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Approved Minutes from August BOE Meeting

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, August 8, 2022, by President Scott DeWeese.

President, Scott DeWeese; Vice-President, Brent Miller; Members, Brent Hansen, Travis Thimesch, Vicki Oldham, and Megan Green; Superintendent, Robert Reed; Principal, Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster; and Guests, Randy Ford and Roberta Kobbe.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve the agenda as amended, adding f. accept resignation and g. set hearing date. Yeas: DeWeese, Hansen, Miller, Thimesch, Oldham, Green. Nays: none. Motion carried 6-0.

President DeWeese welcomed the guests.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2022 regular meeting. Yeas: DeWeese, Hansen, Miller, Thimesch, Oldham, Green. Nays: none. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Brent Hansen, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$223,248.11 and the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

President DeWeese turned the meeting over to guest Randy Ford. Randy reviewed the anticipated budget and mill rates with the new bond and interest items for the board. Discussion followed.

Member Bjorn Halderson arrived to the meeting at 7:12 p.m. during the presentation by Randy Ford.

Superintendent Reed shared with the board that the district received approval for the mental health grant and the Safe & Secure schools grant. He also talked about technology updates, including installation of the Wi-Fi hot spots we ordered last December and Wi-Fi provided by SC Telecom at the football field. He also shared that the rubber matting is installed in the gym, our vehicles are almost ready for delivery, and he ordered a new water wheel for the football field and ice machine for the cafeteria.

Principal Dunlap opened his report showing new features of the school website that Kristen has been instrumental in implementing, including enrollment information and new notification groups. He showed the google calendar, which is accessible on the website and discussed upcoming events.

A Wild West Homecoming is Friday Night

Cunningham High School Homecoming/Fall Festival will be held here Friday, September 16th, in a game against Chase-Raymond.

The Homecoming candidates are Bethany Daniels, Hannah Ellis, Leo Hageman, Lane Halderson, Alice Huelskamp, Cameron McClendon, Caleb Panek, and Shanelle Romine. *(a photo of the candidates was not available at press time.)*

He also asked for board input on job description documents. Finally he shared information he gathered at the KCTE training he attended.

Member Travis Thimesch reported that the CO-OP board voted on a 7% increase in assessment to the coop. He also shared that audits continue and more available federal funding will be applied for.

Mr. Reed shared the newest building design with the board. Discussion followed.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Brent Miller, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap for 15 min. at 7:55 p.m. to discuss personnel for the non-elected exception under KOMA and will return to open session at 8:10 p.m. in the board room. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap left the executive session at 8:03 p.m.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 8:10 p.m.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Brent Miller, to go into executive session for 10 min. at 8:10 p.m. to discuss personnel for the non-elected exception under KOMA and will return to open session at 8:20 p.m. in the board room. Motion carried 7-0.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 8:20 p.m.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Brent Miller, to go into executive session for 10 min. at 8:20 p.m. to discuss personnel for the non-elected exception under KOMA and will return to open session at 8:30 p.m. in the board room. Motion carried 7-0.

The board invited Superintendent

Reed and Principal Dunlap to join the executive session at 8:24 p.m.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 8:30 p.m.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap for 10 min. at 8:30 p.m. to discuss personnel for the non-elected exception under KOMA and will return to open session at 8:40 p.m. in the board room. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Brent Hansen, to approve the football field lease agreement from the City of Cunningham. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Brent Miller, to approve a 10,000 stipend for Robert Reed for the 2022-2023 School Year. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Megan Green, to approve a 15% salary increase for Cody Dunlap for the 2022-2023 School Year. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Reed reviewed the ESSER III acceptable uses of funds. Discussion followed. Mr. Reed will continue the application process.

Superintendent Reed reviewed the items he has already inserted in the template from previous discussions and opened up further discussion of the state assessment piece of the document.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Brent Miller, to accept the resignation of Ginnie Wright. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Megan Green, to schedule a Revenue Neutral and Budget Hearing meeting on September 12, 2022 at 6:40 p.m. and 6:50 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Brent Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.



City to Sponsor Dog Clinic

Current dog tags will expire 9/30/22. All dogs within the City of Cunningham, over 6 months of age, are required to be registered.

Swaney Veterinary staff will be available on September 17th from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the city shop (on Second Street behind City Hall). They will administer rabies vaccinations for \$15 per dog.

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(editor's note: My Quin doesn't know it yet, he will be taking advantage of this clinic on Saturday)

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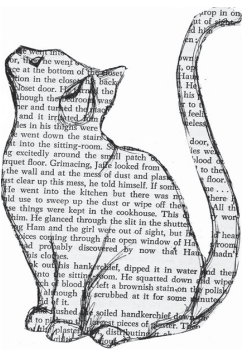
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Meanderings

Readers and meanderers,

I had one more story to tell about my experiences as an elementary librarian with challenged books. But I can't remember the story tonight.

But I still can't mean-der about something... I was on a committee in Derby when a book of nursery rhymes was challenged. It was an older book of rhymes, maybe from the 50's. I can't even remember why it was challenged, it seems

it has something to do with wicked crows.... The book wasn't in the library I was in, but the committee I was on decided to leave the book on the shelf in all the libraries that housed the book.

In the library world word gets around pretty quickly. There aren't a great many school librarians, or any kind of librarians in the state of Kansas, or probably any state. When you take into consideration the number of administrators and teachers in education, the librarians are few in numbers. For example, there is only one certified school librarian in Kingman County. (Yes, Jerree FitzSimmons is the only one.) Terrible thing, not having a certified teacher/librarian in every school. But why have just another person to encourage kids to read? Why have another

person to help kids learn and research? Especially librarians--the experts in reading and literature and research...why have them at all?

Well, I've meandered down a rabbit hole.

Since word gets around the library world, I was contacted by a person in Topeka who was organizing a panel of librarians from around the state to discuss book challenges they had experienced. The panel would present and discuss the issue at the annual librarians' conference. The gentleman said he was trying to pull together a librarian from the elementary level, one from middle school, one from high school, a public librarian and a university librarian. He thought I'd be a good choice for the elementary level.

I agreed to attend. It was an interesting discus-

sion. I told my stories, adding humor to make it less dry, because some of the other presenters didn't seem to find the ridiculousness of the whole issue.

We had a packed room. Although there were only five of us, almost everyone in the audience had their own stories. The public librarian and the university librarian had never experienced a challenge, but the rest of us had. They found our stories interesting and were quite astonished by the reasons parents give for wanting a book completely removed from a library that should have something for everyone to read.

I will continue to support every student's right to read. Their freedom to read. I will support libraries right to have books on their shelves for all their users to have access to.

What is it they say? "A good library has something in it to offend everyone." Yes. That is an excellent depiction of an excellent library.

Reminds of the 8th grade who was browsing through the non-fiction section of our middle school library. I heard him gasp. "I can't believe this!" I looked at him. (He was annoying kid, by the way. Always was. Always will be, no doubt). "You have a Bible on the shelf!"

You know what I did? I rolled my eyes.

"I'm offended!" he tells me.

"Really?" I asked. I am hearing the words of his parents, I'm sure.

"I don't see any other religious Bible on the shelf. Where are the other Bibles?"

"Bryan, what Bibles are you thinking should be on the shelf?"

"I don't know. But you should have all the Bibles on the shelf, not just the one for Christians."

I sighed. I rolled my eyes.

"Bryan, there are no other Bibles. There is only one Bible, and it is Christian. This book is there in the reference section along with other books about other religions. Get over it."

He huffed out of the library. End of conversation.

I'm going to have to ask my friend, Terry if she remembers the other incident....

Always reading, And currently reading, "Good Land or My Life as a Farm Boy"

By Bruce Bair (recommended by Dave Steffen)

Roberta

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, If I had not been inadvertently looking my love of a lug boy cat, I never would have seen it happen. I've mentioned before that this now two and a half year old is big and no lie, he's huge. We have measured him and when he naps on a desk splayed out, he covers nearly a three foot dead-to-the-world rectangle. And that's what he was doing when he appeared

in my peripheral vision this week as I, across the room, looked up from the paperwork I was sorting. What occurred next took less than a nanosecond, yet in my mind's eye I watched him in slow motion, eyes closed and head lolling still slumbering deeply, heave and roll over and fall off the desk. He woke only when he instinctually stuck his landing with all four paws. He shook

his head as if in disbelief, staggered around a bit discombobulated, and then with a half-hearted squeak, settled on the floor in pool of sunlight streaming through our front windows and was asleep again before I stopped laughing. And admiring cats' innate ability to land on their feet. Now that's a trait I wish I possessed both literally and figuratively.

Naturally, the older I get it takes me longer to pop up cheerily announcing, "I'm okay." Luckily I also don't fall as frequently as I did when I was younger. And fortunately I've never serious-

ly injured myself, nor has the sibling with whom I share a "Prone to Take Spills" trait. However, I don't think I'm any more likely, nor is the aforementioned brother, than any other human to topple over mentally or emotionally. Our "feet" just unexpectedly fly out from under us occasionally. And for all kinds of reasons.

I concede that sometimes when I stumble, I'm simply not paying attention. Sometimes I'm on paths I be better off not taking or taking steps that are unnecessary. I also tumble when I get tripped up or collide

because other humans share these foibles. I try to shake those falls off, learn what I can to avoid recurrences and merrily get on with my life.

But sometimes I find myself flat on my back, so to speak, simply because I've encountered one of life's pebbles, rocks, or boulders. I'm not talking about tragedies or traumas which of course throw us off balance. I'm referring to the small (sometimes petty), medium and big hiccups that are just part of our daily lives. And most of the time, most of us manage to stay upright. But sometimes we go down

wham-thunk. Or at least I do and then like I've had the wind knocked out me, I'm momentarily blue.

I was melancholy when I envied my cat's ability to land always on his feet and then relieved to feel any sadness lifted by laughter evoked by my chance viewing of his silly situation. And I was reminded that though that laughing at myself (or life's situations) may not be innate, I do I know a sense of humor after a fall...allows me to stand back up.

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

My Breast Cancer Experience: Part 26

By Beth Blasi 2021-2022 August 2022 – A year ago I had lost the hair on my head, started feeling more tired, and had several days of intestinal issues from the chemotherapy. Today my hair is back (even places like my legs where it could have stayed away). I think it is a little thinner on the top of my head but around the bottom it is still thick. I'll be getting it cut pretty soon – it needs a little control in the unorganized chaos. I'm still getting used to seeing that person in the mirror with gray and curly hair and some days it looks like a very crazy person! My fingernails seem

pretty normal. However, I have a couple toe-nails that seem to have a double layer to them. I'm hoping that will eventually all grow out and be clipped off like my fingernails. I still haven't been brave enough to try any polish – I haven't had good luck with polish in the past.

The topical cream on my leg for the superficial skin cancer doesn't really appear to have done much from what I can see. However, it has faded to a lighter color, but still a dry spot but not bleeding. Guess we'll see what the dermatologist says the next time.

August started out hot along with the disappointment of not getting much rain out of a cool front that went through – I think all the rain went to Kentucky instead. But then again, we probably didn't need as much rain at one time as they got either.

We hosted another one of our pig roasts where we provided

pulled pork for the community and other out-of-town guests. We had a pretty good turn-out even with the heat. It's always amazing how many wonderful side dishes folks share. I did gain an extra glass casserole dish and some hot pads if anyone is missing those items. I'll be glad to get them returned!

