had a peck of fun trailing the dogs.

#### 1941

December 12- Cunningham has two young boys in the Army in the two hot-spots of the Pacific-the Hawaiian islands, and the Philippine Islands. They are Elmer Steffen, in the quartermaster detachment at Bellows Field, on the island of Oahu which the Japanese bombe severely Sunday. It is just 23 miles across the island from Honolulu. On the island are the strongest Army and Navy fortifications; and Leroy Lash, who is with the medical corp at Nichols Field in the Philippines, eight miles from Manila, and the strongest fortification on the Islands.

#### 1936

**December 13-** The Cunningham Towners defeated the Belmont town team Monday night in the high school gym. Score at the half was 31-5 Cunningham.

Charles Cooley, former K-State star, led the local's scoring attack with 20 points. Belmont's one-man scoring punch was Voran, who racked up 18 of the 23 Belmont points.

The local teaching faculties attended a county teacher's meeting at Kingman, Saturday morning. The music for the general session was furnished by the Cunningham High School. Mr. Hugh Burnett of Fort Hays Kansas State College spoke, using the topic, "Does It Matter."

Cunningham Musicians presented were: Rita Cooley, Fairy Foster, Virginia Bradley, Bonnie Amick, Dorothy Steffen, Kenneth Watkins, Verlin Urban, Jerome Schnittker, and Eugene Spade singing, "Angels We Have Heard On High." Fairy Foster sand a Christmas solo, and the above girls, forming a quintette, sang "Deck The Halls."

#### 1951

**December 14-** Second Lieutenant John A. Schnittker, whose wife, Catherine, resides at 439 West Second Street, Junction City, Kansas, is serving with the 7th Infantry Division in rugged mountain terrain north of the 38th Parallel.

Recognized as the most traveled division in the Far East, the 7th fought its way from Rusan to the Manchurian Border earlier in the war.

Lieutenant Schnittker, a rifle platoon leader, entered the U. S. Army on December 18, 1950, and arrived in Korea on November 21, 1951. He is a member of the 17th Infantry Regiment.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Schnittker, reside in Cunningham.

Cunningham's "Santa Claus Day," postponed from Saturday to Wednesday of this week because of the weather, was a huge success from every standpoint.

The weather was wonderful. A nice sunny day greeted the crowd of well over a thousand people who came to greet Santa Claus.

The parade was very good. A three-block-long parade of floats, decorated bicycles, cars, horses and riders, the Cunningham School Band, and units of the Pratt National Guard, was thoroughly enjoyed by the many people present.

Cunningham's "Santa Claus Express" did a terrific business. Frank Chance, of Wichita, operator of the miniature train, estimated that he had hauled five thousand children (quite a few of them again and again and again) during the eight-hour operation. Some of the community's "youngsters," aged 65 or over, were even riding the train.

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#### 1956

**Surrounding Communities** 

**December 13-** Cunningham and Nashville will meet in the finals of the Kingman County Grade School Midget Basketball Tournament at the high school gym-auditorium on Saturday evening. The game for third place will start at 7:30 o'clock that evening, followed by the finals game.

The tournament, participated in by boys under five feet in height, started on Wednesday evening, with Spivey winning over Penalosa, Cunningham trimming Norwich, Adams beating Zenda, and Nashville defeating St. John's Lutheran School of Nashville. Thursday night's action saw Cunningham take out Spivey, and Nashville trimming Adams.

Two games will be played on Saturday afternoon, starting at 2:30 o'clock, to determine who will play that evening for third place.

#### Hauser's Market

Sliced Pork Liver Lb. 23¢ Fresh Beef Brains Lb. 19¢ Hamburger Meat 3 lbs. \$1 Swift's Turkeys Lb. 35¢ Fat Dressed Ducks Lb. 35¢ Dressed Fryers Lb. 39¢

#### 1961

**December 14-** The grade school vocal and instrumental music departments, under the directions of Albert Pace and James Lupo, will present a Christmas Program, Monday evening, Dec. 18, in the High School Gym-Auditorium at 7:30 o'clock.

All students in the grade school will participate in the program.

The high school mixed chorus and band will present a Christmas Program next Thursday evening, Dec. 21, in the High School Gym-Auditorium at 7:30 o'clock.

The mixed chorus, under the direction of Albert Pace, will present the Christmas cantata, "The Dawn of Christmas." Appearing as soloists will be Norma Greenlee, Warren Birdsell, Joyce Birdsell, Eugene Huston, Sherril Hutchison, Betty Kitson, Marleen Cooley, Marilyn DeWeese, Janet Graves, and Lynn Fitzsimmons.

