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Thefts and Burglaries Increase in Kingman County

In the past year Kingman County and the City of Kingman have experienced an increase in thefts and burglaries throughout the County. Just in the past six months the Sheriff's Office is investigating thirty-five cases of burglaries and thefts in Kingman County. The Kingman Police Department is also investigating another thirty-one burglaries or thefts within the city. In a cooperative effort to develop more interaction with the public our agencies are working to identify areas where incidents of thefts and suspicious activity are occurring.

Report Suspicious Activity

Public safety and security is everyone's responsibility. If you see suspicious activity, report it to local law enforcement or a person of authority.

In Kingman County you may call 9-1-1 to report suspicious activity.

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY ONLINE

<http://www.kansas.gov/kbi/crimereportmappage.shtml>

Notice: Reports submitted online are not monitored 24 hours a day.

To report an emergency, or a crime in progress, Dial 911. To speak to someone directly about a crime or threat call 1-800-KS-CRIME, the Kingman County Sheriff's Office at (620) 532-5133, or the Kingman Police Department at (620) 532-3138.

When reporting suspicious activity, or providing information about a crime, it is important to give accurate and detailed information about what occurred, where the incident occurred,

and descriptions of the individuals or vehicles involved.

What Is Suspicious Activity?

Unusual activity does not always indicate that a crime is occurring. However, you know what is normal for your neighborhood and community. If behavior appears to be outside the norm, or concerns you, let law enforcement know.

Suspicious Activity May Include:

An expressed threat to commit a crime

Threats of violence, or a communicated or displayed intent to cause harm to another person or persons

Threats against schools, facilities, or events

Surveillance of facilities or people
The discovery of a gathering of weapons, chemicals, explosives, or electronic devices

Attempts to enter restricted areas, test security systems, or tamper with a secure site

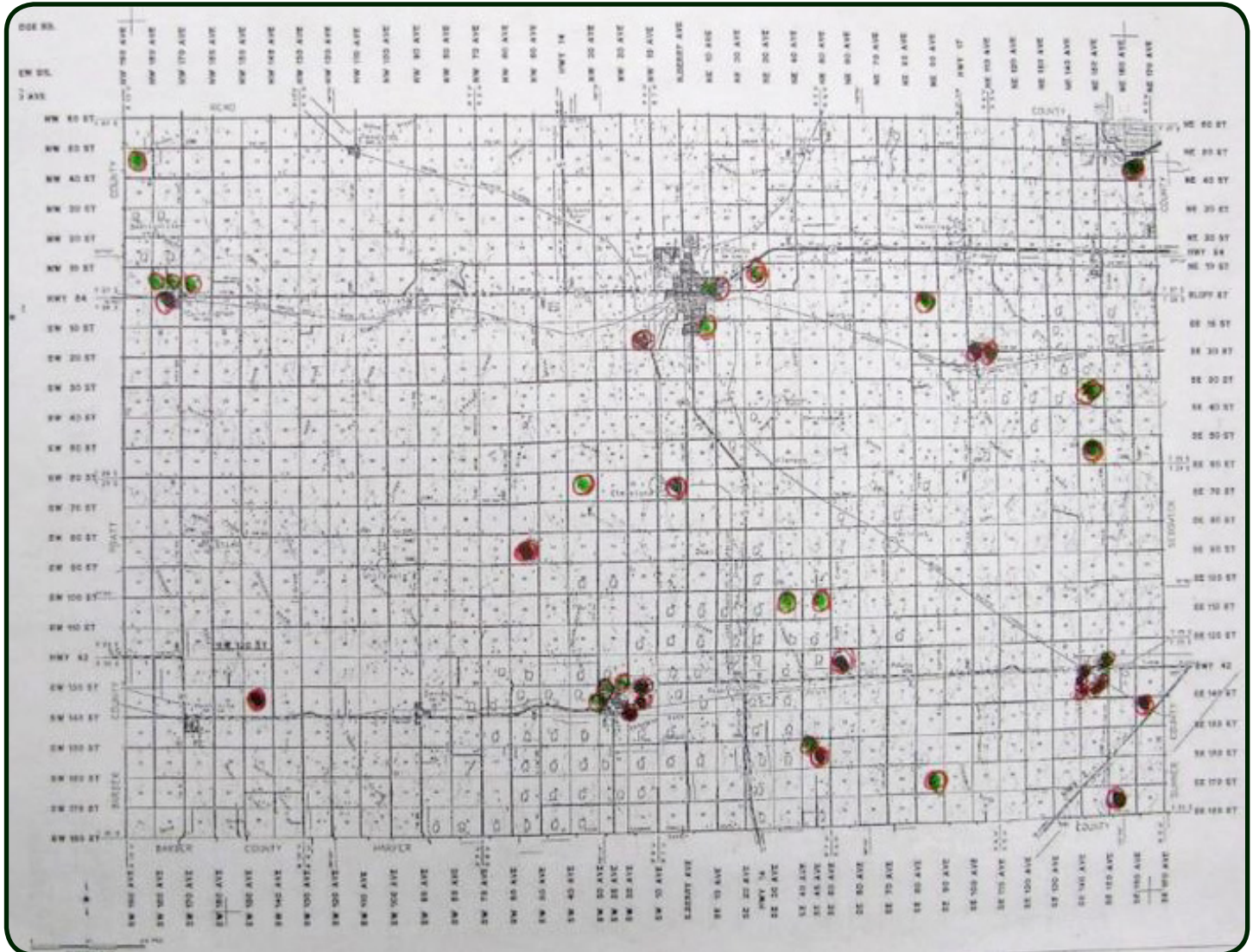
Signs of human trafficking indicating

a person is not free to leave

Signs of drug activity such as recurring, brief visits to and from a property. What is NOT Suspicious?

Factors such as a race, ethnicity, gender, and/or religious affiliation are not indicators of suspicious behavior.

Be safe and keep your distance from the person or activity. Providing a good description and a tag number if there is a vehicle involved is great but do not endanger yourself to get this information.



Burglaries are marked with green and thefts are marked with black

BOE Minutes

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, by President Scott DeWeese.

President, Scott DeWeese; Members, Joyce Gridley, Brent Miller, Kurt Preisser and Vicki Oldham; Superintendent, Robert Reed; Principal Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster and Guests, Sid Wiens and Sarah Sipe.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Kurt Preisser, to approve the agenda as amended; adding report from Sid Wiens and accept resignations. Motion carried 5-0.

President DeWeese welcomed the guests to the meeting.