After our 2-week vacation, our poor "garden" is dead – it did squeak out a few small tomatoes upon our return – but it is certainly a goner now. The weeds haven't even really taken it over – too dry even for them! My sister-in-law kept my few flowers alive so I keep watering them. The geraniums have bloomed again so I guess they like the hot (as long as they get a drink!).

As for our 2-week vacation: Lots of miles, lots of states. I think it was right at 5,000 miles and 17 states (counting Kansas). Definitely cooler in the northeast and we even had the experience of moisture falling from

the sky – now what's that called? Oh yeah – RAIN! A lot of butt miles and hikes across a mile-high bridge, a waterfall in the Smoky Mountains and in Vermont, big rocky shoreline at sea-level near a lighthouse in Maine, a couple hundred yards on the Appalachian Trail, Punxsutawney Phil, and even a coal mine. Toss in a few wineries and distilleries and historical places (like Boston) and lots of trees and windy, windy roads. Sometimes we really had to question where our GPS was taking us. It's really amazing that we used to travel without a GPS – we always seemed to make it there and back again, though. But, remember? Getting lost sometimes found the best things! Our main destination on this trip was a wedding in Saratoga Springs that involved a Catholic ceremony, a Persian ceremony, food, dance, and even horse racing the next day. We traveled on this adventure with my brother and his wife – be-

lieve it or not, we didn't kill each other by the end of it (did I mention wineries and distilleries?). However, my hubby was a little under the weather on the way back and then my sister-in-law seemed to get a cold and I really got a cold (never tested for Covid) and then my brother finally succumbed as well. Mine was bad enough that I decided I should stay away from the Zenda 135 festivities.

Since I'm a little late in putting this article together, I'll touch on the Zenda 135 festivities on Labor Day weekend. I didn't attend but from reports it went quite well and I think folks had a great time. Our alumni breakfast had around 80 attending and a big thanks to the folks that covered for me when I felt it best that I should stay away. I understand the parade was about an hour with all kinds of

stuff – tractors, kids, cars, etc (thanks, Roberta, for all the pics in last week's paper!). The dunk tank was a hit as was the train ride for kids (I understand it went all over town!). The "Rock, Paper, Scissors" tournament was also a hit as were all the many other things that went on. Here is a great big THANK YOU to all the folks that made this event happen!

Now, we're back our crazy at home life. My husband will be having his surgery in the next couple weeks. His hair seems to have come back thicker after his chemotherapy. He's pretty excited about the thicker hair as he was getting pretty sparse on top. But, he really doesn't recommend chemotherapy as a hair growth treatment.

Next Steps: Continued recovery for me and maybe some info on hubby's surgery.

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Playing Cornhole

There is an actual American Cornhole Association Their website says "WE ARE THE ORIGINAL AND OFFICIAL GOVERNING BODY OF CORNHOLE".

But the whole game does not end there as there is an "Official Cornhole" website as well.

Oh, and then there is the American Cornhole Organization.

Who would have thought such a simple game could be so complex.

You can find official rules on these websites. On the Official Cornhole webpage there are videos that teach techniques in cornhole throwing.

Here are few tips from that "Official Cornhole" association:

How should you hold your cornhole bag?

You want to throw the bag in a way that will make it flat and spinning while in the air. The reason for this is that you will get a much more consistent reaction when you hit the boards. Being able to do this consistently is important so that you can eventually focus on where you're throwing the bags on the board and not worry about how it's getting there. This should become second nature to you after some time.

The best way to grip the bag is to hold it flat in your hand and grip the side opposite of your fingers about halfway down with your thumb. The closer you put your thumb to the edge of the bag, the more spin you will naturally put on the cornhole bag after it is released. The palm of your hand should be pointing up towards the sky. This is the ideal position when you are releasing the bag. Here is a simple video showing good technique.

The Approach - To Step or Not To Step

This is really where you should do what is most comfortable for you. Some people like to get the momentum of their body moving with the throw and some do not. You can have success with either method. The biggest thing to pay attention to with this part of your throwing technique is to make sure you do not cross the foul line prior to release. You're able to cross the line once the bag has been released, but you cannot before the release or the bag is considered foul.

There is really no wrong or right way with the lower half of your body while throwing a cornhole bag. Most of your power will come from your lower half, so

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you just want to make sure that whatever you are doing is repeatable. For some, they can take the same step every time, for others it just adds an additional movement to have to worry about. For beginners, it is probably best to avoid any extra movements so you can just focus on the throw itself.

The Bag Throw

The throw itself is similar to how you would imagine throwing a frisbee. You want the bag spinning in the air similar to the way a frisbee flies in a straight line. There are really only 2 points on your arm that should be moving, your wrist and your arm at the shoulder joint. As you take your arm back, you should be hinging at your shoulder and loading up your wrist action on the way back. As you reach the front of your swing you should unload your wrist.

Now that you know how to throw a bag, let's talk a little bit about what you should do in the game itself.

Cornhole Strategy

Once you are consistently able to release your bags, the next step is learning how to play cornhole is to understand what you should do during gameplay. One important point to remember while playing is that your goal is to score more points than your opponent in a frame. It might not always be smart to aim for the hole. It really depends on who you're playing and how they play.

The easiest way to make cornholes is to slide

the bag from below the hole into the hole. The hole itself is only 6 inches in diameter, this is a small target. To make it easier, you can increase the landing size and still give yourself a chance at throwing a cornhole by landing the bag short of the hole sliding it in. This will effectively take that 6 inch hole of a target and increase it by about 10 allowing for a little more error in your throw.

What if you are playing against someone who does this better than you?

If you have an opponent that consistently throws the bags in the hole by sliding from just in front of the hole, your strategy should be to stop this so you can minimize the number of points they can score in a frame.

Throwing a blocker is the best way to combat a player who is able to consistently make cornholes this way. There are cornhole bags that are designed to give you the ability to throw these blockers much easier because they are made out of different material. The idea behind a blocker is to leave a bag about 6 inches short of the hole right in front of it so you eliminate the ability of your opponent to slide a bag into the hole.

If you find your opponent is using this strategy against you, you must be able to counter. The best way to do it is to learn how to throw airmails or to land the bag in the hole without hitting the board. Think of a swish in basketball where the ball doesn't hit the rim. The

tricky part about throwing airmails outside of the smaller target is that you have to be able to throw your bag higher in the air. Which brings up another important point about cornhole throwing techniques.

Cornhole Drills - Throwing Different Trajectory Throws

Trajectory is very important for the type of throw you want to make. The higher you get the bag in the air, the less it will slide. So if you are trying to knock a bag in that is left short of the hole, you would want a much lower trajectory in order to have enough energy to push the bag into the hole and possibly make both, this is also known as a slider.

You should practice both low and high trajectory throws because you will likely need to throw both types of shots at some point during a cornhole game. You really don't need any extra equipment to setup a low trajectory throw, just aim for a particular part of the board short of the hole and try to hit that target.

You can tape a square on the board to aim at if it helps to improve your accuracy. With high trajectory throws a cool drill is to put something about 4 feet tall in front of the board your throwing at. This will force you to the bag in the air higher.

Having these different tools in your cornhole training will prepare you for almost any situation that might happen in a cornhole game. You

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DURING THIS TIME, WE WILL BE UPDATING THE OLDER BATHROOMS. WE WILL REOPEN SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 2, 2022 FOR 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOST BOYS

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1927

Sept. 16 – Dr. and Mrs. Ferd Burnett have purchased the home of Dr. and Mrs. Silas Nossaman in the northeast part of Cunningham. Dr. and Mrs. Nossaman have moved into the Wiley Doty property in the south part of town.

Quite a large number of people from Cunningham went to Calista, Thursday, to attend the Old Settler's Picnic. Among those from here who attended were J. M. Cannon, Jasper Barkley, W. T. Cannon, C. T. Cooley, L. H. Bainum, and many others. The day was spent re-telling early day tales, eating a big basket dinner, and pitching horseshoes.

1932

Sept. 16 – The Waterworks Bond Election was held in Cunningham last Friday, and the proposition of issuing of \$19,500 in city bonds was defeated by a vote of 68 for and 92 against the bonds. This is the first bond election for the installation of a city waterworks for the past five years. The city put a bond election then and the proposition was defeated much worse than the one held last Friday. However, the five-year-ago proposition was for \$32,000 rather than the \$19,500 proposition last Friday.

Harry Nossaman has moved his Square Deal Garage from the Fee Hardware Company to a new location in the Haden Building on First Street.

A portion of Cunningham's "skyline," the electric light poles and lines and blinker light system at the crossing of the highway and Main Street, was torn down by a passing truck around 2:15 o'clock Monday afternoon.

The west-bound truck, owned by the Hilton Drilling Company and loaded with an oil well pumping unit, hooked the electric lines leading to the blinker light suspended in the middle of the intersection, and tore down both poles supporting the light lines at the corners.

Luckily no injuries were accounted for from the accident. Had the accident happened when the service station driveways were full of cars and people, a tragedy would have undoubtedly occurred.

1937

Sept. 17 – Miss Geraldine Allbritten left Sunday to resume her teaching at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana.

1942

Sept. 18, 1942 – George Simonson, veteran blacksmith of Cunningham, celebrated his 86th birthday, Wednesday, Sept. 9, and enjoyed a visit from his two [brothers], Bob Simonson of Berryville, Arkansas, and Alvin Simonson of Kismet, Kansas.

Faculty members at Cunningham Grade School and High School are Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Zink, Lem Elrod, and Misses Eleanor Drake, Jane Ketchersid, Vera Berry, Cozette Taylor, Eugenia Crow, Josephine Shafer, and Gracia Carrol.

1947

Sept. 19 – The Cunningham Wildcatters lost their first baseball game of the season to Isabel high school last Friday on the Sterneker diamond, with a final score of 11-0.

The St. John's Catholic church of Zenda will hold their annual picnic, Thursday, September 25th.

The ladies of the church will serve a picnic lunch from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Music for the platform dance, to be furnished by the Southern Kansas Playboys, will begin at 9:00 and end at 11:45.

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1952

Sept. 19 – A serious outbreak of polio in the quad-communities south of Cunningham occurred this past week. Schools at St. Leo and Nashville have been closed this week because of the epidemic, and Sharon and Isabel have reported several new cases during this past week.

There were eleven new cases of polio in Kingman County within the past ten days, according to a report by Dr. C. W. Longenecker, County Health Officer.

The First National Bank of Cunningham set a record for themselves last week when over one million dollars (\$1,301,650.86 to be exact) was on deposit at the bank. Rufus Leiter, cashier, says this is the first time in the bank's history that total deposits have reached the one-million-dollar mark.

1957

Sept. 19 – Water customers of the City of Cunningham used more water during the month of August than at any other time in the water system's 21-year history, according to City Clerk Jack Meyers. 5,156,000 gallons were recorded through 207 meters. Receipts from the August water bills totaled \$987.38.

The Community Birthday Calendars, the sale of which was sponsored by the Cunningham Lions Club, have arrived in town and will be distributed by club members before October 1.

The calendar starts with October 1 and runs a year until September 30, 1958. It contains 883 listings of birthdays and wedding anniversaries of Cunningham community people, club meeting dates, lodge meeting nights, high school football and basketball schedules, etc.

The Cunningham Lions Club hopes the community will enjoy their calendars and plans to repeat the calendar in future years. Some additional calendars will be available at \$1.00 each.

The calendar also contains advertisements from 15 business firms in Cunningham, one in Pratt, and two in Wichita.