The band, under the direction of James Lupo, will play two group selections, "The Christmas March," and "The Christmas Rhapsody."

The annual Christmas Program of the Cunningham Methodist Church will be held Sunday evening, Dec. 17, at 7:30 o'clock in the church sanctuary.

The high school basketeers won two games from Ninnescah League opponents during the past week, trouncing Arlington here last Friday evening, 76-29, and downing Sylvia here Tuesday evening, 61-39.

Three Cunningham players scored in double figures in the Arlington game-Bob Meyers had 24 points, Marshall Swander 14, and Eugene Huston 11.

Cunningham led at half-time, 36 to 12.

The Cunningham seconds won the preliminary game, 49 to 31.

Three Cunningham players again scored in double figures as the Wildcats easily beat Sylvia, 61 to 39. Eugene Huston had 22 points, and Bob Meyers and Robert Leiter each counted 14.

Cunningham led at half-time, 31 to 24.

The Sylvia seconds downed the Cunningham seconds in the preliminary game that went into overtime, 33-31.

#### 1966

**December 15-** Mr. and Mrs. Dale Parsons, and Mr. and Mrs. Loren Cooley, all of Cunningham, and Mr. and Mrs. Galen Barker, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hamm, all of Pratt, represented the Cairo Co-op Equity Exchange of Cunningham, at the 28th annual meeting of Farmland Industries, Inc., held in Kansas City, Mo., December 7-9.

Farmland Industries, Inc. was the Consumers Cooperative Association until this past September 1 when it changed its name to the more-descriptive title. The organization continues to be a cooperative.

Mr. Parson is manager of the Cairo Co-op Equity Exchange, and Mr. Cooley, Mr. Barker, and Mr. Hamm are members of the board of directors.

A total of 25 Bibles have been contributed by various clubs, organizations, and individuals, to be awarded to lucky treat-holders on Santa Claus Day.

Donors are Homemakers HDU, Community YWCA, Cunningham Lions Club, Young Adults Sunday School Class of the Methodist Church, Mr. and Mrs. Albert McGovney, Bill, Bob, and Mike, B & H Electric, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Cooley, Rogene and Marleen, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bradley and Kandi,

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Order of the Eastern Star, and Mr. and Mrs. Orville

A horseshoe pitching tournament has been added to the Santa Claus Day program this year. Sixteen players will compete for trophies donated by the Cunningham Lions Club. Play will begin at 10:00 o'clock on two diamonds set up south of the Lodge Hall.

First-round pairings in the tournament are Ray Shafer vs. Vern Hendrixson; Alva Hellar vs. Delmer Huffman; Rev. J. P. Cragar vs. Merle McCune; Ivan Cain vs. Ray McIlvain; Harry DeArmond vs. John Vermillion; Marion Lackey vs. August Meyers; Everett Swander vs. Ted Hazlett, and Doyle Duff vs. Harold DeWeese.

#### 1971

**December 9-** Cunningham is rapidly getting ready to welcome Santa Claus on his annual visit to town, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 11.

According to Parade Co-chairmen Joe Pelzl and Charles Bailey, the parade will start at 2:00 o'clock. The parade will have seven divisions for children, including floats.

Featured in the parade this year will be the Cunningham High School Marching Band under the direction of Miss Judy Foncannon and Drum Majorette Kandi Bradley; saddle clubs from Pratt, Kingman, and Medicine Lodge; the Model A Ford Club from Wichita; the Kingman County Shrine Club "Ringmasters" from Kingman, and the Color Guard of the Carter-Luce American Post No. 114 of Cunningham.

Jerome Schaller of Nashville, was elected President of the Kingman County Feeder Pig Association at the association's annual meeting, November 29.

Elected to serve the association as Secretary-Treasurer for the coming year was Paul Bane of Spivey.

In addition, two new board members were elected for two-year terms. They were Elmer Adelhardt of Cunningham, and Robert Cole of Pretty Prairie. They replace out-going board members Amos Nisly of Hutchinson, and Jack Deventhal of Arlington. William Becker is the only hold-over board members, being elected last year.

The guest speaker for the dinner-meeting held at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Cunningham, was Dr. L. F. Mayfield, President of Mayfield Laboratories of Charles City, Ia. Dr. Mayfield, a veterinarian, spoke of vaccines and diseases in hogs.

Mr. Bane reported 98 members and guests were present for the annual meeting.