Motion made by Kurt Preisser, seconded by Brent Miller, to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021 regular meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Joyce Gridley, seconded by Brent Miller, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$256,547.42 and the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Member Travis Thimesch arrived at the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

President DeWeese turned the meeting over to Sid Wiens and Sara Sipe. They presented the board with more rough ideas and budgets for facility updates based on previous feedback. The board discussed the ideas and gave more feedback for changes. No action taken.

Guests Sid Wiens and Sara Sipe left the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Superintendent Reed discussed with the board the newest water leak in the grade school, bids he is gathering for

stage curtains, the recent Fire Marshall inspection and ESSERA funds updates. He also discussed the results of the 21-22 calendar survey that was sent to parents and COVID leave updates.

Principal Dunlap gave the board an update on the Trap shoot team, conference & late start schedules, and upcoming events including In-service, act testing, scholars bowl, the JH play, and Spring music concert.

Member Joyce Gridley reported that the CO-OP is discussing changes to the Pre-School program and that the recent finance audit found discrepancies that are being corrected.

Superintendent Reed shared the calendar for 2021-2022. Discussion followed.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve the 2021-2022 Calendar as presented. YMotion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Joyce Gridley, seconded by Brent Miller, to approve KASB policy updates as recommended. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap at 9:55 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations under the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA. Motion carried 6-0.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 10:00 p.m.

Motion made by Joyce Gridley, seconded by Brent Miller, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap at 10:00 p.m. until

10:20 p.m. to discuss personnel matters under the KOMA non-elected personnel exception. Motion carried 6-0.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 10:20 p.m.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Brent Miller, to go back into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap at 10:20 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. to discuss personnel matters under the KOMA non-elected personnel exception. Motion carried 6-0

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 10:30 p.m.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Kurt Preisser, to accept the retirement of Nadine Hope at the end of the 2020-2021 School year. Motion carried 6-0

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to accept the resignation of Jake Rakestraw as custodian. Motion carried 6-0

Motion made by Joyce Gridley, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve Kayla Richmond as Science teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried

6-0
Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Kurt Preisser, to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 p.m. Motion carried 6-0

The next regular meeting of the West Kingman County Unified School District No. 332 Board of Education will be at 7:00 p.m. on Monday March 8, 2021, in the Board of Education Office at 104 W 4th, Cunningham, Kansas.



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CATHOLIC Masses

St. Leo
Saturdays
4:00 p.m.

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

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, Willowdale
Sundays
8:30 a.m.

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST Penalosa

Worship
11:00 a.m.

620-474-9131

CHRISTIAN Cunningham

Contact the church for service schedule.

Pastor Mike McGovney
620-298-3201

LUTHERAN St. John's Nashville

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

Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

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

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

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

Our Worship service is found on YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCren-CH12I9nmpcojCFyYLA>. You can also find the service on Facebook by searching for either St. John Lutheran Church, Nashville or Trinity Lutheran Church, Medicine Lodge.

UNITED METHODIST Penalosa

Worship
9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.

620-298-2090
Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Zenda

101 N. Main
Sunday Worship
9 a.m.

Sunday School:
Children 8:30 a.m.
Adult 10:00 a.m.

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Thursday, February 18th
JH BB HOPL Tournament

Tuesday, February 23th
HS BB at Attica

Friday, February 19th
HS BB at Pretty Prairie

Monday, February 22th
NO SCHOOL : All day teacher professional training.

HOPL Academic Olympiads at Pratt Community College

Thursday, February 25th
HS BB Girls Class 1-A Division II Sub-state quarterfinals.

Friday, February 26th
HS BB Boys Class 1A Division II Sub-State quarterfinals

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<http://www.kingmantheatre.org/>

February 19- 21

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Rated: R

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All Seats: \$6.00
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(Janet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

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

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

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

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Donna Glenn)

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YEARS AGO IN
The Cunningham Clipper
W.A. Bradley, Editor

1931
February 20- George Millhauser realized a golfer's highest ambition last Sunday, when he made a hole-in-one on No. 2 at the local golf course.

The high school boy's and girl's basketball teams scored victories over Nashville, Tuesday night. The girls had things pretty much their way, winning by a 37-28 score, but the boys had to rely on Lester Nighswonger's free throw in the last 15 seconds to gain a 17-16 decision.

A business transaction was made this week, whereby the Sunflower Café came under the new management of A.I. Jones of Penalosa. Dee Jones, former proprietor, is now operating a café in Penalosa. The Gormley Brothers, owners of the café, are operating an eating place in Denver, Colo.

1936
February 21- Sub-zero temperatures and blizzard conditions continue to prevail throughout this area of the state during the past week.

Skelly Oil Company's Pipeline Department, under the direction of Gauger Dan Huber, with four assistants, has about \$25,000 worth of equipment in the local oil and gas field, including 18 miles of gathering lines, a pump station, a treating plant, and several storage tanks and tank batteries. The department is pumping about 800 barrels of oil daily by pipeline to the company's refinery at El Dorado.

1941
February 21- The high school basketball team lost to Norwich in the finals of the Kingman County League Tournament, Saturday night, by the score of 28-24. Four Cunningham boys, Austin Luce, Junior Neagle, Douglas Burchinal, and Don Schreck, were chosen on the All-County Team.

An old landmark of Cunningham, Simonson's Blacksmith Shop, is being razed this week. Old-timers say the building is over 50 years old.

1951
February 23- Wava Oswalt of Penalosa, and Albert McGovney of Cunningham, were married last Sunday.

The high school basketball team won their 16th and 17th victories of the current season during the past week, defeating Coats, 62-50, and Turon, 70-52. They have lost one game.

1956
February 23- A copy of the current issue of the

Town Journal (February 1956) was pleausably received at the Clipper Office last week, containing a quote from this newspaper.

Needless to say, we are again "proud as peacocks" to have attracted the attention of a national magazine, and had just stopped strutting over a quote in Look Magazine last month. The quote is on page 20 of the current issue of Town Journal, but our journalism code of ethics defies us to quote the "quote" here, however, we feel obliged to say that Town Journal was formerly the old Pathfinder Magazine, and is published monthly at a subscription price of \$1.00 a year. Also of interest is the fact that Look Magazine is published every two weeks, and the subscription price is \$3.50 a year.

The Cunningham community isn't doing so hot when it comes to raising kings, but we'll take a back seat to no other town when it comes to raising queens.

Two attractive local girls were chosen as queens in widely separated activites during the past week.

Johnna Cooley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Cooley and a freshman student nurse at the Grace Hospital in Hutchinson, was chosen "Sweetheart Queen" at the student nurses' Valentine Party last Friday night. Norma Rose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Rose and a freshman student at Pratt Junior College, was chosen "Basketball Queen" of the college for the 1955-1956 season, Tuesday night.