A picture of the Cunningham Boy Scout Troop, sponsored by the local Lions Club, is a feature of the top of the calendar.

Proceeds from the sale of the calendars are being used to provide a lighted ball field for the community.

1962

Sept. 20, – Ten Cunningham students are attending Pratt County College this year. They are June Crosley, Mark Zrubek, Marilyn DeWeese, Jerome Huslig, Roger Krug, Bob Meyers, Marshall Swander, Wendell Wardell, and Gary Wegerer.

The Sacred Heart Church of Cunningham, was the setting, Saturday morning, Sept. 8, for the wedding of Patricia Ann Becker, daughter of Mrs. Rosa Becker, of Cunningham, and Robert R. Zrubek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Zrubek, also of Cunningham.

Jo Waylan of Nashville, and David Amick will show pictures and tell of their United Nations Pilgrimage of last summer at a program to be held in the Cunningham Lodge Hall, Wednesday evening, Sept. 26, at 8:00 o'clock.

1967

Sept. 21 – Cunningham halfback Jim McCune took the opening Nashville-Zenda kick off three yards from the goal-line, drifted up mid-field and then cut for the side-line, and out-ran the Thunderbird defenders for a touchdown to pen the 1967 football season here last Friday night.

McCune's 77-yard run proved to be the "decider," as Cunningham went on to defeat Nashville-Zenda by a single touchdown, 34 to 27.

Cunningham's band was a bit luckier than most of the other bands in their marching down Hutchinson's Main Street in their appearance at the Kansas State Fair, Tuesday morning.

A sudden rain caught the Wildcat band in front of Wiley's Department Store. Director Charles Yingling quickly waved the group to the "sidelines" under Wiley's awnings.

The Ace Cleaners has moved to their new location just north of the Cunningham Clipper.

YEARS AGO IN
The Cunningham Clipper
Publisher: Charles G. Barnes
Editor: Joyce Hartmann
Reporter: Florine Kampling

1977

Sept. 22, 1977 -- Mrs. Gary FitzSimmons and Mrs. Melvin Oller were in Wichita Sunday and Monday attending Peels "Worlds of Beauty Show" at the Broadview Hotel. Mrs. FitzSimmons also attended a special class conducted by Rocca Altobelli on Monday. Cosmetologists attending these two-day shows attained additional hours towards their Senior License. Mrs. Oller has a Senior License.

The school counseling office is open to the students, parents, and patrons of USD 332. The invitation for visiting is extended to those who have a definite subject to be discussed and those who would like to stop by and say hello. Raymond King, counselor, welcomes all opportunities to meet people of the district.

Dr. and Mrs. D. E. Thompson honored three ladies with a birthday dinner at Mary's Café Sunday. Those honored were Iona Shafer, Coral Poland, and Bess Hauser.

Barbara Harbert struck out four batters and only walked two players in last Thursday's game against St. Leo. Donna Adelhardt struck out two batters and allowed on two walks.

Final score in which Cunningham defeated St. Leo was 19-5 at the end of five innings.

On Friday, September 16, eleven girls tried out for cheerleaders in the Cunningham Grade School. In seventh grade Janet Rhodes, Mari Rohr, Brenda Crick, Virginia Beat, Della Osner, Allison Meyers, Becky Kerschen. Kim House, Tammy Norrish and Kerry Ratcliff were the eight grade candidates.

Little Rodney Almond spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Harold DeWeese while his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Almond, were in Great Bend with Vernon, who is in the hospital there.

Mrs. Pat Neises, a senior at St. Mary's of the Plains, is taking her practicum and observation course in the kindergarten and lower grades of the Cunningham School. So far, Mrs. Neises has spent most of her time assisting and observing the second grade.

I would like to thank everyone for remembering me while I wa in the hospital; the flowers, gifts and cards were appreciated. _ Ronda Simon

Hilltop Happenings:
Geoffrey Dafforn visited Ray Dafforn Sunday afternoon.

Friday we had our regular bingo game. Our hostesses were Mildred Zrubek, Eugenia Hellar, and Elsie Witt.

Zenda News:
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Rickard, Wichita, called on Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nicholas Saturday.

Miss Karen Jacobs, Wichita, was a weekend visitor of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Jacobs.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ford spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. White in Wichita.

Jackie Copeland, Coffeetown, Kansas State Music Club President, was a guest at Zenda Music Club Monday evening.

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by Mike Johnson
The Firewalk

The red-hot coals were easy to spot in the darkness.

So were the white tops of our feet that would soon walk on them.

Outsiders would surely look at us as crazy to learn we had driven 200 miles and paid a considerable amount of money to

attend a four-day seminar that began with a bare-foot firewalk.

We had long been fans of Anthony Robbins, best-selling self-development author of "Unlimited Power," and "Awaken the Giant Within." He had conducted firewalks at well over 100 other similar seminars, creating more than 150,000 "firewalkers" in the process.

He designed the firewalk as a powerful metaphor to clearly show that we live our lives well

below our capabilities. We can only achieve that which we believe and most of us harbor severely limiting beliefs. The firewalk was intended to expand those beliefs in spectacular fashion.

Robbins taught us that there are no unresourceful people, only unresourceful mental states. We all have had times in our lives where we did something so well that we surprised ourselves. Robbins taught us how to reaccess that empow-

ering state at will. The upcoming walk on fire made us want to learn the subject quickly!

After hours of mental practice and training, 1,500 of us, from age 8 to 80, left the ballroom barefoot and headed for the fires. A dozen rows of red-hot beds of coals, each 12 feet long and 1,200 to 2,000 degrees in temperature, awaited us.

One by one, we put ourselves into state and walked purposely over the seemingly impossible

challenge. Shouts of elation filled the hotel parking lot as each person successfully walked on fire. High-fives and hugs with strangers followed as the group erupted in celebration. Most of us wanted to walk twice. No one was burned.

As for us, our feet had no damage at all. No pain, no marks, no effect at all. The longer we reflected on what we had just done, the more amazed we became. This fantastic gift of human

mind and body is capable of so much more than we ever ask of it. I used to believe this, now I KNOW it.

The rest of the seminar is a blur, but the intended message was burned permanently into our memories.

If we can walk on fire, what other amazing things are we capable of?



Pass It On®... Being a Mother... The Roundabout Journey to a Dream Fulfilled.

Li lives in a small New England town. She had two dreams growing up: to be a nurse and to raise a family. She got through nursing school OK; she says the classwork was much harder than being with patients. She got married, and the road ahead seemed cloudless and bright; it always does when things are going according to plan.

But somewhere along the way, the mar-

riage went south, and a year later, she injured her back and couldn't work. The story could end there. Many do. Life just doesn't seem to work out the way we want, no matter how hard we work or how tightly we hang onto our dreams.

As Li pushed herself in rehab, her body strengthened, and so did her resolve. She found work at a home for disabled children that didn't require her to lift patients, and there she found her family. For 30 years, she took care of kids that were too difficult for their own parents to raise. She nursed their skinned knees and wounded hearts. She helped them through confusing emo-

tions and the frustrations of being different. But most importantly, she met Julian, a 7-year-old boy with learning challenges and a smile that melted her heart.

"I had to adopt him," she recalls. "He had been in 37 foster homes in six years. The goal was to raise him to be independent."

Every day, Julian went to work with his new mother Li and came home to the stability of a room of his own, a box with his favorite things and the love of a mother. Still, it wasn't easy. Julian was prone to outbursts or withdrawing.

"There was so much that Julian had to learn emotionally," Li says.

"But I had time, and he was willing."

Over the years, their bond grew tighter. Julian earned his independence. He found a job and a place to live and became an adult. "All those things nobody believed he would ever become, he was doing," Li says.

Eventually, Li's back prevented her from doing much work at all. After all those years of lifting and helping others, Li found herself unable to do much physically. Her back deteriorated, and she needed help with the chores that come with daily living. And there was Julian. Who would check in on him?

But life has a way of

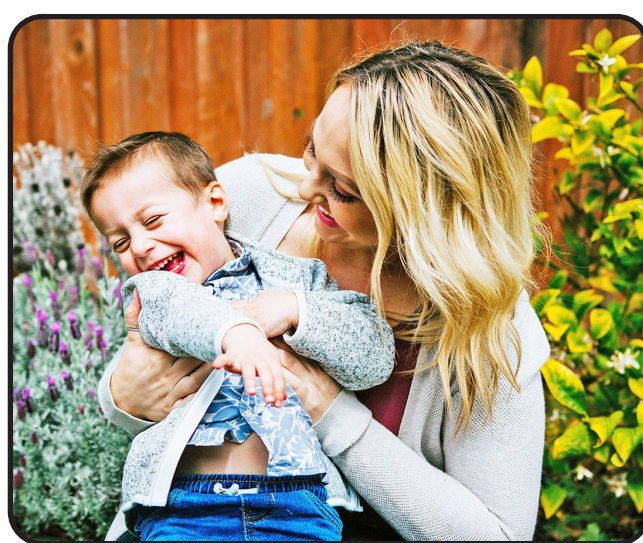
surprising us, turning just the way we need it to. Julian checked in on his mother every morning before work. He tended the garden, shook out the rugs, lifted the laundry baskets. And after work, he held his mother by the elbow and helped her to the chair on the porch

where she used to sit and watch him play. "He still melts my heart," Li says.

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Jokes You Can Tell in Church

In the beginning, God created the earth and rested.

Then God created Man and rested.

Then God created Woman.

Since then, neither God nor Man has rested.

What did Jonah's family say when he told them about what happened before reaching Nineveh? "Hmm, sounds fishy."



Catholic Churches

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St. John, Zenda
Sundays 8:30 a.m.

St. Leo
Sundays 10:00 a.m. St. Leo

St. Peter Willowdale
Saturdays 4:00 a.m.

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



Lutheran Churches

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620-246-5220
Sunday School & Bible Class
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620-886-3397
Sunday School & Bible Class
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Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

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Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
Cell: 620-886-0911



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Sunday 11:00 a.m.



First Christian Church

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



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Worship 9:15 a.m.
Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.
Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
620-298-2090

Zenda
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Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.
Pastor J L Nichols
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Hands of Hope (contact any church)

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Lady Cats Play at Home Against Caldwell and Pretty Prairie

On Tuesday, September 6th, the Lady Wildcats had the chance to play on our home court. To say we were excited would be an understatement. We hosted Caldwell and Pretty Prairie. Though we took Caldwell to three sets, we fell short with scores of 22-25, 25-21, 21-25.

We had some great plays all around and fought hard to the very end. We were able to produce some big things, just fell short of the W column.

Next, we took on

Pretty Prairie and we were a little nervous about this game. We didn't have as much energy during this game, but we still played hard and fought and had some great serving and digs. We know what we want to work on next and our goal is to focus on those things before our next competition which is Saturday, September 10th, as we head to Sylvan Grove for a Saturday tournament. Our next home game will be on September 13th! Hope to see you there!



Taylor Schultz



Hannah Ellis



Alice Huelskamp

photos by Molly Morgan

Wildcats Play in Sylvan Grove Tournament

On Saturday, September 10th the Wildcats traveled to Sylvan Grove for our first all-day tournament. I enjoyed this tournament as we played teams we don't normally play. We first competed against Minneapolis and played an amazing game. We fell short of a score of 22-25 and 20-25.