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## JH Wildcats Begin League Season Against Trojans

Cunningham Jr High Boys opened their league schedule at home vs Stafford on a balmy 75° Thursday, December 2. The Wildcats were aggressive to start the game, putting the visiting team on the defensive for both offense and defense. This led them to foul us to keep us from scoring. The Wildcats shot 8 free throws in the first quarter and another 5 in the second. These boys play better when they are aggressive, but with so many free throws the game slowed down. Even though the home team doubled the Trojans in the first quarter and the second quarter the game

was still close at half. The Wildcats' lead was 8 points. The Cats clicked in the 3rd quarter showing greater patience. They got the ball inside better and pounded the boards, outscoring the Trojans by 16 points! Hopefully, these lessons learned will help the Cats in future games. In addition, the Wildcats shared the ball with 9 players scoring and three in double digits.

Dylan Halderson led the team in rebounds (6) with several Wildcats pulling down 2 rebounds. Dylan and Stephen tied for the lead in steals with 4.

 $by\ Coach\ Lance\ McGuire$ 

Scores	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
Cunningham	6	10	18	11	45
Stafford	3	5	2	7	17







**Wildcat Scorers** 

Stephen Kerschen Kendall Rogers

Dylan Halderson

Sklyer Thimesch

Adam Sterneker

Logan Kinsler

Layne Green

Jack Harden

Andrew Kerschen

Stephen Kerschen



Logan Kinsler



Skyler Thimesch



Kendall Rogers



## CJH Girls Cruise Past Stafford

On Thursday, December 2, 2021, the Cunningham Jr. High Lady Wildcats opened up HOPL play with a convincing 30-12 win over the visiting Lady Trojans from Stafford. The Lady Wildcats jumped out to a 10-2 lead after one quarter and extended their lead to 22-2 by the half. In the third quarter Cunningham outscored Stafford 8-2 to take a 30-4 lead into the fourth quarter before the Lady Trojans would outscore the home team 8-0 in the fourth to bring the final to 30-12. The win gave the Lady Cats a 1-0 start to the HOPL race and they now stand at 3-2 overall on the season. Scoring for the A-team Lady Cats: Kyra Morgan 14, Rylee Miller 6, Whitney Mead 4, Macy Neufeld 2, Grace Hageman 2, Emily Ogg 2. In the B-team game (2 quarters) the visitors outLady Cats 8-6. Scoring for the B-team: Macy Neufeld 4, Brynn Wyatt 2. The upcoming schedule before Christmas break includes a home game against Central Christian on 12/9 then two road games, at Skyline on 12/13 then at South Barber on 12/16.

by Coach Bart Ricke



Brynn Wyatt



Macy Neufeld





Molly Morgan Photos



Kyra Morgan



Rylee Miller



Whitney Mead



#### Wildcats Fall to Minneola in Opener

The Cunningham Wildcats traveled Minneola on December 3, 2021 to begin their 2021-22 campaign. Cunningham came up on the short end of a 54 to 45 score.

The game was a tale of one quarter vs three. Minneola shot out to an early lead in the first quarter with Will Wegerer supplying the Cat's only points with a three-point basket. Minneola scored 12 points to take a nine-point lead after one quarter of play.

Over the next three quarters the Wildcats would cut into the Minneola lead getting as close as five points with 5 plus minutes left in the game. But each time the Cunningham squad made a run, either the Minneola team would score a tough shot or the Wildcats would miss free throws or have shots rim out or turn the ball over.

That being said, there were many bright spots in the game. Will Wegerer came off the bench to lead the team in scoring with 16 points, Lane Halderson and Isaiah Reed combined to take three charges. Trey led the team in rebounds with six defensive and two offensive, and Dagim Reed, Luke McGuire and DeWeese each had three steals. We like playing an up-tempo style and pressuring on defense to speed the other team up. This style can lead to some unforced errors, but with time and practice those errors will reduce we will become a better team. This is fun group of players to watch and hope that many of you will fill the gym on game nights to cheer them on.

We will be continuing to work on free throw shooting under pressure, making better decisions on when to pass or not, and blocking out further from the basket to lower the number of offensive rebounds that the other team gets.

Scores	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
Cunningham	3	11	10	21	45
Minneola	12	14	10	18	54



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Halderson	4		2/5	10	4		1	2
Wegerer	2	4	0/1	16		1		
DeWeese	2		4/9	8	8	3	3	
D. Reed	2			4	3	1	3	
Paris	1		0/2	2			1	
I. Reed			2/4	2	1	1	2	1
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The girls' basketball games against Argonia on Tuesday, December 14th will begin at 6:00 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m. The boys' game will begin about 7:30 p.m.