The high school basketball team won their 16th victory in 17 games last Friday night, when they came from behind in the last four minutes to edge out Langdon, 56 to 51.

Cunningham trailed Langdon by a 13-10 score at the end of the first quarter; 34 to 22 at half-time; 45-40 at the end of the third period, and for half of the last period before taking the lead and eventual victory. Billy Schnittker's six and Walter Becker's seven points in the final period pulled the locals up and past the Langdon team.

Billy Schnittker led the Cunningham scoring with 16 points, with Walter Becker hitting for 15 points.

Cunningham's reserves won the preliminary game from the Langdon second team.

1961
February 23- Members of the Better Homes and Gardens Club, and their husbands, enjoyed the club's annual winter party in the Methodist Church undercroft, Saturday evening.

They party theme, "Kansas Centennial," met with full co-operation from those attending, as each arrived in

olden-day attire. A delightful dinner, served buffet-style, was enjoyed at tables decorated with antiques and lighted by coal-oil lamps. Many pleasant memories were recalled by the upside-down plates, home-made bread and butter, and coffee served from old-fashioned coffee pots.

Following dinner, games concerning Kansas were enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Pat Benningfield of Kingman, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Cooley, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wetherall, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Hellar, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Kincheloe, Mr. and Mrs. Bedford Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Dafforn, Mrs. George McClellan, Mrs. Rufus Leiter, Mrs. Iona Shafer, and Mrs. Bill Boyd.

Cunningham ruined Preston's homecoming last Friday night, winning the first-team game, 78 to 57. Preston won the second-team game, 49 to 25.

This closed the regular season for Cunningham with an 11 wins 8 losses record going into district tournament play.

Jerry Pelzl's 23 points and Bob Meyers' 19 paced the Cunningham victory over Preston.

Cunningham advanced to the semi-finals of the Class B District Tournament at Partridge, Tuesday evening, following a 54-47 first-round win over St. Teresa's of Hutchinson. The Wildcats will play Cheney tonight (Thursday) in a semi-finals game at 7:15 o'clock.

Bob Meyers with 18 points and Bob Leiter with 12 led the Wildcat scoring attack against St. Teresa's, as Cunningham trailed 23-29 at half-time but came on strong in the third period to grab a 37-33 advantage going into the fourth quarter.

Win or lose against Cheney, the Wildcats will play tomorrow night (Friday) for first or third place in the tournament.

1966
February 24- The Cunningham 4-H Club received fine ratings at the Kingman County 4-H Club Talent Day in Kingman last Saturday.

Following is a listing of the participants, their talent performance, and their ribbon award:

Mary Cusenbary, vocal solo, blue; flute solo, blue.

Sue Hellar, dramatic, red

Wesley Woodson, stunt, red; piano solo, blue.

Wesley and Hlonda Woodson, piano duet, red.

Hlonda Woodson, piano solo, red.

John DeWeese, trumpet solo, red.

Kristy Sheldon, trumpet solo, blue.

Bill McGovney, trumpet solo, red.

Bob McGovney, trombone solo, red.

Cynthia Mantooth, piano solo, blue.

Shirley Park, piano

(con't on page 3)

Years Ago

solo, red.
The Christian Women's Fellowship met last Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Everett Hauser, with Mrs. Ray McIlvain as co-hostess.

The meeting opened with the group singing "What A Friend," accompanied by Mrs. John Baber, after which President Mrs. Merle Cunningham read the poem, "Good or Evil," followed by prayer, the secretary's report, and roll call.

Mrs. Lee DeWeese gave the lesson, using the topic "Courage to Christians," after which Mrs. Floren Rose presented the devotions on the theme, "Worship Hands," and Mrs. Ruth Cooley conducted a Bible quiz.

The hostess served refreshments of sandwiches, cookies, tea and coffee from a beautifully appointed table, centered with a cherry tree, to 13 members and five guests, Mrs. Ted Dix of Pratt, Mrs. Frank Park and Mrs. Roxie Smith of Turon, Mrs. Chas. Boen, and

Mrs. Donald Thompson. Cunningham, Pretty Prairie, and Cheney joined Kiowa in the semi-finals of the Class B District Basketball Tournament now underway in Cunningham, following the completion of first-round action, Tuesday night.

In the first of three games, Tuesday night, Cheney bombed Sharon, 72-44, after which Cunningham dumped Harper, 72-49, and the concluding foul-filled game saw Pretty Prairie nipping Attica, 63-62, in which the winning Bulldogs made 27 free throws off 26 Attica fouls, and the losing Bulldogs made 20 free shots off 24 Pretty Prairie fouls.

Cunningham jumped off to an early lead in their game with Harper, rolling up a 21-10 advantage by the end of the first period, and continued to increase their lead as they gained some degree of satisfaction for their defeat by Harper in the finals of the St. John Regional last year that kept the Wildcats out of the state tournament.

Cunningham had four players in double fig-

ures, Jim Cain, Danny Meyers, Ron Murphey, and Kenny Kerschen, with Murphey's 17 points topping the scoring.

1971

February 18- Nineteen students from Cunningham High School, accompanied by Speech Coach Don Shorock and Principal Harry Johnston, attended the Golden Plains League Speech Festival at Partridge, Thursday, Feb. 11.

Five students received first division ratings. Kandi Bradley received hers for an informative speech on "How to Extemporize." Linda Jo Cain earned a I rating for her dramatic interpretation of "Into A Better Kingdom: by Lloyd C. Douglas. Two students received first division ratings in extempore speech. Mike Schrant drew the topic, "Spiro Agnew," while Jim England's topic was "Was Apollo 14 Necessary?" Kris Sheldon's I rating was for an oral interpretation of the prose selection, "My Watch," by Mark Twain.

Second division ratings were received by both entrants in original

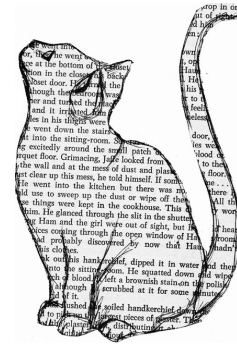
oration, Bill Cundiff and David Steffen; by both entrants in oral interpretation of poetry, Linda Cunningham and Jan Hartley; by Jim England for informative speech, and by Jill Rose for dramatic interpretation.

Cunningham High School's one-act play, "The Happy Journey to Trenton and Camden," by Thornton Wilder, also received a II rating. Students in the play were Jean Eck, Bill Ogden, Alan Rohr, Janice Schnittker, Mike Schrant, and Connie Thimesch.

Other Cunningham students participating in the festival were Sheryl Bortz, Marsha Hansen, Kathy McCune, and Connie Webster.