We were blocking and hitting like I haven't seen us do this year. It was a great first game of the day to start on. The girls truly brought the energy! We then played a ranked team Lakeside, and competed against them and stayed with them every step of the way just falling short of a score of 16-25 and 20-25. We had

some great passes and serves this game. For our 3rd game of the day, we took on another ranked team, Sylvan-Lucas. We struggled a bit here and took us a little bit to find our groove for this game. We were still able to produce some great plays but fell short by a score of 9-25 and 10-25.

Our fourth game was our first win of the day! We played against Natoma and really came to play that game as well. Our middle hitters were on fire with hitting and blocking. It was a fun game to watch!

We finished with a score of 25-7 and 14-25. We played Bennington and had a rough start. We were getting tired

and that started showing on the court. We let them get ahead by too many to catch up and pull out the win. We fell short of a score of 14-25 and 16-25.

Our final game was against Logan/Palco. I told the girls to give me everything they have left as our last game of the day. It was a long day, but the girls came through and finished the day in the W column. Again, our serves and hitting were amazing during this game and they fought and left it all on the court. They truly left all they had on the court and ended with a score of 25-14 and 25-21.

-Coach Ariel Haskin



Ellie McGuire



Shanelle Romine

photos by Molly Morgan



Maranda Lohrke

Jr. High Wildcats Victorious Over Fairfield/Stafford

On Thursday, September 8, 2022, the Cunningham Jr. High football team took to the road for the first time as they traveled north to take on the Fairfield/Stafford co-op team. The Wildcats lost to Fairfield/Stafford last season 0-16, but they had different ideas going into the 2022 game. After a sluggish first quarter on offense, which saw the Wildcats take an 8-0 lead on a Stephen Kerschen

18-yard run (PAT good) the TD was the first of 5 touchdowns on the night for S. Kerschen.

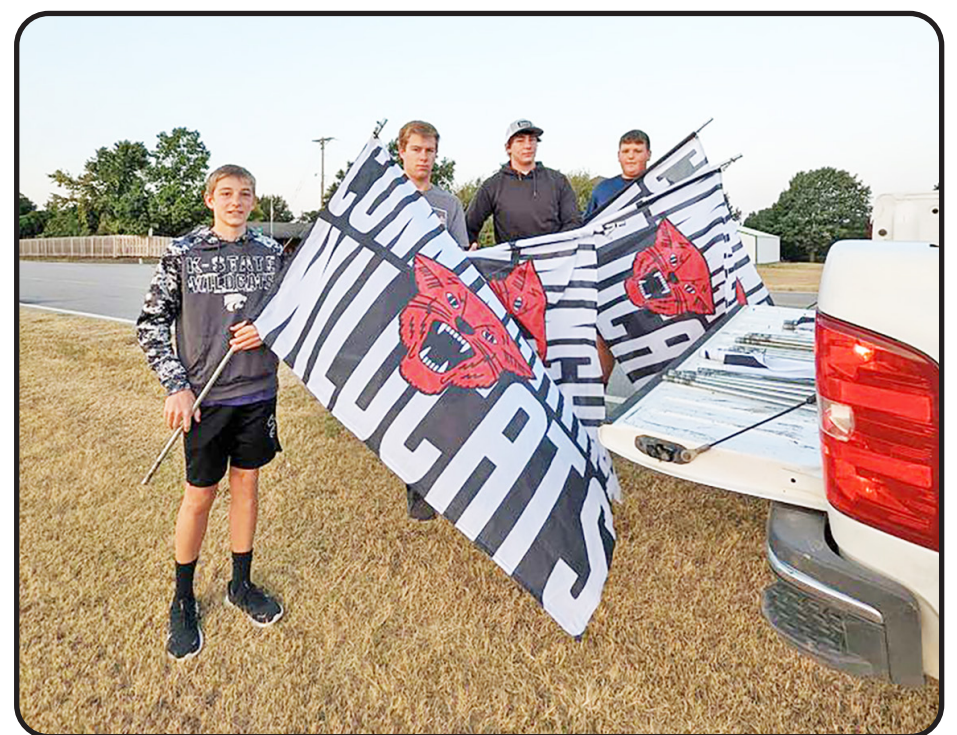
However, the Wildcat defense was the story as they set the tone for much of the game as they were able to force 5 Fairfield/Stafford turnovers on the night. Layne Green recovered two fumbles and Cole Hageman had an interception before Andrew Kerschen added to the tally with a fumble recovery, which he returned 15 yards for a TD as the first half ended to make the halftime score 36-0.

After a punt by Fairfield/Stafford to start

the second half, Stephen would score his 4th touchdown of the evening on a 27-yard run to make the score 42-0. On Fairfield/Stafford's next possession, S. Kerschen would intercept a pass attempt and return it 20 yards for his final touchdown, which also happened to be the game's final touchdown due to the 45-point mercy rule, final score 48-0. The win moved the Wildcats to 2-0 on the young season and will take on A&A at home on Thursday, 9/15 at 6:00.

by Coach Bart Ricke

NHS Hangs Wildcat Flags



photos by Ingrid Ricke



The young men in the National Honor Society got up bright and early to hang Wildcat flags for the Lady Cats' home volleyball game on September 13th. Pictured above are Will Wegerer, Luke McGuire, Lane Halderson and Nate Sterneker.

Kostner Places in 5K



photo by Ingrid Ricke



Sean Kostner placed 6th in the JV boys 5K race with a time of 24:46. He has shown a lot of improvement the last two weeks after missing the first week of running due to stitches in his foot. I was very proud of him and his effort and determination. Ada did not run due to an injury. -Coach Ingrid Ricke



CHS Football Opens at Ashland

The Wildcats opened up the 2022 regular season with a road trip to Ashland Kansas. The game was a non-district game to fill an opening in the district schedule. Both teams knew a year ago that they wanted to test themselves against the best to start the year. They both wanted to get a measure of their team for a run through district play and a hopeful play-off run. They got all that and some!

It was a great game to watch according to several parents; coach thought it was too much of a nailbiter. Both teams were missing a few players from their game last year, but both returned the nucleus of their team.

The Cats won the toss and received. They marched part way down the field running and throwing. The highlight of the drive was an 18-yard completion from Luke McGuire to Luke Albers. For Albers it was his first Wildcat recep-

tion. Unfortunately, the drive ended with a turnover inside the 10 yard line on a pass. Ashland barely got a first down and then unleashed a 50 yard pass play. The Cats held tough on the conversion but trailed 0-6 before marching down the field to answer the Bluejay score on a 6 play drive. Runs and passes were mixed. Luke McGuire completed a 20 yard pass to Trey DeWeese on the drive, and the score went to Jack Ruckle when he broke off a 23 yard run with a broken tackle. The way was paved by Albers, Halderson, and a big block by Schnittker. The PAT was no good. Game tied 6-6.

The Blue Jays fought hard and fast with another score in just three plays, breaking tackles in the open field, but the Cats stiffened up on the goal line and denied them the conversion. Jays up 6-12. On the ensuing kickoff Luke M returned the ball 19 yards to set up good

field position. The best play of the 5 play drive was a 23 yard completion from Trey to Will. Will had to tiptoe and dodge several defenders before they pulled him down. The Cats lost the ball on downs. The Blue Jays took just one play to score on a 50 yard run on very poor tackling by the Cats. Again the Cats denied them the PAT though so the score was 6-18.

After the next 9 play drive the Cats stalled out again on downs on about the 30 yard line. The Cat defense woke up in a big way. Jack tackled the rusher behind the line. Then on a reverse, Trey was waiting and the Jays lost 9 more yards. On the third down pass play Jack was in the back field nearly getting a sack and the pass was no good. After receiving the punt, the Cats went to the air. After a couple short incomplections, Luke M hooked up with Lane twice in a row for 18 and 12 yards. Then Luke M got loose for a 35

yard run. The PAT was good which tightened the game up considerably, 14-18. The Jays scored quickly but their PAT was destroyed by several Wildcats deep in the backfield. 14-24. After a good kickoff return by Dagim for 13 yards, the Cats were set up in good field position. However, there was not much time in the half. Luke had back to back completions to Lane for 36 yards and then an exciting 11 yard TD as time ran out. The PAT by Dagim was good, so the Cats went into the second half down 22-24 to a good team without yet playing their best ball.

The third quarter was a different kind of game. There was no scoring. At all. Both teams settled down defensively. Drives happened but neither team punched it in. The only turnover was a tipped Wildcat pass that a defender found in his hands. Luke M ran 26 and 13 yards. Jack got a sack. Trey caught

a pass from Luke for 18 yards. Despite those solid offensive gains and defensive stands, it was a back and forth game with both teams digging in and making stops.

When the 4th quarter started the Jays ate up a bunch of time with a long drive that ended on a 4th down with an ill-advised attempt to run around Jack on the sideline. With that momentum the Cats took the ball. Four different receivers caught a pass on the scoring drive, ranging from 2 to 11 yards, and the Cats moved down the field with authority. With 4th down and 5 to go on the 15 yard line, the opinion in the huddle was unanimous: "Toss left and we will clear the way". In the 1960's there may have been a similar huddle call! Well it did not go as planned. Trey did block one but they had two more defenders ready to stop the drive. Luke McGuire and Luke Albers ad libbed a "toss

left" into a "toss pass" for the score. Dagim nailed the PAT so the Cats were up 30 to 24. The Wildcat faithful erupted on the sideline and with good reason, but the game was not over. Ashland answered the call again, driving down and scoring in championship fashion. AGAIN the Wildcat defense held true on the PAT attempt as Trey intercepted the pass. 30 to 30 was the score with just 2:18 left in the game.

Dagim got a nice return on the Kickoff up to the 30 yard line. Luke M hit Luke A, Trey, and Luke A again for gains of 11, 4, and a 35 yard touchdown. Dagim put the PAT through for 2 more points and an 8 point Wildcat lead 38 to 30. Ashland tried 4 more downs but were stopped by another sack from Jack on one and could not answer on the last drive. Wildcats win an exciting season opener!

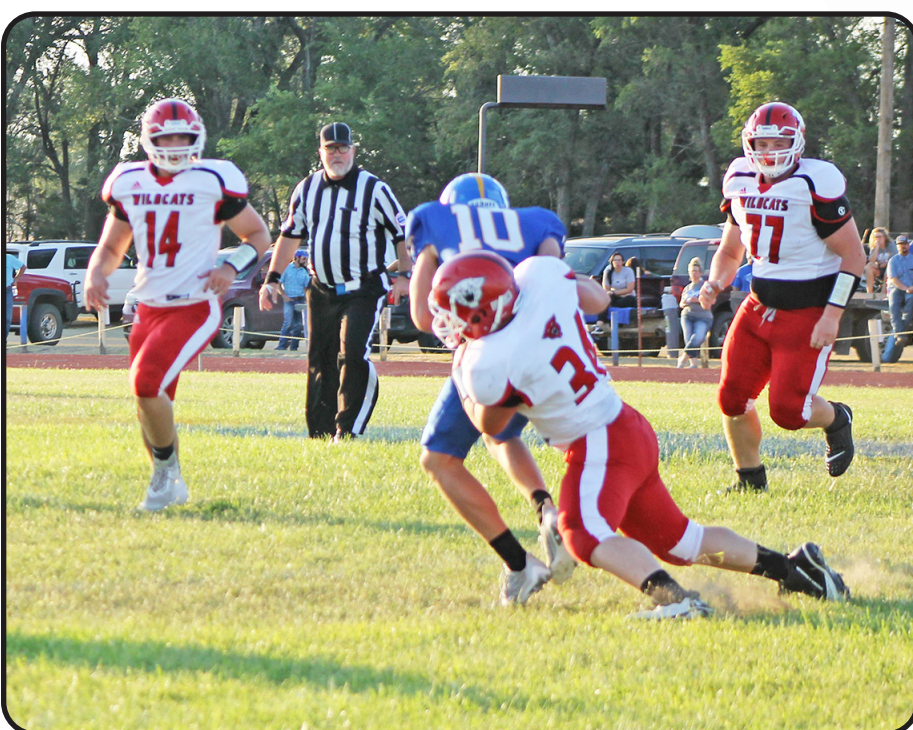
--Coach Lance McGuire



Trey DeWeese (#11) and Luke McGuire



Dagim Reed, Will Wegerer, and Luke Albers



Lane Halderson (#14), Jack Ruckle (#34) and Trent Schnittker (#77)



Jack Ruckle, Lane Halderson, and Trent Schnittker

photo by Molly Morgan

CHS Band Marches at State Fair



Under the direction of Nicole Kerschen, the CHS Band traveled to Hutchinson on Monday, September 12th to march in the State Fair parade.

photo by Molly Morgan

CHS Football Team Plays First Home Game

It's always fun to get the hometown crowd back at the football field. For the second game of the season the Cunningham Wildcats hosted the defending 6-man state champs, the Natoma Tigers, who happen to be the last team to beat the Wildcats and the only loss the Wildcats suffered last year. None of that was lost on the Cats for their home opener.