# Stocking Stuffers for Sale by NHS

Cunningham High School National Honor Society are selling these 4 packs of air fresheners for \$10.00. Scents available are: vanilla bean, watermelon sorbet, fresh and clean, leather. To purchase, cntact any NHS member: Ashlynn Miracle, Maddie Dowsey, Levi Adelhardt, Hannah Ellis, Trey DeWeese, Lane Halderson, Alice Huelskamp, Maranda Lorhke, Taylor Schutlz, Matilyn Jump, or Luke McGuire or sponsor, Ingrid Ricke. Sale ends December 15th

At the time of press, I didn't have a story for the girls' game last Friday in Minneola. Apologies. I have decided to add some photos from the Caroling at the Gazebo that I meant to include last week.



"The spirit of Christmas exists in harmonious carols like those sung by angels on the day of Christ's birth."
— Richelle E. Goodrich, Slaying Dragons: Quotes, Poetry, & a few Short Stories for Every Day of the Year







photos by Barb Schultz

#### Minutes from Kingman County Commission

Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session at 10:50 a.m. with Charles Arensdorf, and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act. They will return to open session in the board meeting room at 11:05 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:05 a.m.

Scott Mullen, KDOT was in to discuss a bridge with the County Commissioners and a six-month detour SW 50 Ave and SW 180th Street. It is around the county line and 4.5 miles of road that KDOT would like to rent for a monetary amount of around \$60,000.00.

Chairman Henning asked Mr. Mullens when the bridge will let.

Mr. Mullens thinks

that it will be around February 2022 and construction may be around July of 2022 which will depend on supplies being delivered.

Mr. Mullens asked if the Commissioners agree to the rental of the detour road to KDOT for \$60,000.00.

Commissioners agree for KDOT rental of road to help them with the detour for bridge repair.

Mr. Mullens let the Commissioners know that he would have the agreement drawn up by their attorney and bring it back later for signatures.

Mr. Arensdorf dis-

cussed Onyx seal coat areas for 2022, funding & number of miles for these possible areas:

FAS 359 Cunningham Road-4 miles-K42 North to St. Leo Road.

FAS 296 South of Zenda-4 miles K-42 to Harper Co. Line.

Cleveland Corner East to Belmont Corner-8 miles. FAS 988-West Spivey-Attica Road-K42 South to Harper County

FAS 364-from

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that it would be around \$20,000.00 per mile for the Onyx seal coat.

line-5 miles.

Commissioners discussed doing twelve miles and getting a price for them.

Chairman Henning asked if the landfill had room to put up a tower and a building for the 800 mhz system.

Mr. Arensdorf said that the closed landfill is reaching the 30-year mark and might be able to be used but he would look into it.

Robert Casad, Casad & Associates and Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director were in to discuss Biomethane from Agricultural residues and

ask the Commissioners to establish a district.

John Caton, County Counselor let the Commissioners know that he made calls last week on insurance for the Expo Center and has no responses at this time but will continue to research it.

**MOTION: Commissioner** Foley moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:18 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

#### **Pratt County** Commission Minutes for November 22, 2021

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session, Monday, November 29, 2021 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.

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

Heather Morgan, economic development/ COVID consultant, reported the legislative tax committee is looking at changes in property taxes, she will give more information as it develops. The attorney general announced there is a stay in the mask mandate that affects the health care workers in Kansas. The IRS has issued guidelines on taxes concerning the ARPA funds. Small businesses will need to check with their personal accountants for guidance. The federal government issued a print out of what is in the infrastructure

bill. There will be more information in the future. Tyson reported he had talked to Scot Loyd of Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk and Loyd and he will attend the December 6, 2021 commissioner meeting at 3:00 p.m..

Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session for ten minutes at 2:11 p.m. with Tiffany Ailstock to discuss non-elected personnel they will return at 2:21 p.m. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at 2:21 p.m. with nothing to report. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Rich Sanders and Jeremy Doggett with Strong's insurance presented the EMC insurance quote for 2022. They went over the increases for 2022. They do not have quotes on health professional liability and cyber policy. Rich also discussed the PRRC building.

Commissioner Adams questioned why everything has been taken out of the building. Rich stated there were certain things no one wanted, but the rest was hauled off; authorized by PRMC at a cost of \$9000. The hospital board and board of commissioners would have preferred to leave the equipment in the building. Staci Hanson reported she has contacted entities that have in-patient services that might be interested in the old PRRC building. There is a definite need in this region.