The festival was won by Partridge High School. In a virtual tie for second, third, and fourth places were Sharon, Nashville-Zenda, and Cunningham. Norwich, Hardtner, and Attica trailed far behind.

This Saturday (February 20) Mr. Shorock will be taking Mark Dafforn, Jean Eck, Marsha Hansen, and Connie Thimesch to the Invitational Forensic Tournament at Hoxie.



Meanderings

I sit down to work on the paper, and within mere minutes I am nodding myself to sleep. I get up, wash a load of dishes, rejuvenate a bit. Sit down, nobby-noddy, sweep a floor, sit down, head bobs, get up, let the dogs out for a bit.... Well, you get the picture.

Since surgery my bed isn't as comfortable as it once was. I toss and turn all night long. This hip hurts, that hip hurts. Hips I didn't know I had hurt. My feet hurt. My knee hurts. I am old. I slept the first week home after surgery at Mom's. That was a very nice and comfortable bed. I may have to return until I get past the pain that causes me to toss and turn and flip and flop all night long.

Last week, believe it or not, the paper was ready on Wednesday (at 2:00 in the morning Wednesday, but it was ready before printing time). I had a bit of a hassle with the Hutch News about delivering the printed papers to my office, (I thought the cost was \$50.00...it was \$100.00) Ms. Kendra Morgan was volunteered by her mom to drive me to Hutch after school. I thought that sounded like a very nice little road trip with a nice young lady.

However, around noon, Stephanie Jump, the angel from the Kingman Leader-Courier, called to inform me she had our papers. They were delivered from the Hutch News with the papers for Harper and Kingman. I just couldn't believe it. I was so excited and relieved. I offered to drive over and get them, but Stephanie said she had come over and pick up her kids anyway, she'd just bring them along with her. Better yet...an angel who drives.

Now, on that same day, Eck Services were here at my home/office installing/fixing my new furnace. Lots of noise going on. I was still less than a week out of major surgery, and pretty tired, so headed to Mom's to take a wee nap. And a wee nap it was, because Rogene was able to take me to the chiropractor for a shoulder adjustment. After Rogene dropped me back at Mom's, I just took another nap...not quite so wee. When I finally roused myself, I headed over to my own home office to get papers labeled and ready to be mailed out on Thursday morning.

Well, seems CenturyLink's internet was down. Now understand, I can't print labels without filling out reports for the post office. I can't fill out the post office reports without the internet. Vicious cycle we have when we so desperately need that world wide web. I called ol' Centurylink. They said something about

7:30. I called about 7:30. Something about 11:30. I decided to go to bed. There was no way I could stay up that late getting the papers ready to mail and go out the next morning.

I got up the next day at 6:00 ante meridiem. Ohhh, me. Wow. I can tell you, that was nothing short of a miracle, getting my back-surgeried self out of a warm and comfy bed. BUT I made my way back over here to the office. No internet. Estimated time of usage: 11:00. I called at 11. Estimated time 3:30. I called Lisa at the post office and told her there would not be a paper delivery that day.

At 3:30 I called Centurylink. 7:30 ETA. For the love of Pete! I was getting tired and agitated and annoyed and mad. I was really thinking of calling a representative and letting them know how much the company was inconveniencing me; but then I decided that anyone who answered the phone would not be the ones responsible for the outage, and they'd probably already listened to other customers' tirades.

At 6:00 I called again, thinking maybe they had changed the time. They had. To 11:00. I couldn't decide whether to cry or throw something.

Molly Morgan came up with the idea to use the 'hot spot' on her phone (don't ask me how that all works) to connect to my modem and print the labels.

And lo, and behold, she saved the day! We got the reports and labels printed (not without some grumbling and griping on my part because I was just tired.)

Molly went off after all the printing, promising to return after the ballgame to collect the papers and take them to the post office for me in the morning.

I worked like a demon. And when Molly showed up at 9:30, they were ready to go. We loaded them into her van, and because I was exhausted beyond my exhausted exhaustion, Molly drove me to Mom's, and I stumbled into bed and slept the sleep of a righteous publisher and editor.

BUT then, I remembered the next morning that I was one mailing sack short, not wanting to get out of my jammies, robe, and slippers, I drove to the post office and waited outside until some kind soul would come along and be more than happy to take the papers inside for me.

I sat there all of 4 minutes, when my friend, Mary, came along and took my papers inside for me.

Can't beat small town living. You just can't.

Always reading, and currently reading, "Brothers of Cain" by Miriam Grace Monfredo, Roberta

"Fifty percent of all doctors graduate in the bottom half of their class - Hope your surgery went well!"

— Simone Elkeles, Rules of Attraction

Through The Valley

As we walk through this valley we call life we occasionally are carried by God to the mountain top. Like Moses, who was allowed to see the promised land from afar, we too see a lush and fruitful valley laid out before us.

But most of our life is spent in a different valley. Sometimes it is a broad lush valley with

grass waiving in a gentle breeze, wildflowers growing along a babbling brook, and awash in sunlight. However, most of the time it is more like a deep gash in the earth where the sunlight rarely reaches the bottom, little grows and a roaring river threatens to wash us away at every step.

As we walk that dark valley of pain, illness and torment we are threatened on every side by our sin and shortcomings with

Satan whispering in our ear at every turn. It is then that Christ can become very real to us as we come to the end of our self and we find no place to turn but to Him. His Word provides the light for our path and while we may not see His presence or feel His closeness, He has not abandoned us and never will. We then realize that not only is He with us but He has walked this valley before us. Not only has He come

out on the other side, but He has already prepared us a place of perfect peace, rest and comfort at our journey's end.

It is then that we realize the truth of the old song that says, "This world is not my home, I'm just a passing through. My treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue."

Walt Rosenbaum
04/2014

Governor Announces Kansas Find My Vaccine Tool

TOPEKA—Governor Laura Kelly today announced the launch of the "Find My Vaccine" mapping tool, designed to help Kansans locate sites that are administering vaccines in their communities. The tool is available now on <https://kansasvaccine.gov>, Kansas's COVID-19 vaccine website. Kansans in vaccine phase 1 and 2 are recommended to use this tool as a resource for finding providers who are or will be offering the vaccine.

"The 'find my vaccine' mapping tool allows any Kansan, regardless of where they live, to find the closest vaccine provider to their com-

munity," Governor Laura Kelly said. "The national shortage continues to be the biggest obstacle to delivering vaccines, and that means, many of our enrolled providers do not yet have sufficient vaccines to offer to the general public. But we know it's better to be ahead of the curve and have this platform ready to go before supply has caught up, so that every Kansan is familiar with the tool and so we can be prepared as more providers are activated."