Cunningham lost the toss, but won nearly every battle after that. A touchback kick by Dagim was followed by tough and efficient defense. Three plays and a punt later, Trey completed 3 passes in a row highlighted by a 12 yard pass to Luke Albers. Luke McGuire found the endzone with a 19 yard scramble on a pass play; Lane Halderson paving the way with a downfield block. Dagim knocked in

the PAT kick for an 8-0 lead. A second touchback on the kickoff pinned the Tigers on their 15 yard line. A big pass play by Natoma with two defenders on him flipped the field. After a few plays with poor tackling the Cats were backed up to their goal line. Jack Ruckle got a tackle behind the line and the Cats stiffened the defense. The Tigers again gave up the ball on downs, the Wildcats transitioning to offense on their own 20 yard line. Trey hooked up with Luke Albers for a 46 yard pass and put the Tigers on their heels. After a few unsuccessful pass attempts Luke McGuire scrambled again on a pass play for 14 yards and a score on 4th down. No PAT for the Cats put the Wildcats up 14-0.

After a kickoff return and a penalty the Tigers were at midfield. Jack

Ruckle got another tackle for loss on 1st down. On second down Jack, who lived behind the Tiger line, hit the QB as he threw. Luke McGuire picked it off on the 10 yard line. The Wildcats went from Defense to Offense and cleared the way for Luke to return the ball 50 yards. Dagim Reed had a crushing block to spring Luke for additional yards at the end of the run. The first quarter ended but not the Tiger's woes. The Cats used the good field position for a 1 play drive, Trey hitting Lane for a 15 yard touchdown. Dagim completed the extra point pass to Leo for a 21-0 lead. The Wildcat defense could "smell the blood in the water" at this point and started really applying the pressure. The defense held Natoma on 3 plays to force a punt. Trey tossed to Luke M on a busted play and he

scampered 42 yards for a score. Luke Albers had a great downfield block to seal the TD. The PAT was no good. Cats up 27 to 0. Back on defense, the Cats forced a punt after just 3 plays. Trent Schnittker took over that set of downs getting a sack and a tackle for loss. The Natoma punt was fielded by Luke M and returned 27 yards. The Cats were back in business with great field position. Natoma got a pass interference (Trey to Lane) which saved a TD, and the Cats couldn't muster a score on the drive, even with Luke Albers' impressive one handed catch on 4th down. The Cats rallied the defense again stopping the Tigers on 3 downs and a punt. Back on offense, the Tigers once again soaked up a pass interference that saved a potential TD, this one from Luke to Lane.

After two more downs the Cats faced 4th and 9. Once again on a pass play Luke scrambled for a TD. This time for 25 yards. Dagim put the kick through the uprights for another 2 points. Cats up 35 to 0. The half ended with the Cats stopping the Tigers on downs.

The Wildcats started the second half with a fumble on their first play. Natoma's success was short-lived. On the very next play Jack hit the QB as he threw the ball. Luke intercepted the ball on the opponent's goal line and was off to the races. Lane provided a great block for bonus yardage. A late hit on the play tacked on another 15 yards. The Cats had another 1 play drive as Trey zipped a ball to Lane on a timing throw that resulted in another Wildcat TD. The Cats did not convert the PAT. The lead was 42-0.

After kicking off, the Wildcat D stopped the Tigers in 3 plays. A Trent/Jack sack and an interception by Trey put the Cats in great field position again. However, the Cats fumbled the ball on their second play. Our defense held true as Trent got another sack and Dagim tackled a ball carrier behind the line of scrimmage. The Wildcats turned the ball over on downs. The Tigers only lasted two plays on the next drive. The Cats led by Trent got a tackle for loss on 1st down. Then on 2nd down, Leo caused a fumble that scooped up by Trey. The Wildcats finished the game on yet another 1 play drive as Skyler Thimesch cut back against the grain for a touchdown. The game ended in the third quarter, Wildcats victorious 47 to 0.

-Coach Lance McGuire



Rick King, ?, and Skyler Thimesch



Trey DeWeese



Skylar Thimesch

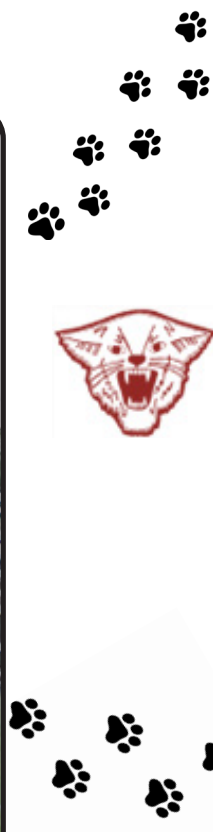


Jack Ruckle



Dagim Reed

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Cornhole

(con't from page 3)

first want to start with being able to execute your throw consistently through sound throwing fundamentals and then develop different throwing techniques to be able to consistently score more points than your opponent.

There are so many different scenarios that you might have in a cornhole game, these different tips will allow you to have an answer for any situation that might come up. We have laid out some techniques and drills that you can use to get better. The important thing to remember is that cornhole is like anything else you want to get good at, you have to PRACTICE,

PRACTICE, PRACTICE!

Those are steps to developing your technique. Now head on over to Zenda this Saturday and play a game or two or three. Donate to their fire department fund as they need a new truck. Enjoy your day. Be generous. They are noble causes, cornhole throwing and fighting fires.

"What kind of a person would participate in a cornhole competition? I personally wouldn't be involved in anything to do with cornholes."

— Janet Evanovich, *Look Alive Twenty-Five*

Vegetable Prep Affects Flavor, Texture

By Pat Melgares, K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN, Kan. — A potato is a potato is a potato...right?

Maybe not, says Kansas State University food scientist Karen Blakeslee.

"If you taste a whole vegetable, such as a baked sweet potato, compared to slices of sweet potato that are baked, you'll have two different foods," said Blakeslee, who is also coordinator of the university's Rapid Response Center for food science.

"Cutting the vegetable opens up the cell struc-

ture to allow the natural sugars and proteins to interact with the heat," she said. "Taste the sweet potatoes side-by-side and you will pick up different flavor compounds."

Cutting vegetables to roast or bake can "take flavor to another level," according to Blakeslee, because of a concept known as the Maillard reaction.

"The Maillard reaction is a non-enzymatic reaction between amino acids (that make up proteins) and reducing sugars (such as glucose and fructose) in the presence of heat," Blakeslee said.

"In some cases, it is a desirable reaction, such as browning meat or baked bread, or roasted coffee beans. But in other

cases, it is detrimental — such as in dry milk powder if it is stored improperly. It's not the same as caramelization, which is a thermal decomposition of certain sugars in food (such as making caramel candy)."

Vegetables can be tasty regardless of the way consumers prepare them, Blakeslee said; it's just a matter of preference.

"Try different ways to prepare and cook vegetables," she said. "From baking, roasting, sautéing and more, the preparation can add a lot of variety to any meal."

She adds: "Using different preparation methods can take a once-hated vegetable to a favorite vegetable."

Blakeslee publishes a monthly newsletter called You Asked It! that provides numerous tips on being safe and healthy. More information is also available from local extension offices in Kansas.

"Do you like vegetables?" Sophie asked, hoping to steer the conversation towards a slightly less dangerous kind of food.

"You is trying to change the subject," the Giant said sternly. "We is having an interesting babblement about the taste of the human bean. The human bean is not a vegetable."

— Roald Dahl, *The BFG*

We are studying the contributions...



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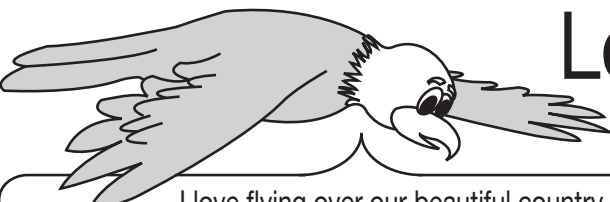


...of Hispanic Americans to our country.



Kids: color stuff in!

Learning About Hispanic Heritage



I love flying over our beautiful country and seeing all kinds of families doing things together. On this page we celebrate families of Hispanic heritage. We learn about how they have shaped the history of the United States. People of Hispanic heritage have come to the U.S. from countries such as Puerto Rico, Cuba, Mexico and other parts of Central and South America. They may speak slightly different versions of the Spanish language, and possess a range of identities and cultures, but they have one thing in common — they are part of the American story!

Can you read the clues to identify these Hispanic Americans?

- 1.) Antonia Coello _____ - the first Hispanic U.S. Surgeon General; also the first woman to hold the position
- 2.) Cesar _____ - went to many elementary schools while traveling to farms with his family to work; he started a labor union to get fair wages, better housing and to improve other conditions for farm workers
- 3.) Oscar _____ - won a Pulitzer Prize for Fiction (1990) for his novel *The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love*
- 4.) Alex _____ - youngest major league baseball player to hit 600 home runs
- 5.) Ellen _____ - first female Hispanic astronaut
- 6.) Susana _____ - first Hispanic woman governor (New Mexico), born in Texas; family of Mexican heritage
- 7.) Prudencio and Carolina _____ - began a company called Goya, producing Hispanic foods; the largest Hispanic-owned food company in the U.S.
- 8.) Luis Walter _____ - won the Nobel Prize in Physics (1968); he and his son declared that the mass dinosaur extinction was caused by a meteor impact
- 9.) Rita _____ - first Hispanic actress to win an Oscar
- 10.) Nancy _____ - great woman golfer; got first set of golf clubs at age 8

Clues for crossword puzzle:
 1. Lopez
 2. Alvarez
 3. Novello
 4. Rodriguez
 5. Moreno
 6. Chavez
 7. Ochoa
 8. Martinez
 9. Alvarez
 10. Uh-Oh! This can't be good...

Am I not just the cutest puppy you've ever seen? Do you know what kind of dog I am? We originate from Mexico.

I am a

C i u a u a
 (Hint: Each blank needs the same letter.)

We'll fill our piñatas with candies and small toys.



Native Countries

Can you find and circle these countries that people of Hispanic heritage come from?