Doug Freund, road supervisor, reported he has a meeting Friday with MSHA, Mine Safety Health Administration, around twenty of his employees will be attending. The grader was returned, runs ok, but the motor that moves the air to keep the engine cool went out. The parts are hard to get. When they do the road construction on NE 20th Avenue, there should be some dirt left over, they would like to add this dirt to the pile that the road department can use. He would like to purchase a mid-size trac hoe. There is an attachment to trim trees that would save time and need fewer workers. He was told to look into the price and availability. He reported he purchased tires to have on hand. He reported he would be on the agenda next week with a representative from Venture Corp, they are looking for a location for a mixing strip.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve payroll payables for December 1, 2021. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to ap-

prove the minutes from Monday, November 22, 2021. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson gave an update on the opioid settlement. He has been exchanging emails with the attorneys. He is waiting on the participation agreement. He also tried to contact Regina Probst, city attorney concerning the 911 funds.

Chairman Shriver has a meeting this Wednesday with Kelly McMurphy, Landmark, to get the budget on the contents, wiring, internet, security cameras, etc. needed for the public safety building.

Commissioner

Jones made a motion to adjourn at 3:34 p.m. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

## Health Department **Ū**pdate

December 3, 2021 It's time for a COVID update. Transmission continues to be significantly elevated, and testing accessibility continues to be a concern for many people. However, we learned yesterday that Kingman Drug is no longer able to provide the free saliva PCR testing that we have grateful for the past several months. With nearly 40 active cases and with Christmas coming, we all feel the timing is horrible to abruptly change COVID testing accessibility, but the increase in testing demand has tapped out the resources that have made this free testing possible. COVID is certainly not going to go away. Like the flu, the

COVID virus will continue to adapt and change and develop mutations to keep it going-the need for testing will continue indefinitely-this is an early step in the transition from emergent pandemic response to more of a steady state we saw before COVID.

Kingman Drug will continue to provide lab testing services: Home testing will be available for a fee. Kingman Drug can be contacted about the specific details regarding the home testing. Testing at home is a great way to see if you have been exposed to COVID and decide if you need further help. If you are having any kind of symptoms and want a home test, we do know the pharmacy does request you call them; they will make sure you have a test delivered curbside.

If your test is positive, we advise you contact your healthcare provider to be evaluated. The sooner you know your COVID status, the better the outcome usually is. Your healthcare professional is the best person to help you know what is best for you. Anyone testing positive does need to isolate for a minimum of 10 days to protect

If you have been exposed to COVID (a "close contact") and have been fully vaccinated, quarantine is not necessary. In reality, COVID is very present in the community-we all have most likely been "exposed" somewhere, and we all need to continue being vigilant to protect everyone around us from any illness if we have any hope of seeing COVID be better controlled.

There is no "silver bullet" when COVID is concerned. Masking continues to be advised to prevent spreading illness more than it has already been spread. If you aren't feeling well, stay home. See a healthcare provider if your home COVID test is positive. We have been telling people to wash hands for years (or at least use hand sanitizer), and, of course, vaccination is recommended.

Vaccination has been a volatile subject for many people for many reasons. We did, however, see a decrease in infection for a few months last Spring just after vaccinations were introduced, and we thought we were heading in the right direction. Unfortunately, the pandemic is not done with us yet; many people continue to have concerns about vaccines, their safety,

and that they may be required-we do understand those concerns. We also know the mRNA technology is not new-it was first studied in the early 1960s, and studies were first conducted on mRNA vaccines nearly 20 years ago. We have learned that mRNA is fragile; it breaks down in the body within 72 hours after it has done its job of instructing our bodies to build immunity to COVID-given mRNA's fragile qualities, we have little concern for longterm risks to COVID vaccination. After nearly a year after vaccines have been introduced, we have observed vaccine side effects to not hold a candle to the severity and unpredictability of COVID infection.