The Kansas Find My Vaccine tool allows Kansans to:

Look up nearby COVID-19 vaccine locations

Identify which locations have recently received vaccine doses

Access contact information for each location

to confirm eligibility and availability

The tool includes locations that are participating in administering COVID-19 vaccines and have provided their information to share with the general public. As federal supply increases, Find My Vaccine will evolve to support the COVID-19 vaccination effort by listing more providers and linking to details and scheduling opportunities as they become available. As the vaccine supply continues to grow, the State asks all enrolled providers who intend to vaccinate the general public to provide their information for Kansans to see in Find My Vaccine. Further information on how to provide information can be found here.

Vaccines are being delivered to all 105 Kansas

counties on a weekly basis, but not all providers may be listed on the map at this time. If you do not see an active location in your area - and you are in Phase 1 or 2 - ask your local health department how to access the vaccine. Weekly vaccine allocations for each county are available on the KS COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard.

About 'Find My Vaccine' Tool

Find My Vaccine allows eligible Kansans to look up their current location and find nearby COVID-19 vaccination locations, see which locations have received doses, and access contact information. To access "Find My Vaccine" and for more information, please visit <https://www.kansasvaccine.gov/160/Find-My-Vaccine>

"Except for the people who were there that one day they discovered the polio vaccine, being part of history is rarely a good idea. History is one war after another with a bunch of murders and natural disasters in between."
— Sarah Vowell, Assassination Vacation

"Education is the vaccine for violence"
— Edward James Olmos, We Are One: A Photographic Celebration of Diversity in America

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Wildcats Come Up Short Against the Cougars

The Cunningham Wildcats braved the bitter cold to take on the Central Christian Cougars in Hutchinson on February 9, 2021. The Cats lost by a score of 56 to 41.

The Cougars began the game with a balanced attack with five players getting in the scoring column. Cunningham was led by Lane Halderson with four points. Luke McGuire made a three-point basket and Nathan Lohrke added two points for a total of nine points. Central combined for 17 in the first quarter.

Andre Ibarra carried the load for the Cougars in the second quarter, scoring eight of their 10 points. McGuire again dropped a three point shot

along with two points each from Halderson and Trey DeWeese. The half ended with Central Christian up by a score of 27 to 16.

Cunningham got into double digit scoring in the third and fourth quarters. The threesome of McGuire Halderson and DeWeese again carried the scoring load with McGuire and DeWeese scoring five points each and Halderson adding four points. The Cougars added 18 points to stretch their lead to 15 entering the fourth quarter.

Erik Paris came alive in the fourth quarter scoring six points. McGuire added to his game high total with three points. Micah Jump and Isaiah Reed each made a free throw to match the Cougar total of 11 for the quarter. The final score was Central Christian 56, Cunningham 41.

by Coach Bob Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire	2	2	4/5	14	4	1		
Halderson	4		2/2	10	5		1	
DeWeese	3		1/1	7	5	1	1	
Reed			½	1	3	1		
Ruckle					2		1	
Lohrke	1			2	2	2		
Morgan					1			
Jump			½	1				

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cunningham	9	7	14	11	41
Central Christian	17	10	18	11	56



photos by Molly Morgan

Kory Morgan



Isaiah Reed



Third Time was Not a Charm for the Wildcats

The Cunningham Wildcats played the Skyline Thunderbirds for the third time this season on February 12, 2021. Unfortunately, the results did not change as the Cats lost by a score of 41 to 64.

The Cats fell behind by 10 points in the first quarter, being outscored 20 to 10. Trey DeWeese scored four points. Lane Halderson, Luke McGuire and Nathan Lohrke each added two points.

The Thunderbirds doubled their lead in the second quarter heading into the half with a score of 39 to 19. Free throws played a major factor in this quarter as Skyline made 12 out of 12 while the Cats were four out of 11. Lohrke scored five points. McGuire added three free throws and DeWeese scored on one free throw.

Erik Paris came alive in the third quarter scoring seven of the Cats 10 points. Lohrke added two points and Halderson made a free throw. Skyline added 22 points to their total. The third quarter ended with a score of 29 to 61.

With a running clock and substituting by Skyline, the Wildcats held the Thunderbirds to three points while adding 12 to their score. Halderson worked hard inside to score eight points. DeWeese scored the remaining four points for the Cats.

by Coach Bob Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire	1		3/5	5	5	5	2	
Halderson	3		5/14	11	5	2	3	
DeWeese	1	1	4/6	9	8	3		
Reed					1			
Ruckle					2			
Lohrke	3	1		9	2		1	
Jump					1			

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cunningham	10	9	10	12	41
Skyline	20	19	22	3	64



photos by Molly Morgan

Left: Nathan Lohrke
Above: Lane Halderson

Carriage Crossing Pies for Sale

What's better than indulging in a mouth-watering pie? Indulging in one you didn't have to bake, of course! The Cunningham Booster Club is thrilled to offer Carriage Crossing pies from Yoder this spring.

We will be taking orders for pies through March 1. Carriage Crossing will bake our pies the night of March 18 and deliver them to the school for you to pick up on March 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They offer 23 different flavors!

Carriage Crossing uses no preservatives and they encourage buyers to dig right into their fresh pies as soon as they are delivered. However, Amy McGuire reported that her family thoroughly enjoyed a frozen, forgotten Carriage Crossing pie an entire year later. How do you forget a pie?!

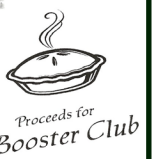
The scrumptious 9-inch pies cost \$16. For two or more, they are \$15 each. We all know that a pie of this quality can barely be made at home for these prices.

Order forms will be available around town and at the school. We have also included a form in this paper that you can

simply cut out. Turn in your order and payment into the school office or contact Judy DeWeese (620) 491-0997 or Amy McGuire (620) 491-1621 regarding your order. Checks should be made payable to Cunningham Booster Club. Please help spread the word and maybe offer assistance to a friend or neighbor by helping them order or possibly picking up their pies and delivering them.

Our goal is to sell 300 pies!! Your purchase will help raise funds for Booster Club and your family will enjoy these pies prepared by master bakers.

Carriage Crossing Pie Orders Due March 1



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DO NOT ORDER if you or your designee cannot pick up your pies on Friday, March 19, at the CHS gym concession stand area between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

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Amount Owed: 1 pie = \$16 # of pies if more than 1: _____ x \$15= _____
Checks should be made payable to Cunningham Booster Club

Turn order form and payment into the Cunningham Schools Office or contact the following Booster Club members by March 1

Judy DeWeese 620-491-0997
Amy McGuire 620-491-1621

Pies are made fresh with no preservatives. Therefore, Carriage Crossing recommends that they be eaten right away at peak freshness.