Celebrations

Word search grid letters:
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 N D C P J L B A Q M
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 N E T C K L U T Y A B E U G V K O Q H H A I O V D E P E S
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 N P Y U W O S U J T N R P A R O D A V L A S L E H U V N O
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 M V U W T Y D I O P E J E U I W T
 L P A T A B U C M
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 H P

If you see a Hispanic heritage celebration at your community center or in your neighborhood, be sure to join in the fun.

You may smell — and want to taste — a delicious dish called *paella*. It is a Spanish dish often made of simmered rice, chicken, chorizo (Spanish sausage), scallops, shrimp, tomatoes, green beans and other vegetables and spices: saffron, garlic, parsley, salt. Every chef puts his own twist on it!

You may hear *Mambo* music playing at the festival. This music developed originally in Cuba.

Fill in the missing vowels to name two mambo instruments:

1. This is the tumbadora or Conga dr_m.

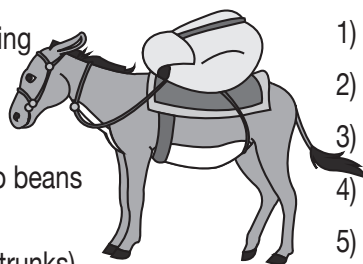
2. Some people call this mambo bell the "c_w-bell"

Borrowed Words!

About 40 million Americans speak Spanish at home. The majority of these people also speak or are learning English too. The words below came into the English language from words in Spanish. Some of them were originally words that the Spanish adopted from Native American words. Match each word to its definition:

- 1) mosquito
- 2) cafeteria
- 3) chocolate
- 4) poinsettia
- 5) canoe
- 6) burro

- A) tropical plant, red leaves; Christmas decoration
- B) this female pest's bite will leave you itching
- C) strong, surefooted; sometimes used by people to carry heavy items
- D) treat made from roasting, grinding cacao beans
- E) light, narrow boat with pointed ends (Native Americans made them from tree trunks)
- F) place where one selects a meal, carries it on a tray to table



- 1) hurricane
- 2) manatee
- 3) canyon
- 4) barbecue
- 5) rodeo
- 6) chihuahua

- A) event where cowboys ride broncos, compete in roping animals
- B) powerful, twisting storm, comes off the ocean
- C) small, Mexican dog, very little hair, barks a lot
- D) "Sea Cow," large, endangered water mammal
- E) deep valley, cliffs on sides, often a stream in it
- F) a fireplace used for cooking meat, or a gathering where meat is cooked on one

(Answers on page 10)

Cunningham Courier Receives 2022 Best of Penalosa Award

I received this announcement in an email this morning!! One Ruby Rodriquez was the sender. I can't even believe it. I keep pinching myself in wonderment. I am not dreaming! It is real!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PENALOSA
September 6, 2022 -- Cunningham Courier has been selected for the 2022 Best of Penalosa Award in the Newspaper Publisher category by the Penalosa Award Program.

Each year, the Penalosa Award Program identifies companies that we believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business



category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and our community. These exceptional companies help make the Penalosa area a great place to live, work and play.

Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2022 Penalosa Award Program focuses on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined

based on the information gathered both internally by the Penalosa Award Program and data provided by third parties.

About Penalosa Award Program

The Penalosa Award Program is an annual awards program honoring the achievements and accomplishments of local businesses throughout the Penalosa area. Recognition is given to those companies that have shown the ability to use their best practices and implemented programs to generate competitive advantages and long-term value.

The Penalosa Award Program was established to recognize the best of local businesses in our community. Our organization works exclusively with local business own-

ers, trade groups, professional associations and other business advertising and marketing groups. Our mission is to recognize the small business community's contributions to the U.S. economy.

SOURCE: Penalosa Award Program

CONTACT: Penalosa Award Program

Email: PublicRelations@businessusa-award.com

URL: <http://www.businessusa-award.com>

And other information they provided: The Penalosa Award Program purpose to support and offer public recognition of the contributions of businesses and organizations in and around Penalosa. It is your option to have us send you one of the 2022 Awards that have been designed for display at your business. As an Award recipi-

ent, there is no membership obligation. We just ask each Award recipient to pay the cost of their awards. The revenue generated by the Penalosa Award Program helps to pay for local business support and partnership programs.

There are several award types, sizes and shipping options. We can also supply you with a digital award image, made during the award production process, at no extra charge for use on your website or social marketing.

Isn't this great! I checked out their website. Other winners include American Red Cross, Merrill Lynch, Best Buy, Microsoft Store, Shell Oil, Edward Jones and a few others that aren't worth mentioning here. I am so incredibly impressed. I didn't even know Penalosa had those businesses in their area.

And here are quotes from other excited Penalosa Award winners just like me, except their names are different and they don't appear to have last names:

"Wow this is wonderful! I look forward to receiving this award!" Tasha

"Thank you very much. We are very excited about receiving this very prestigious award." Nancy & Gary

"Thank you so much for this amazing award. We are honored to be part of such a wonderful community." Gina

"WOW! We are so honored and excited!! Thanks SO much!" Jennifer

"We received our awards. Thank you, they are very beautiful. We will proudly display them." Javier

I'm thinking I'm going to order their awards so my money can "help to pay for local business support and partnership programs." The plaque is only \$149.99 and the beautiful crystal pictured below for \$199.99. If I order both of them I can get them for a mere \$229.98. Shipping is only \$19.99, unless I want it A.S.A.P. Then it is \$29.99.

I called the number on the website, but no one answered at 8:15 in the evening. I am so disappointed. I was really wanting to visit with the person(s) who went to all the trouble to set this up. There is a great deal of detail on the website and quite a lot of time had to go into the creation of it. I'll probably never get to talk to the person... unless I win the 2022 Best of Calista Award and the 2022 Best of Cairo Award and

"Anyone who has spent time giving talks in the community about how to avoid fraud encounters a common reaction: "This is all well and good for other people, but I'm too smart to ever fall for one of these scams."

— D. Shadel, *Outsmarting the Scam Artists: How to Protect Yourself From the Most Clever Cons*

Kingman County Humane Society Needs Our Help!

IT'S BEEN A LONG HOT SUMMER and our savings account is almost depleted. The good news is a very generous donor has offered us a solution. Our donor has promised to match every donation of \$50 or more that we receive between now and September 21st up to \$5,000.00!! So we're kicking off our "DOG DAYS OF SUMMER" campaign today and we need EVERYONE to help us reach our goal of raising \$5,000.00. You can start a Facebook campaign and get 5 friends to donate \$10 donate \$10 to your campaign and KCHS will get \$100! Or donate directly on our Facebook page or Instagram, our website <https://kingmancountyhumanesociety.org>, our ShelterBoost link at <https://checkout.shelterluv.com/donate/KCKS> or simply text KCKS to 89871. Let's end the summer of 2022 with a BANG!

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Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

Mimi

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Female Siamese
Age: 1 year, 9 months
Adoption Fee: \$40.00
Intake Date: June 28, 2022
Beautiful silver with dark points. Needs some patience and TLC before she will let you into her heart. It might take some time to earn her trust but we think she is worth it.

Bailey

Sponsored by The Cunningham Courier

Female Terrier, American Staffordshire
Weight: 65 pounds
Age: 4 years, 8 months
Adoption Fee: \$180.00
Intake Date: July 20, 2022

KCHS Donation Wish List

The pets at Kingman County Humane Society are in need of the following items:

- 13-gal. kitchen trash bags
- dry cat and kitten food
- clumping cat litter
- canned dog food
- Purina Puppy Chow
- long-lasting chews
- stainless steel flat-sided water buckets
- paper towels
- bleach
- liquid laundry detergent
- poop bag rolls
- disposable gloves (large)

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

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KINDNESS IS KINDNESS. SIMPLE AS THAT."
- RICKY GERVAIS

Please consider volunteering or adopting or fostering or donating! or all four!

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1015 East U.S. 54, Kingman, KS

Learning About Hispanic Heritage

Did you find and circle these countries that people of Hispanic heritage come from?

Uh-Oh! This can't be good...

Celebrations

Fill me with candies.

Borrowed Words!
These words have come into English from the Spanish language.
1) B 2) F 3) D 4) A 5) E 6) C

Mambo Instruments

I am a C h i h u a h u a
(The letter "h" was missing.)

Minutes from Kingman County Commission on August 29, 2022

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on August 29th, 2022, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Present: Fred Foley, Chairman; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Julie Lyon

Online Visitors: Caller 01
Staff: Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director; Stan Goetz, HR

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

No additions were requested.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to ap-

prove the agenda with no additions. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Foley asked if there was any public comment.

No public comment was made.

Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to update the Commissioners on the tax sale. There is currently three taxpayers left for the tax sale.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed the South-Central Coalition, and the membership is \$250.00 per year.

Julie Lyon was in to request putting a mural on the old saddle & ropers building down at the fair grounds that the County owns.

Ms. Lyon also requested possibly putting new epoxy on the floor inside the building.

Commissioners agreed to the mural and the flooring being done by Ms. Lyon.

Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in to discuss a \$300.00 bill that is owed

and how to handle it. Commissioner Thimesch discussed that he went down and looked at the stall buildings and said that he isn't for another building being added but taking all down and putting up one 110' X 110' building to help with the drainage.

Commissioners discussed the stalls with Ms. Frampton and she said that stalls need to be put back by the 15th of September.

Commissioners let Ms. Frampton know that they will see if they can get help to put the stalls back for upcoming events.

Commissioners would like for Ms. Frampton to write off the bill for \$300.00 that is owed.

Stan Goetz, HR/ Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to request an executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 9:39 a.m. to discuss an individual employees evaluation pursuant to the excep-

tion under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel and will return to open session in the board meeting room at 10:55 a.m. Chairman Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners. County Commissioners returned to session at 10:55 a.m. and signed new hire form for Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager.

Mr. Goetz discussed the wellness program and that he will be handling it.

Mr. Goetz discussed the issues with property in Murdock.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that on September 26, 2022 at the Courthouse there will be a planning/zoning meeting to discuss multiple items.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

Arland Stephens for shed-living quarters in section 32, township 29, range 05W.

Dan Beat for a shed-living quarters in section 19, township 28, range 09W.

Billy Page (The Barn Guys) for a house in section 14, township 28, range 05W.

Cynthia & Mark Allen for a house in section 19, township 29, range 06W.

Joel Potter for a shed-living quarters in section 1, township 30, range 05W.

Scott Sparks for a house addition in section 10, township 28, range 07W.

Tad Hacker was in to go over the proclamation for this year and the vendors that will be attending the Constitutional Amendment Day.

MOTION: Chairman Foley moved to approve a proclamation declaring Constitution week for 2022. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Clerk submitted the August 22, 2022 Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the August 22nd, 2022, commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a consultation request to consider for Belmont Township.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the request for consultation in Belmont Township. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the following bridges for replacement on

KDOT's Revised Off-System Bridge Program to the Commissioners.

Bridge H.8-16 -1.25 miles west of Willowdale on SW 90 Street.

Bridge U.8-17—3 miles north of Rago and .1 mile west of K-14 on SE 100 Street.

with this program there is no match requirement but the design would be our cost.

Mr. Arensdorf gave a report on the fatality vehicle accident at the intersection of NE 10 Street and NE 100 Avenue on August 26, 2022.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the Hot Mix corrections taking place on August 29, 2022, for FAS 693.