Politics has destroyed infection control, and the fallout will not be fixed. One of the best solutions is to seek out information from a reliable resource, whether that be from people like your healthcare provider, your health department, or your pharmacist. Use that information to make decisions that are best for your health. We continue to offer COVID vaccines on Wednesdays and Fridays. We are beginning to offer pediatric COVID vaccines on Tuesdays. Kingman Drug is also offering vaccines for all 5 years and up. Vaccines continue to be offered at no charge. COVID testing availability will change, but it's all a part of the picture of transition to the next phase of COVID that we all hope will be closer to what we knew two years ago before COVID turned the world upside

## Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, November 28th

Traffic Stops Animal Harassment Suspicious person

Theft

Trespassing

Welfare check Monday, November 29th Traffic stop

**Fuesday, November 30th** Trespassing

Wednesday, December 1st Traffic stops Traffic complaint

Traffic complaint

SW 10 St & SW 90 Ave area Kingman 8000 block SE 20 St. Murdock 300 block Sherman Ave. Kingman 300 block W Stanley Ave. Spivey 200 block W. F Ave. Kingman

E Hwy 42 & SE 10 Ave area Rago

8300 block SE 20 St. Murdock

100 block N Spruce Kingman 15000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham Animal Burglary Suspicious Vehicle

Theft

Thursday, December 2nd Traffic Stops Unlock Vehicle

Vehicle Disabled Friday, December 3rd Traffic complaint Animal

Animal

Saturday, December 4th Traffic stops Illegal Hunting Vehicle disabled Vehicle disabled Vehicle Disabled

SE 20 St & SE 160 Ave area Cunningham 10000 block NW 50 St. Cunningham SE 110 St. & S Hwy 14 area Rago 300 block W Stanley Ave. Spivey

down.

1300 block W. D Ave. Kingman 2700 block W Hwy 54 Kingman

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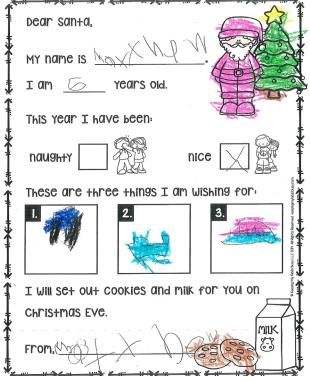
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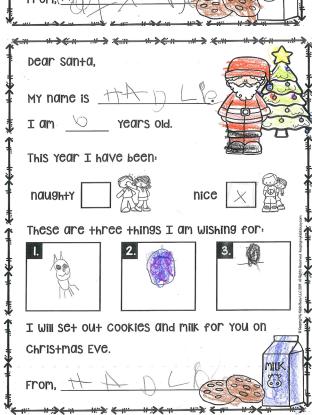
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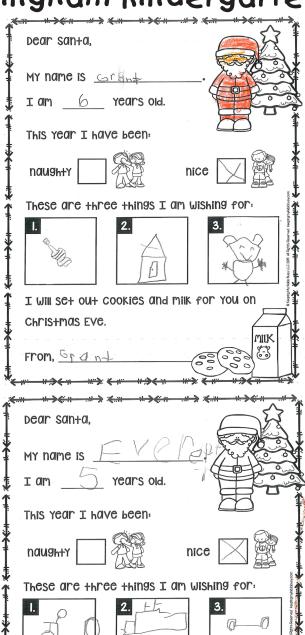
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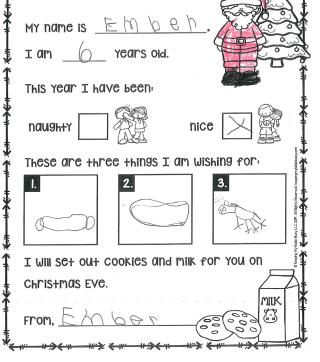


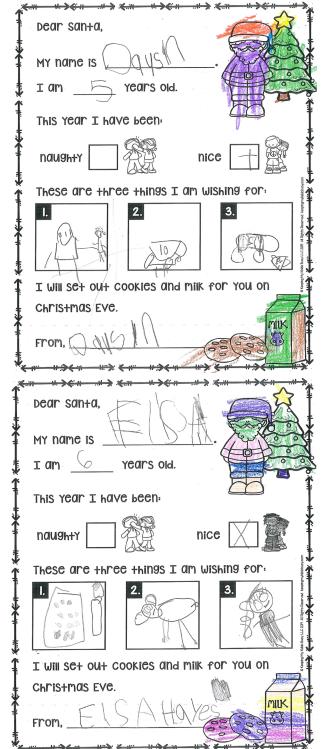




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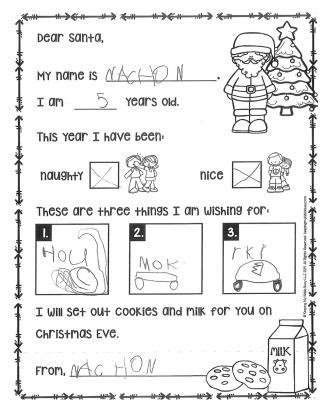
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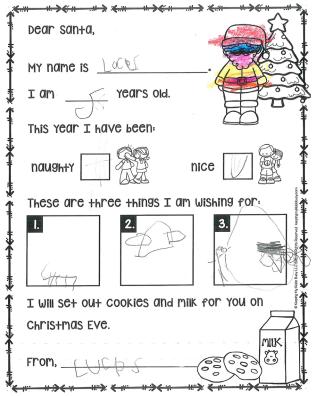


