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Learning through summer

Tutoring at J.H. Robbins Memorial Library is back for its 11th year, offering math and reading tutoring for kids in kindergarten through seventh grade.

The sessions typically have around 20 kids each, but Library Director Colleen Sippel said numbers this year are in the single digits.

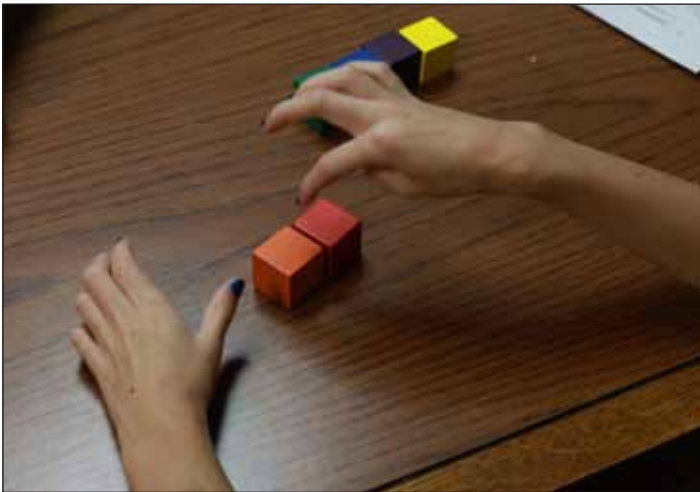
"I don't know what's going on, but we haven't had the kids coming in," Sippel said. "We've done tutoring the last couple of years all the way through. We've had a couple of kids throughout the school year too, but we try to hit it really hard through the summer ... we try to make it fun, not more school work, but just more fun so that they keep going and get a little extra help to make (it) through the next year."

Ellsworth resident Jordan Compton said her 7-year-old daughter Rachel started reading tutoring last year, which they are continuing this year.

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For her first session, Sippel reviewed the basics with Rachel.

"Let's see what sound this makes," she said as she quizzed Rachel with flashcards. "You know a lot more than last time I worked with you."

The duo worked through the flashcards and continued dissecting a sentence, review-

ing rhyming words and working on syllables.

"We did it," Rachel exclaimed after a second round with the flashcards.

The tutors prepare by taking online classes and attended training at Phillips Fundamental

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Ellsworth discusses appointment process

BY ALAN RUSCH
Ellsworth County I-R

Once again at Monday night's meeting of the Ellsworth City Council, the procedures for city appointments were briefly discussed.

The council approved the recommendation of Interim City Administrator Allen J. Dinkel by tabling further discussion of draft Charter Ordinance No. 28 until the June 23 meeting.

However, that approval did not come without a few fireworks beforehand.

Dinkel noted that after the council adopted Charter Ordinance 27 at the Dec. 9 meeting, dealing with the

appointment and removal of officers, it was discovered there was an error in publication, making it null and void.

At the May 12 meeting, the council revisited the charter ordinance to remove the appointment of officers, as they are city employees and would be hired and removed via personnel policies. Dinkel said there appeared to be a consensus to allow the appointment of boards, commissions and committees to be left to the mayor and be subject to approval by the council.

After further discussion at the May 27 council meeting, Dinkel said he would come up with a new draft charter ordinance.

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Cancer fund picnic Saturday

BY KAREN BONAR
Ellsworth County I-R

To celebrate the Sweet 16 of the of the Ellsworth County Cancer Fund, the organization is celebrating with a community picnic at 5 p.m. Saturday.

"Instead of doing a big event, we're doing an Ellsworth County Cancer Community Appreciation Picnic," co-founder Deb Mog said. "We have sponsorships we have done every year; we're not going to raise as much as we have in the past."

The event will take place

at the American Legion, rain or shine. The band The Rockits from Wilson and Holyrood is scheduled to play outdoors. In the event of rain, all events will be held indoors.

While the event will not feature the traditional luminaries and speaker, there will be some familiarity. Mog said donations are always welcome.

"(We will have) 'in honor of' and 'in memory of' boards," Mog said. "People can write a note or names. That's what we're doing this year."

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Candidates file for local seats

BY KAREN BONAR
Ellsworth County I-R

In each city in Ellsworth County, the race for mayor will be contested.

Ellsworth, Wilson and Kanopolis all have two candidates vying for the mayor's seat. The deadline to file for office was noon June 2.

"It's more likely to have more than one candidate when the current elected official is not running," Ellsworth County Election Officer Shelly Vopat said.

The mayor in each city is not seeking reelection, so the seat is considered open.

In each municipality, the mayor is a nonvoting member of the city council.

In addition to the mayor's seat, all municipalities have seats up for election for city council members. Additionally, the local school boards and Midway Extension District also have candidates up for election Nov. 4.

Candidates are as follows:

Ellsworth Mayor
Russell Allen, Jessica L. Kootz

Ellsworth City Council
(2 seats)
Steven Bishop, Daniel A. Finnegan, Tyler Renard

Holyrood City Council
(3 seats)
Brock Lawrence

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Paper earns sweepstakes

BY KYRA CASE
Ellsworth County I-R

SALINA — The Ellsworth County Independent-Reporter and its sister paper, The Marquette Tribune, earned more than 100 awards June 6 during the Kansas Press Association Convention.

In addition to 46 individual awards for the I-R, the paper earned the sweepstakes award for Division III for the second consecutive year.

"I am flattered our staff was strongly recognized by the judges," Editor/Publisher Karen Bonar said. "I was shocked when we won sweepstakes last year for the Reporter, and to earn the award for a second consecutive year is beyond any of my expectations."

Judging for the awards rotates among volunteers every year. This year, Texas Press Association had the final say on each award placement, judging the quality and determining whether each of the 2,800 entries met its category requirements.

KPA Executive Director Emily Bradbury said the conference is a "good morale boost for staff," mainly because many papers are hesitant to tell their own stories.

The convention was held in Salina June 5-6.

"It's just a really good way, especially for publishers, to be able to honor their work or their staff in a pretty economical way," Bradbury said. "And so it's really amazing to be able to do the work that is being done across Kansas and to be able to highlight that at least once a year, because they work so very hard and tirelessly and work at their work. It's just really important to be able to honor that. We have steady amounts of entries, which is wonderful. ... There are a lot of great stories to tell in Kansas journalism."



Ross Janssen's
Weather
June 11-June 17
WEDNESDAY 91/67
Sunny

THURSDAY	88/69	SUNDAY	92/67
Sunny		Mostly sunny	
FRIDAY	89/68	MONDAY	92/68
Mostly sunny		Partly cloudy	
SATURDAY	91/67	TUESDAY	89/67
Mostly sunny		Isolated storms	

KID SCOOP	A2	CLASSIFIED	A8
OBITUARIES	A3	CHURCH	A9
OPINION	A4	PASSAGES	A10
NEWS	A3, A5	LEGALS	A12