Richard Schott, Emergency Manager and his replacement Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager were in to go over things that he has went over with Mr. Ewy so far and will finish this Wednesday.

Mr. Schott has introduced him to the department heads and other individuals he will be working with.

Mr. Schott presented documents for the Emergency Management Plan to be signed by the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf was in to let the Commissioners know that they have an AED machine that they would like to give to Council on Aging.

Commissioners agreed that giving the AED machine to the Council on Aging is a great idea.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:53 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.



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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, August 28th

Traffic Stop 1
Traffic Complaint 313 East D Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint 750 West D Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint NW 20 St & W Hwy 54, Kingman
Theft 445 E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
Disturbance 501 N Main St, Kingman
Check Welfare 14242 NE 20 St, Cheney
Agency Assist 18000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Accidental 911 Dial 13374 SE 60 St, Norwich

Monday, August 29th

Traffic Stop 3
Traffic Complaint 600 N Main St, Spivey
Animal Complaint E Hwy 12 & SE 40 Ave, Rago

Tuesday, August 30th

Traffic Stop 9
Traffic / Check Tag E Hwy 42 & SE 50 Ave, Norwich
Traffic / Disabled Vehicle 2000 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic / Abandoned Vehicle SW 70 St & SW 50 Ave, Spivey
Animal Complaint 16501 NE 40 40 St, Cheney
Suspicious Activity 10760 SE 50 Ave, Rago
Accidental 911 Dial 15700 NE 50 St, Cheney

Wednesday, August 31st

Traffic Stop 2
Traffic Complaint 600 N Main, Spivey
Traffic Complaint 600 N Main, Spivey
Vehicle / Disabled Vehicle 16000 E Hwy 54, Cheney
Vehicle / Fire 2579 N Berry Ave, Kingman
Gas Leak / Odor 5024 NE 20 Ave, Kingman
Check Welfare 14242 NE 20 St, Cheney

Thursday, September 1st

Traffic Stop 2
Traffic Complaint SE 10 St & SE 30 Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint 2000 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic / Disabled Vehicle 4000 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Check Welfare 415 W First St, Cunningham
Smoke Investigation 2742 E Hwy 54, Kingman

Friday, September 2nd

Traffic Stop 11
Traffic Complaint SW 160 St & SW 90 Ave, Zenda
Traffic Complaint NE 40 Ave & NE 35 St, Kingman

Saturday, September 3rd

Traffic Stop 20
Traffic Complaint 6500 W Hwy 54, Kingman
Fire / Structure 8000 E Hwy 54, Murdock
911 Accidental Dial 6291 NE 20 St, Kingman

Sunday, September 4th

Traffic Stop 1
Traffic Complaint 313 East D Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint 750 West D Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint NW 20 St & W Hwy 54, Kingman
Theft 445 E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
Disturbance 501 N Main St, Kingman
Check Welfare 14242 NE 20 St, Cheney

Monday, September 5th

Traffic Stop 5
Traffic Complaint 1807 W Hwy 42, Spivey
Traffic Complaint 442 E D Ave, Kingman
Harrassment 311 N Henderson, Cunningham
911 Accidental Dial 16200 NE 50 St, Cheney

Tuesday, September 6th

Traffic Stop 10
Traffic Complaint 14000 E Hwy 54, Cheney
Traffic Complaint SE 70 St & SE 150 Ave, Norwich
Animal Complaint 4550 SE 140 Ave, Cheney
Animal Complaint NW 170 Ave & NW 50 St, Cunningham
Suspicious Activity 225 N Douglas St, Cunningham
911 Accidental Dial 1482 NW 160 Ave, Zenda

Wednesday, September 7th

Traffic Complaint 214 N Wheat St, Cunningham
Animal Complaint E Hwy 54 & NE 70 Ave, Kingman
Traffic / Disabled Vehicle N Hwy 11 & W Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic / Disabled Vehicle 4000 W Hwy 54, Kingman

Thursday, September 8th

Traffic Stop 1
Traffic Complaint 210 North Stadium St, Cunningham
Traffic Complaint NE 10 St & NE 80 Ave, Kingman
Animal Complaint SW 150 St & SW 160 Ave, Nashville
Animal Complaint 2485 S Hwy 14, Kingman

Friday, September 9th

Traffic Stop 1
Traffic Complaint 11000 E Hwy 54, Cheney
Traffic Complaint SE 90 St & SE 100 Ave, Kingman
Animal Complaint SW 90 Ave & W Hwy 42, Zenda
Check Welfare 311 S Cowgill St, Nashville

Saturday, September 10th

Traffic Stop 2
Traffic Complaint 6000 W Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic / Disabled Vehicle 8000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Traffic / Disabled Vehicle 4000 W Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic / Disabled Vehicle E 4th & N Valley St, Cunningham
Animal Complaint NE 35 St & Ne 40 Ave, Kingman
Check Welfare 16506 W Hwy 42, Nashville

Minutes from the Pratt County Commission Meeting on September 6, 2022

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Thomas W. Jones III, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk, Mark Graber, IT director, Jennifer Stultz and Linda Hoeme.

Heather Morgan, economic development/COVID consultant, reported she will be attending the SW Alliance meeting with the western Kansas legislatures. Economic Development has been contacted by an existing company wanting to expand and a company interested in relocating to this area. Pratt area economic development will not be meeting in September, next meeting in October. There are no new façade applications. She is following up on the broadband grant, she contacted the state got feedback this was not on the state's plan. Chairman Adams asked if the companies asking were serious about moving their business to

Pratt County. She said the issues would be the availability of buildings and work force with the correct work skills.

Mary Ann McGuire, reported an incident on July 18th. She presented a map of the PSB and her home. She is concerned about an emergency rescue vehicle almost running her off the road with her tractor loaded with hay. When the vehicle returned, they did not stop at the stop sign by her home. There are trees by the stop sign so there is limited visibility. Another occurrence at 3:00 a.m., an ambulance went by her home lights flashing and sirens, if they are doing this during calving time her cows will be scared and be out of their fence. Morgan Trinkle stated the stop sign issue has been addressed. He would like the road department to cut down the tree that is in the ditch blocking the stop sign. Chairman Adams said they would do the best they could to address the problems.

Amy Jones, treasurer, presented a one year raise form for Cescha Hoffman. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the \$1.00 raise for Cescha Hoffman. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from August 29, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the appointment of Susan Pixler, Republican and Sherry Wenrich, Democrat to serve as the two electors to observe destruction of ballots under K.S.A. 25-2708. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

There was a short recess to allow commissioner Shriver to take a phone call. Karen Hampton came in to thank the commissioners for calling the fire chiefs in for a meeting. Her main complaint is that there are four fire stations closer to her house than the district her home is in. She questioned why the districts are set up the way they are. Chairman Adams stated her time was up, she said it was not, she had fifteen minutes. They explained how the fire districts are set up and cannot be changed by them.

Tim Branscom, emergency manager/zoning director, presented quotes from Integreen and Eck on checking the lines at the new building. He was told those need to be turned into Harman Huffman construction. He also presented revised quotes from Younie Lawnsapes for rock and grass seed at the public safety building. Chairman Adams questioned why we were not getting bids on this amount of work. Tyson stated it should be bid out. Tim will check with

other companies to get additional quotes.

Commissioner Shriver stated there should be enough natural grasses to keep from washing out. He stated the work done right around the building, the circle drive and guttering should be done as soon as possible. Commissioner Jones stated he would like to get bids.

Billy Hampton, fire/rescue chief, Morgan Trinkle and Gary Smith stated when he took over in 2018, money has been put back to replace Rescue 2. He would like one with water/firefighting capabilities. Morgan and Gary have been on the truck committee and presented quotes from four different companies. Gary reported there is a month that will be open to order a Ford F-550 after that they won't be available for another year. If ordered now they still would not receive the truck until next year. They explained the difference between the equipment on the trucks. The quotes are good for thirty days,

After that it could go up \$8,000 to \$10,000. Commissioner Shriver stated they have to finish the budget process before they can make any decisions. Gary Smith questioned if they were going to put a security camera system at the public safety building.

Commissioner Shriver stated it was in the original plans but was

never submitted. They reported the concrete is ready to be repaired from the lines being checked.

Doug Freund, road department, requested ten-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel concerning part time-employees. Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:58 p.m. for ten minutes to return at 3:08 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel concerning part-time employees. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:08 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

He presented an application from Kirkham Michael for the state cost share on a bridge west of Coats in 2023. It is a 90-10 split if state approves the application. The total cost is \$575,478. The county share would be \$57,478. Commissioner Shriver asked Doug to cut the tree out of the ditch for visibility on NE 20th street.

Commissioner Jones stated if they couldn't do it, to hire someone to take it out.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers from September 6, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver

stated they needed to discuss the budget. He had talked to Scot Loyd the accountant about the 3% across the board or excluding the department heads and elected officials. He stated it was at 10 mills and they have it down to 6 mills,

Getting the mill any lower, services will have to be cut. If cash is used to lower the mill this year, they would have to make that up next year. Chairman Adams stated everything is going up and doesn't want to cut any services. Tyson stated there will be two votes on Monday, to exceed the RNR and the other is to approve the budget for 2023.

It was decided the mill levy for 2023 will be 58.406. Commissioner Jones stated he won't vote yes on approving the 6 mill increase. Tyson will communicate with Scot Loyd, Accountant, the wishes of the commissioners to set the budget amounts for 2023.

Linda Hoeme, asked why the county did not have an accountant prior to this. Commissioner Shriver stated there was a lack of communication between the previous commissioners and the auditor, from Varney and Associates.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 3:49 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Holland, Hernandez And Other Democratic Candidates Speak to Kingman Voters

Press Release

"I don't want government to put food on your table. I want you to put food on your table - with meaningful work and real wages." This was the central message that Reverend Mark Holland delivered to a group of 35 local citizens at the Democratic Candidate's Meet-and-Greet held last Saturday, September 10 in Kingman.

The 3rd generation Methodist pastor and former Mayor of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas is currently running for the United States Senate. "In a church, we do not sit on the left or right side of the sanctuary, depending on political party," said Holland. "Democrats and Republicans worship together, sing in the choir together, and serve in the food kitchen together. Washington DC could learn something from that."

Joining Holland at the event was Bob Hernandez, candidate for the U.S. 3rd Congressional District

House seat, as well as two candidates for statewide elected office: Jeanna Repass for Secretary of State and Lynn Rogers to retain his office as Kansas State Treasurer. They were also joined by Mark Schnittker, who is running for the Kingman County Commission, 1st District; and Garth Strand, a candidate from the nearby 104th Kansas House district in northern Reno County. The event began at 2 pm and was held at Livingston's Family Center on North Main.

Hernandez, who served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era and then again in Iraq

as part of the National Guard, said respect for the Constitution and rule of law is paramount. "January 6, 2021 was the catalyst for me when I, along with millions of Americans, saw what occurred and on the same day, Ron Estes voted to reject legitimate election results," recalled Hernandez, formerly a registered Republican. "Any attempt to subvert American democracy is inexcusable."

Jeanna Repass, the Secretary of State candidate, recounted the lessons she learned as a young woman from her mother, a civil rights activist and pastor, and

her father, a Vietnam veteran and police officer. "My parents taught us a deep and abiding love of this country, while never getting comfortable and always pressing to make things better." She said she was running to be the state's chief elections officer to ensure voters can vote free of intimidation. In both English and Spanish, she emphasized "Your vote is your voice."