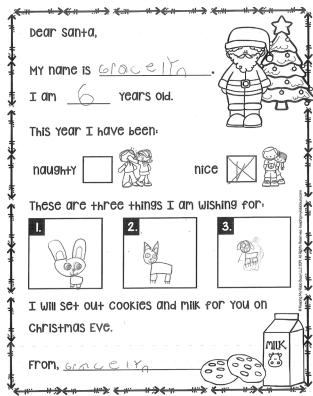




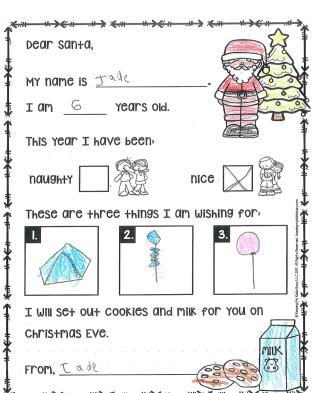












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# Dear Santa, Cunningham Second Graders Send Greetings

Dear Santa.

Hello there Santa? I got a new puppy named Walter? How big is the North Pole? Please bring me more paints and blue and purple slippers. Merry Christmas Santa.

Love,

Avery Kinsler



Dear Santa.

Hello there Santa. I'm getting a new chicken. How did you get magic? I would like slippers and an LOL cheerleader doll. Merry Christmas Santa.

Love, Willow Preisser



Dear Santa.

Hello there Santa. I have a new baby brother named Lucas. What gives the reindeer their magic? Please bring me a bumblebee transformer. Merry Christmas!

Love. Jacob Podzemn



Dear Santa,

Hithere Santa! I got a new pair of glasses. Do reindeer actually fly? May I have a book and a stuffy? Merry Christmas.

Love, Parker Miller



Dear Santa.

HelloSanta!! I got to play with a pup. How do you survive at the North Pole? I wish for slipper. Merry Christmas Santa!

Love, Jaxon Barber



Dear Santa,

Hello Santa!! We went to a big lake. What is your favorite cookie? Can I have a new dog? Merry Christmas Santa! Love,

Asher Bestgen



Dear Santa.

Hello Santa! I moved to a new school. How did you get so many elves? May I please have a Batman action figure and a Bat mobile. Merry Christmas Santa! Happy Holidays!

Love, Bentlee Johnson Dear Santa.

Hello there Santa. My dog died. Why can't I touch my elf? I would like a hoverboard with a seat! Merry Christmas Santa! Love.

Grady Green



Dear Santa,

Hello there Santa! Last week we had a surprise birthday party for Trav. Do you have a special elf? May I please have a new puppy and glitter and pants? Merry Christmas Santa!

Love. Elsie Ruckle

Dear Santa, Hello there Santa! I made some new friends this year. Why don't I get any elves? I would like a bike. Merry Christmas Santa!

Wyatt Neywick



Dear Santa,

Hello there Santa! I got a buckle fracture. Didyou ever get a present? I'd love a new pair of shoes. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Love,

Wesson Rohlman



Dear Santa.

Hello there Santa! I lost five of my teeth this year. What does Frank do when he doesn't have to come? I would like a computer with a farm-

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Bentley Strohl



Dear Santa. Hello there Santa! I got a new baby dog her name is Daisy. How many elves do you have? I'd love to have an elf and a new bike. Merry Christmas Santa! Happy Holidays!

Love, Wren Winfrey

Hellothere Santa!! My dadfixed my bike. What are your reindeer names? I wish I could have a toy car. Merry Christmas Santa!

Kingston Huffman



Dear Santa,

Hello Santa, how are you? I played with Parker last night. Do you get tired when you go all over the world? I would like a pop-it and a camera and a puppy. Merry Christmas Santa!

Love. Jalynn McGuire



Dear Santa,

Hello, how are you Santa? I had a cat namedShadow.Do you have many elves? Please bring me a stuffed animal. Merry Christmas!

Love, Bailey Theis



Dear Santa,

HiSanta! We went on a vacation to New Mexico. What do you do every day? I wish for a horse, a bull, and a rider. I wish you a Merry Christmas!