High Level Play Carries Lady Cats

A late season battle between two teams undefeated in league play was everything of game of such significance should be. Cunningham traveled to Hutchinson to engage with Central Christian in a difficult environment. We opened the game executing on offense as we had hoped to be able to do, but the Cougars were every bit up to the task and we were up just 4 points, 14-10, after one quarter of play. Sharp shooter Kaylee Kaufman kept Central Christian on our heels as she made her fourth 3-pointer of the half and our lead of five at intermission, 25-20, was hard earned. We felt we needed to tighten up our defense in the second half, and mix it up as well, and I think at times it did create some difficulties for the Cougars, yet they would refuse to go away. At the same time, our performance was as complete as any we have had this season. We continued to score at a good pace, but our

offense showed patience only veteran teams have the discipline to carry out, and the result was excellent shot selection. Our shooting percentages testify to such. And we committed just 7 turnovers against a very good team. We scored 17 third quarter points and another 15 in the final frame to win by a score of 57-41. For a neutral observer, this was a game that would have been a joy to watch as it was between two teams with mutual respect for each other that was played at a very high level from start to finish.

We shot at a 51% clip, but most eye-popping was that we nailed 9 of 13 (69%) three point shots! Central Christian was impressive from long range as well by connecting on 6 of 10. Always looking for areas in need of improvement, look no further than 4 of 10 shooting from the line. Morgan led four Lady Cats in double figures as she scored 17 while Reese McGuire had 15, Madie McGuire 12, and Maddi Panek 10. Alayna McGuire added 3 to our offensive output. Maddi continues her



Molly Morgan photos



Above left: Madie McGuire

Above right: Maddi Panek

Right: Morgan Meyers

assault on the boards as she grabbed 14 rebounds but Madie was impressive as well with 10 rebounds. Morgan was the leader in steals with 4 and she had her fingerprints on lots of baskets as she dished out 9 assists.

by Coach Eric Meyers



Lady Cats Send T-Birds To Roost

It took some coaxing, but eventually the Lady T-Birds of Skyline saw darkness fall on their upset bid in league action on Cunningham's court. The Lady Cats opened with the game's first 5 points only to see Skyline answer with 6 of their own to grab an early lead, setting the stage for a close contest for most of the first half. Cunningham did manage to put together back-to-back baskets just ahead of intermission and get to the break with a 19-12 lead. The Lady T-Birds relied mostly on the trapping 3-2 defense that did create some turnovers, but they were unable to

match our scoring even though we failed to convert on a number of close range shots and were pathetic from the charity stripe. This was certainly not our best performance, but give some credit to Skyline as they played a solid game. It's easy to lose sight of the big picture sometimes, but the fact is we would finish with an 18-point victory, 41-23, on a night we were not at our best. We did some things well, such as finishing with just 10 turnovers while converting Skyline's 19 turnovers in to 17 points of our own.

While we held Skyline to 26% shooting, we didn't exactly light it up either, making 13 of 42 attempts for 31%, which included 6 of 17 from long range. I had

to deliver a message at a timeout to emphasize post touches, especially once foul troubles began to erode the size of Skyline. At the line, we embarrassed ourselves as we converted only 9 of 23 opportunities. Morgan Meyers dropped in 18 points to lead the way while Madie McGuire joined her in double figures with 13. Maddi Panek chipped in 7 points and Reese McGuire 3 to cap it off.

Maddi grabbed 10 rebounds while Alayna McGuire and Madie McGuire each pulled down 6 misses. Morgan was close behind with 5 rebounds. Maddi and Morgan shared the team lead in steals with 4 apiece while Madie had 3 steals. Morgan was the leader in assists with 5.

The finish line of our regular season is in sight as we have just 3 games remaining, and only one at home vs. Stafford on this coming Tuesday evening, February 16th. A deep senior class will play their final league game in this gymnasium, a place they have never lost in their 4 years!

by Coach Eric Meyers



Molly Morgan photos

Alayna McGuire

Junior High Lady Cats Play in Heart of the Plains League Tournament



Ada Adams



Ellie McGuire



Ada Adams and Ellie McGuire on defense



Kate Jackson

Molly Morgan photos



15 Historic Preservation Projects in Kansas to Receive Heritage Trust Fund Grants

TOPEKA—Governor Laura Kelly today announced that the Historic Sites Board of Review awarded \$1,168,492 for 15 historic preservation projects across the state as part of the 2021 round of Heritage Trust Fund

(HTF) grants.

HTF grants reimburse expenses for projects that preserve or restore qualifying historic properties. The funded projects represent a diverse collection of properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places and/or the Register of Historic Kansas Places. All awards are contingent upon available funding.

“I’m pleased that so many preservation projects will receive grant funding this year, which

will ensure historic properties across the state can get the upkeep and treatment they need,” Governor Kelly said. “Kansas has a unique and rich history, and with these awards, we can continue to celebrate and learn about that history for generations to come.” The board approved these projects listed by county:

Butler: First Presbyterian Church of DeGraff, \$62,990
Chase: Strong City Opera House, \$90,000

Clark: Hodson Hotel/Hardesty House, \$57,600
Douglas: First Methodist Episcopal Church, \$90,000
Greenwood: Eureka Memorial Hall, \$87,168
Hamilton: Northrup Theater, \$90,000
Harvey: Newton Carnegie Library, \$29,734
Jefferson: Newell-Johnson-Searle House Outbuilding, \$82,900
Johnson: Olathe Memorial Cemetery, \$90,000
Lincoln: Lincoln State

Bank, \$90,000
Marion: Donaldson & Hosmer Building, \$89,700
Neosho: Oak Grove School District #20, \$38,400
Osage: Star Block, \$90,000
Shawnee: Jayhawk Hotel, Theater & Walk, \$90,000
Shawnee: Thacher Building, \$90,000
For more information on the Heritage Trust Fund program contact the State Historic Preservation Office, at

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It’s February: Are You Thinking About Tomatoes... Yet?

K-State horticulture expert gets you ready for planting this year’s crop
MANHATTAN, Kan. – It’s still nearly three months before Kansas gardeners begin to put tomato plants into the ground. Kansas State University horticulture expert Ward Upham says that’s an opportunity for gardeners to set themselves up for a bountiful season.

“Most of the varieties available to home gardeners are either indeterminate or semi-determinate,” Upham said.

Indeterminate plants are traditional tomatoes that never stop growing. They are capable of pro-

ducing fruit throughout the season unless disease stops production or frost kills the plant.

Semi-determinate plants are more compact, but also are capable of producing fruit throughout the season. Another classification is known as determinate, or those varieties that produce one large crop but then virtually nothing afterwards.