Lynn Rogers used part of his time to thank the organizers of the event and to recount his many trips to Kingman as an ag banker. Rogers was originally elected to serve as Lt. Governor with Laura Kelly in 2018, and then accepted her appointment to serve as State Treasurer in 2021. Lynn touted the successes of the Kelly administration in promoting economic growth across the state and addressing rural prosperity.

Rogers also said he wanted to remain on now as state treasurer to continue making nuts-and-bolts operational improvements in the department. "There is so much work to be done, because there was so much work that was undone when I came into office," said Rogers. "We must remain focused on leading with integrity and removing any barriers that threaten our state's economic growth."

Local resident Mark Schnittker is running for

the Kingman County Commission, District 1. Schnittker said he is running to help contribute to cooperation and commonsense decision-making in the County. The discussions on rural economic prosperity were of intense interest to Schnittker, who reminded the audience how important it is to have County Commissioners willing to learn about these programs and engage with the state of Kansas staff to implement them.


Garth Strand of Reno County wrapped up the afternoon with a call to action for attendees to be involved in their community elections, "It's not easy running for local office, it takes a lot time and risk, but the reward comes when you know you are representing your neighbors." Strand also shared that the enthusiasm for change he sees in Kingman is not isolated. They are seeing record attendance at Democratic meetings in Reno County and he has been amazed by the outpouring of volunteer support compared to just two years ago. "Something has changed, and it's real," said Strand.

The event was organized by a local committee of Democrats. "Kingman voters have a choice - and we wanted to share with our neighbors what a fresh approach and more responsive officials can do for Kansas," said Faye Martin, one of the local organizers.

Public Notice	
<p>First published in the <i>Cunningham Courier</i>, Thursday, September 15, 2022.</p> <p>IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS</p> <p>IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JILL MILLER, Deceased. Case No. 2022 PR 54 (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)</p> <p>NOTICE OF HEARING</p> <p>THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:</p> <p>You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Valerie A. Nichols, an heir of Jill Miller, deceased, praying:</p> <p>Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Kingman County, Kansas:</p> <p><i>The Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Twenty-nine (29), Township Thirty</i></p>	<p>(30), Range Nine (9) West of the 6th P.M., Kingman County, Kansas</p> <p>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.</p> <p>You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before October 4, 2022 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.</p> <p>Valerie A. Nichols Petitioner BY: Matthew W. Ricke 349 N. Main, PO Box 113 Kingman, KS 67068 (620) 532-3103 Attorney for Petitioner</p>

Public Notice	
<p>First published in the <i>Cunningham Courier</i>, Thursday, September 1, 2022.</p> <p>IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS</p> <p>IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: LOIS L. KOSTNER, Deceased. Case No. 2022 PR 7 (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)</p> <p>NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS</p> <p>THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:</p> <p>You are hereby notified that on August 25, 2022, a Petition was filed in this Court by Janet Voran and Matthew W. Ricke, duly appointed, qualified and acting Co-Executors of the Estate of Lois L. Kostner, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled</p>	<p>thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys' fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executor of the Estate of Lois L. Kostner, deceased, and the Petitioners be released from further liability.</p> <p>You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before September 19, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.</p> <p>Janet Voran, Petitioner Matthew W. Ricke, Petitioner Matthew W. Ricke, #20995 ATTORNEY AT LAW, LLC 349 North Main, P. O. Box 113 Kingman, KS 67068 (620) 532-3103 Attorney for Petitioners</p>

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Edwin was born August 27, 1933, in the Pratt Ninescah Hospital to Clyde S. and Orpha S. (Randle) Boots. He attended Isabel Consolidated School and one year at Kansas State College. He served two years in Japan with the US Army.



February 11, 1956, he married Shirley Wehling. They were married 63 years before her death in 2019. Their daughter Diana was born in 1957 and they lived in Isabel for three years while Ed worked as a mechanic and welder. In 1959 he moved his family to the western Kansas farm. Ed and Shirley adopted two sons, Bradley in 1966 and Brian in 1968.

Ed served on various committees in Finney County, helping start a rural fire department on which he served 37 years. He served on the Garden City school board, the Finney County ASCS committee, and Conservation District board, the Finney County Extension executive committee, and the Ag committee. As part of the United Methodist Conference Farm Issues Task Force, he gave presentations about the plight of the farmers in the 1980s. He served 27 years as Garfield Township Clerk.

Ed was lay leader of Kalvesta United Methodist Church, helping build a new church at Kalvesta in 1964. Ed and Shirley led a very active youth group at the Kalvesta church. They were inducted into the Kansas Master Farmer - Homemaker organization class of 1992. When crops were poor Ed ran a grader for Finney County, did mechanic work, drove a school bus, and measured land for the ASCS Office. He began no till farming in 1975. For several years he was asked to take part in seminars on no till and limited till farming. In 1990 he put together a state-of-the-art seed cleaning facility. In 2007 Ed retired from the seed cleaning.

Ed and Shirley moved in 2002 to Pratt where they purchased a home, adding a shop where Ed did many projects for their church, friends, and family. Ed served on Pratt First United Methodist Church Board of Trustees and as church treasurer. He was available to help with any project. His men's devotion group provided fellowship and support. Ed and Shirley were faithful in supporting their church and many charities, and Ed made it his mission to do visitations to many.

Preceding him in death were his parents, wife Shirley, and grandson Ryan.

Surviving him are his sister, Clydene Boots of CA; daughter Diana (Dr. Jerry) Nixon of Wichita; grandson Grant (Dr. Courtney) and great-grandson Riley Nixon of CA; sons Bradley (Alicia) Boots and grandchildren Aaron (Diane) and great-granddaughter Aliza; David (Anna) Boots; and Dayna Boots of Kansas City; Brian (Angela) and grandson Finley Boots of Dallas, as well as many extended family, including Shonda (Wheeler) Collins of Garden City, KS who they helped care for as a baby, and his sweetheart, Louise Reimer.

Visitation will be Friday, September 16, from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. with family receiving friends from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Rd, Pratt. Memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, September 17, 2022, at First United Methodist Church, Pratt. Burial will follow at Isabel Cemetery, Isabel.

Memorials may be made to Pratt First United Methodist Church, www.zoeshouseadoptions.com or Donors choice in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Kimberly Davis-Farmer Named to SNHU President's List

MANCHESTER, NH (09/07/2022)-- Kimberly Davis-Farmer of Murdock (67111) has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Summer 2022 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Emery Knudsen

Emery Lynn Knudsen was born sleeping to her parents Brendan Knudsen and Des Vogel-Goodman of Kingman, Kansas. September 9, 2022 at 1:16 p.m. at Pratt Regional Medical Center.

She weighed 3lbs, 13oz, and 15 1/2" long. She is survived by her parents and siblings Phoenix, and Dahlila of Kingman. Other survivors include Grandparents, Great Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, and numerous other family members.

Her time with us was too short, and she will be missed by all. A private family service will take place at a later date. A celebration of life will take place, October 15, 2022 at 1 p.m. at Livingston's Family Life Center, 1830 North Main, Kingman, Ks. In lue of flowers, Memorials can be sent to the Emery Lynn Knudsen Family, for a family bereavement fund. Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman, is in charge of arrangements.



A Note of Thanks

Special thanks for all the prayers, cards, calls, visits and love shown to us since I had my surgery and hospital stay. Thanks to Todd and Ruth for taking care of our lawn and yard. God Bless everyone. -Jack and Eilene Crick-



A Note of Thanks

Thank you to family and friends of Caroline Dyche, and Father Roger for the beautiful service, for the prayers, the Masses, memorial gifts flowers, food, cards and all the kindest, sweetest words spoken about Caroline. A special thank you to Sacred Heart Altar Society for the preparation of the luncheon. Whatever the part, we thank you all. --The family of Caroline Dyche-

McKennon Completes Degrees at Wichita State University

WICHITA, Kan.-More than 400 students completed degrees at Wichita State University in summer 2022.

Undergraduate students who have attained a grade point average of 3.9 out of a possible 4.0 received the summa cum laude award; those with an average of 3.55 received the magna cum laude award; and those with an average of 3.25 received the cum laude.

At the undergraduate level, there were 228 degrees and certificates conferred. At the graduate level, there were 211 degrees and certificates conferred.

And of those earning a bachelor's degree, 55 were cum laude, 35 were magna cum laude, and one was summa cum laude.

Heidi M McKennon, BS in Nursing, Nursing-RN-to-BSN, Cum Laude

About Wichita State

Wichita State University serves as the Kansas urban-based research university, enrolling more than 16,000 students from every state in the U.S. and more than 100 countries. Wichita State and WSU Tech are recognized for being student centered and innovation driven.

Chante Freund Named to SNHU Dean's List

MANCHESTER, NH (09/07/2022)-- Chante Freund of Pratt (67124) has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Summer 2022 Dean's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with an 89-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 165,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as the "Most Innovative" regional university by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner. Learn more at www.snhu.edu.

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USD 332 Recognizes Monte Rose



On the first home football game, Monte Rose was recognized for his 40 years of service as the EMT on duty at the Cunningham home games. The plaque Monte is holding was presented by Scott DeWeese (on the left), school board president.

Taylor Schultz photo

Happy Belated Birthday Wishes to

my mom,
Joan Thimesch



Dan Marino's Tips to Keep Health Goals on Track During Football Season

(StatePoint) The kickoff to football season is here again, and with it comes pizza, beer, wings and more.

In a poll of 2,000 American men conducted by OnePoll and commissioned by Nutrisystem, 37% said they usually gain weight during football season from September to January, with 53% claiming they gain 10 pounds or more.

But football season doesn't need to wreak havoc on your overall health, wellness and weight loss goals. Just ask pro football Hall-of-Fame quarterback, Dan Marino.

"After playing pro football for 17 years, my knees took a beating and I had to have both of them replaced. Couple that with the stress of the COVID-19 pandemic, and I couldn't exercise or do the things I wanted to stay active, so I put on some weight," says Marino. "I knew I needed to make a change, turned to Nutrisystem and lost 26 pounds."

To help football fans stay on track this season, Marino is sharing his best tips to lose weight and get healthier.

1. Make a Commitment: It all starts with a commitment. You make a commitment to yourself to get healthier and then you find a game plan to do it. When you see results, you're motivated to keep going to reach your goal.

2. Keep it Simple: Men, especially, need things to be simple. If your goal is to lose weight, look for programs like Nutrisystem that are easy, take the guesswork out of dieting and deliver your favorite foods made healthier right to your door. Plus, they have great game day foods like popcorn, pizza and burgers to ensure you're making good choices.

3. Seek Support: Studies show that individuals lose up to 20% more weight when dieting with a partner. Find that teammate who will help motivate you to stick with your wellness goals.

4. Focus on Protein: Protein keeps your hunger in check and will keep you from grabbing those not-so-good for you game day foods. Aim to get your protein from foods like meat and fish, eggs, dairy products, nuts and nut butters. For an afternoon snack, I always grab a Nutrisystem shake, which is packed with protein to keep me full until dinner.

5. Get Moving: Get up and off the couch! Call up your friends and organize a game of football or shoot some hoops. I love to hit the golf course and I often walk instead of grabbing a cart. This way, I'm getting in extra exercise.

For more great tips to feel your best this football season and beyond, visit Nutrisystem's blog at leaf.nutrisystem.com.

The most important thing to remember is keeping up with your health and wellness doesn't need to be hard. It's all about balance. If you find yourself over-indulging as you're watching the game, that's okay. Commit to getting back on track the next day.

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