Love, Hazen Whitwell





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The Courier on
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#### Taxes due December 20th

There was a typo on the 1st ½ payment coupon to pay taxes. The due date is December 20th not December 31st.

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#### **Public Notice**

First published in the Cunningham-Courier, Thursday, December 9, 2021.

IN THE THIRTIETH
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT OF
KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF:

KERREN M. KREHBIEL, Deceased.

Case No. 2021 PR 41 (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 Merlin R. Krehbiel, surviving spouse of Kerren M. Krehbiel, deceased, praying:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Kingman County, Kansas:

A tract of land in the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Thirty-six (36), Township Twenty-seven (27) South, Range Seven (7) West of the 6th P.M., Kingman County, Kansas, more accurately described as: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Section; thence East at an assumed bearing of N90°00'E a distance of 781.03' to the said point of beginning: thence S0°00"E a distance of 755'; thence N90°00'E a distance of 530'; thence N0°00'W a distance of 755'; thence N90°00'W 530' to the point of beginning.

EXCEPT, A tract in the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 27 South, Range 7 West of the 6th P.M., Kingman County, Kansas, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of said West Half of Northwest Quarter; thence 89°22'41"E along section line, a distance of 781.03 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing N89°22'41"E, a distance of 229.88 feet; thence S5°43'29"W, distance of 422.58 feet; thence S85°36'09"E, a distance of 346.92 feet; thence S0°25'47"E, a distance of 304.66 feet; thence S89°22'41"W, a distance of 527.74 feet; thence N0°37'19"W, a distance of 755.00 feet to the point of beginning.

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 28, 2021 at 10:00 o>clock a.m. 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.

Merlin R. Krehbiel
Petitioner
BY: Matthew W. Ricke
349 N. Main, PO Box 113
Kingman, KS 67068
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### **Eva Hickerson**

Eva Pearl Hickerson, 83, died Dec. 5, 2021 in Derby, Kansas.

She was born Oct. 25, 1938, in Spivey, Kansas the daughter of Allen and Edna Parker Ridge. A longtime resident of Salina, she was a retired Registered Nurse having received her nursing degree at Ft. Scott School of Nursing and then her Bachelors Degree at Ft. Hays State University.

Eva was a member of Central Christian Church, Wichita. She was also a former Den Mother and Girl Scout leader, member and leader of Parents Without Partners.

Survivors include son David Hickerson; daughters Kathy Castleberry and Suzanne Harris; brothers Bill and Charles Ridge; and grandchildren Angela Harris and Nathan Harris.

Graveside services will be 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021 at the Hunt Cemetery near Rago, Kansas. Memorials may be made with the Parkinsons Assocation of the Plains in care of Livingston Funeral

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## Roger Blasi

Roger D. Blasi, age 66, died on Monday, December 6, 2021 at Pratt Regional Medical Center after a sudden illness. He was born on December 30, 1954 in Pratt to Floyd and Marcella (Shaffer) Blasi. He attended Sacred Heart Grade School and graduated from Pratt High School in 1973. Following graduation, he attended a technical school in Omaha, Nebraska where he received training in radiator and air conditioning repair. Roger owned and operated Blasi Radiator and Air Conditioning Repair then became a contract pumper in the oil and gas field. He married his high school sweetheart, Cathy (Frazer) Blasi on August 16, 1974. He and Cathy worked side by side as co-owners of Blasi Production Care. Roger was also a very skilled welder who could fabricate about anything he set his mind to.

Roger was the happiest when elk hunting in Colorado on the back of his mule and horse. He also loved helping friends and area ranchers gather cattle on horseback and attend old-fashioned branding events. He and Cathy enjoyed traveling to Cripple Creek, Colorado several times a year to spend hours and hours playing blackjack together and simply riding around the mountainsides.

In the last few years, Roger taught himself the art of leathercrafting. He got real pleasure from hand making and hand tooling everything from briefcases, belts, Ipad cases, to intricately-designed purses for close friends.

He is survived by his wife, Cathy of 47 years; brother, David (Paula) Blasi of Pratt; sister, Janet (Don) Offutt of Beloit; and several nieces and nephews.

Roger is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Bruce Blasi.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, December 9, 2021 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt with John Hamm presiding. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Per Roger's wishes, Blue Jeans are requested, No suits or ties.

Memorials may be made to Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund in care of Larrison Mortuary.

#### A Note of Thanks

The Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce would like to send out a "THANK YOU" to those who help make parade day possible.

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Right: Paisley Westerman







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Right:
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That is Ada Adams
and her kitty in
the background.









Left: Zenda Methodist Church float with the Swope family



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