“Gardeners with limited space will likely prefer indeterminate or semi-determinate types to stretch out the harvest season,” Upham said. “If there is space, you may want to grow a combination of all three, with the determinates used to produce a large harvest for canning or tomato juice, and the remainder for fresh eating.”

In Kansas, tomatoes are generally planted in

early- to mid-May, or when daytime temperatures are above 70 degrees Fahrenheit and the state has passed the frost-free date. In some areas, such as the northwest part of the state, conditions might not be right for planting tomatoes until the middle of May or a bit later, according to Upham.

Even though indeterminate and semi-determinate varieties produce fruit throughout the season, “our hot Kansas summers often cause a dry spell in production in both types,” Upham said.

Tomatoes are less likely to set fruit when night temperatures remain above 75 F and day temperatures are above 95 F. Hot, dry winds make the situation worse, Upham said.

Tomato trials

Each year, Kansas Master Gardeners plant and rate a number of tomato varieties. Upham noted that a subsequent trial is conducted by a colleague with the University of Missouri extension service.

Results of trials conducted by Kansas’ Master Gardeners vary by county. Interested persons are encouraged to contact their local extension office for more information on varieties that perform well in their area.

Upham said the University of Missouri trials also give valuable information on varieties that perform well in this region. The data from Missouri’s extension service showed that the top 10 varieties (based on pounds of fruit harvested per plant) are:

Cherokee Purple.
German Johnson.
Beef Master.
Early Girl.
Big Boy.
Brandywine Black.
Jet Star.
Celebrity.
Big Beef.

More information on growing tomatoes and many other topics are available in the weekly Horticulture Newsletter, produced by Upham and his colleagues in K-State’s Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources. The newsletter is available to view online or can be delivered by email each week.

Interested persons can also send their garden- and yard-related questions to Upham at wupham@ksu.edu, or contact your local K-State Research and Extension office.

Links used in this story

Kansas Master Gardeners, <https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/master-gardeners>

K-State Horticulture Newsletter, <https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/info-center/newsletters/index.html>

K-State Research and Extension local offices, www.ksre.k-state.edu/about/stateandareamaps.html

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USDA Extends General Signup for Conservation Reserve Program

Biden Administration Considers Changes to Bolster Effectiveness of Program and Recommits to Making CRP a Cornerstone of Conservation Programming

WASHINGTON, February 5, 2021 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is extending the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) General Signup period, which had previously been announced as ending on Feb. 12, 2021. USDA will continue to accept offers as it takes this opportunity for the incoming Administration to evaluate ways to increase enrollment. Under the previous Administration,

incentives and rental payment rates were reduced resulting in an enrollment shortfall of over 4 million acres. The program, administered by USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA), provides annual rental payments for 10 to 15 years for land devoted to conservation purposes, as well as other types of payments.

Before the General CRP signup period ends, producers will have the opportunity to adjust or resubmit their offers to take advantage of planned improvements to the program.

“The Conservation Reserve Program provides a tremendous opportunity to address climate change both by retiring marginal cropland and by restoring grasslands, wetlands, and forests,” said Robert Bonnie, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Secretary. “CRP has a 35-year track record of success beyond just climate benefits, by

providing income to producers, improving water quality, reducing erosion, and supporting wildlife habitat and the hunting and fishing opportunities that go along with it. By extending this signup period, we’ll have time to evaluate and implement changes to get this neglected program back on track.”

As one of the largest private-lands conservation programs in the United States, CRP provides both economic and conservation benefits by taking land out of agricultural production. Program successes include:

Sequestering in soils and plants over 12 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e), or about the same amount that the entire state of Delaware emits annually.

Preventing more than 2 billion tons of soil from being blown away by wind erosion over the

life of currently enrolled acres.

Reducing phosphorous reaching streams by almost 85 million pounds, nitrogen by nearly 450 million pounds, and sediment by over 160 million tons in 2020 alone.

Creating more than 2.3 million acres of restored wetlands while protecting more than 177,000 stream miles with riparian forest and grass buffers, enough to go around the world seven times.

Establishing over a half million acres of dedicated pollinator habitat and nearly 15 million more acres of diverse plantings that provide forage for pollinators.

Increasing populations of ducks and other game birds, prairie chickens, and such grassland songbirds as Baird’s Sparrow. CRP in the Northern Great Plains supports an estimated 8.6% of the grassland bird population.

Increasing habitat that supports economic opportunities, such as job creation, related to hunting and fishing activities.

This signup for CRP gives producers an opportunity to enroll land for the first time or re-enroll land under existing contracts that will be expiring Sept. 30, 2021. All interested producers, including those on Indian reservations and with trust lands, are encouraged to contact their local USDA Service Center for more information.

All USDA Service Centers are open for business, including those that restrict in-person visits or require appointments. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or any other Service Center agency should call ahead and schedule an appointment. Service Centers that are open for appointments

will pre-screen visitors based on health concerns or recent travel, and visitors must adhere to social distancing guidelines. Visitors are also required to wear a face covering during their appointment. Our program delivery staff will continue to work with our producers by phone, email, and using online tools. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

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AG Producers CO-OP Invests in Skyland Grain

ULYSSES, KS and BUSHLAND, TX – Kansas-based agricultural company, Skyland Grain, LLC and Texas based cooperative, Ag Producers Co-op, announced today that they have signed an agreement for Ag Producers Co-op to invest in the Skyland Grain joint venture effective April 1, 2021.

Scale and diversification, both in services and geography, are important to the cooperative mod-

el that serves the local farmer. “Skyland Grain is a unique and evolved cooperative partnership that allows us to provide our member-owners with greater risk management and the benefits of size. Culturally, we also fit well together,” stated Gregg Allen, CEO, Ag Producers Co-op.

“Skyland Grain and Ag Producers Co-op are both strong and progressive companies.

This relationship will offer outstanding opportunities to all of our farmer-owners across Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, and West Texas. Together, we create a stable and pro-

gressive future for our members,” said David Cron, CEO, Skyland Grain, LLC.

About Skyland Grain, LLC Skyland Grain, LLC, with cooperative roots since 1915, is headquartered in Ulysses,

Kansas, and began operation August 1, 2004, with Johnson Cooperative Grain, Co. and ADM Grain Co. as the founding parent companies. On February 1, 2010, Syracuse Cooperative Exchange also became part of the joint venture, followed by The Cairo Cooperative Exchange on May 1, 2015. The

three co-ops joined together in 2017 to form Skyland Co-op, Inc. In September 2019, Cropland Co-op became a part of the joint venture, making ADM, Skyland Co-op, and Cropland Co-op all owners. Most recently Cropland Co-op’s membership unanimously voted to merge with Skyland Coop, Inc.

Today, Skyland Grain, LLC operates grain receiving facilities in 42 locations across Kansas, Oklahoma, and Colorado. They have a total licensed grain storage capacity of over 100 million bushels.

Additionally, Skyland

Grain provides full-service energy and a full service agronomy department that provides bulk liquid, dry, and anhydrous ammonia fertilizers, chemicals, and seed, as well as custom application for fertilizer and chemicals.

About Ag Producers Co-op Ag Producers Co-op is the result of multiple mergers and acquisitions including Sunray Co-op, Olton Grain Co-op, Olton Co-op Gin, United Farm Industries, Inc., Hart Producers Co-op Gin, Bushland Grain Co-op, and Dalhart Consumers Fuel Association.

In September of 2015

they acquired AGCO in Spearman and then Robinson Grain in Panhandle, June of 2016.

Today, Ag Producers Co-op is producer owned and producer focused on supply and marketing operation, specializing in grain, cotton, agronomy services, fuel, and retail stores across West Texas. They operate facilities in 22 locations. They have a total licensed grain storage capacity of over 68 million bushels and three cotton gins.

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Public Notice
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 IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
 NAOMI K. HUFFMAN, Deceased.
 Case No. 2019 PR 44
 (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)
 NOTICE OF HEARING
 THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
 You are hereby notified that on February 9, 2021, a Petition was filed in this Court by Delmer John Huffman and Jerald Rodney Huffman, duly appointed, qualified and acting Co-Executrix's of the Estate of Naomi K. Huffman, deceased, praying Petitioners acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys' fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioners be finally discharged as the Co-Executor's of the Estate of Naomi K. Huffman, deceased, and the Petitioners be released from further liability.
 You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 9, 2021, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.
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Celebrations of Life

Don Hullman

Overland Park - Don H. Hullman, 80, passed away Sunday, February 7, 2021 at St. Joseph Medical Center in Kansas City, Missouri. He was born May 22, 1940 in Great Bend to Herman F. and Emma A. (Fischer) Hullman. Don married Lu Ann (Crissman) Hullman on June 5, 1960 at Eden Valley Church in St. John. They were married for 60 years.



Don graduated from St. John High School in 1958 and then received a Master's in Education from Fort Hays State University. He taught high school at Jefferson County Public Schools in Golden, Colorado and then received his Doctorate of Education from Oregon State University. He taught industrial education at the University of Wisconsin in Platteville. He was Dean of Instruction for 10 years at Pratt Community College. Following his career in education, he was a farmer/rancher for 25 years and the founder of Dodge City Beef.

He was appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture to the National Beef Board and served 2 terms. He was selected by the USDA to represent the US in the China Agribusiness Trade Mission. He traveled to China and toured farms and processing facilities for the livestock industry. He was a member of the Kansas Livestock Association. In 2002, his family was selected as one of the Kansas Farm Bureau Farm Family of the Year. He was honored by the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development in partnership with Kansas State University in 2010. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and served both as an elder and president and was a member of the Pratt Rotary Club. He loved to watch his grandchildren's activities, spend time with his family, and travel.

He is survived by his wife, Lu Ann of Overland Park; children, Shan (Shelley) Hullman of Pratt, Doug (Debbie) Hullman of Klamath Falls, Oregon, Lisa (Jason) Hughes of Overland Park and Heidi (Vincent) Davis of Olathe; siblings, Norma Blakeslee, St. John; grandchildren, Brittany (Ryan) Ford, Cody (Hayley) Hullman, Cassidy Hullman, Erica Hullman, Danielle Hullman, Macy Hullman, Kinsey Hullman, Jake Ketcher, Grant Ketcher, Devyn Davis, Brooklyn Davis, Christian Hughes, Ethan Hughes, Seth Hughes, Paige Davis, Olivia Davis.

Don is preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Loren Hullman, and his sister, Romain Barrow.

Visitation will be Friday, February 19, 2021 and Saturday, February 20, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. There will be a Celebration of Life Service on Saturday, February 20, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in Overland Park, available online via Zoom for others (please see www.larrisonmortuary.com for details). A Graveside Service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, February 21, 2021 at St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery, Natrona with Pastor Michael Schotte presiding.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church in care of Larrison Mortuary. Cards and flowers for Lu Ann can be sent to 16509 Hemlock, Overland Park, KS 66085.

Garrett Rodman

Garrett H. Rodman, 27, died Feb. 11, 2021 in Kingman.

He was born Aug. 19, 1993, at Wichita the son of Doug and Marilyn Ziegler Rodman. A lifetime resident of the Kingman community, he worked with his father at Doug's Auto Salvage.



Survivors include his parents Doug and Marilyn; grandparents Lester and Kathleen Ziegler; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021 at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday at the funeral home. Family graveside services will take place in the Murdock Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Garrett Rodman Memorial Fund in care of the Livingston Funeral Home.

Tamara Rice

Tamara Jean Rice, 71, passed away Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at her home. She was born August 26, 1949 in Dundee, Illinois to Robert Emmitt and Berniece (Blodorn) Hopp. Tamara married Kenneth Rice on October 2, 1971 at United Methodist Church in Dundee. They were married for 49 years.

Tamara graduated from Dundee High School in 1967. She owned and operated an in home daycare for 20 years. She was a member of First Methodist Church of Elgin, United Methodist Women and PTA when her son was in school. She enjoyed cross-stitch, quilting and attending car shows.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth of Cunningham; son, Mark Rice of Cunningham; brother, Steve Hopp of Crystal Lake, Illinois; and granddaughter, Hailie Hindman of Preston.

Tamara is preceded in death by her parents.

Cremation has taken place. Visitation with family will be Saturday, February 20, 2021 from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Rd, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Tamara Rice Memorial Fund in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

A Note of Thanks

Nashville Fire Department greatly appreciated the lunch, coffee and hot chocolate provided for us after the mutual aid fire on February 12. Mayor Donna Clough and Council Member Kourtenay Householter surprised us at the Nashville Community Center after we returned from the frigid call.

Thank you,
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The January Cunningham 4-H meeting was held at the Community Center at 6pm. Roll call was, What time do you wake up? It was answered by 34 members.

9 new 4-H members were installed into the club. Wal-Mart gift cards were handed out to member completing their 4-H record book on time.

Judy discussed the updated record forms and members started filling out forms for next years record book. The treasurer discussed the budget for the 2020-21 4-H year, which was approved by the club. Ada gave a talk on her sheep and what she eats. Next meeting is set for February 14. ~Brianna Dittmer

