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City Council Met June 24th

The Cunningham City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 24, 2019 at City Hall, 119 N. Main. Present were Mayor Aaron Murphy, Council Members Karl Vierthaler, Bart Ricke, Tim Schultz, and Matt Westerhaus; City Attorney Greg Graffman; and City Clerk David Steffen. Guests included Harold Stark, Fire Chief; Carla Shearer, SCTelcom; Randy Shelman, City Maintenance; Jack Crick; Robin Waddle; and Jackie Ruckle, City Property Officer.

Following approval of the evening's agenda, the Council approved minutes of the May 31, 2019 special meeting and the June 11, 2019 special meeting.

Robin Waddle, 317 N. Lincoln, visited with the Council regarding the City's code's prohibition regarding the keeping of chickens within the city limits. After a presentation regarding backyard chickens and urban chickens, Ms. Waddle requested the Council consider changing the City Code to allow residents to have a small number of chickens on their property within the city limits. Consensus of the Council

was to take no action at this time and to consider the request at the July meeting.

SCTelcom – Carla Shearer, CEO/General Manager of SCTelcom in Medicine Lodge, visited with the Council regarding a franchise agreement. The Council approved a motion to change the 2.5% rate to 5% in the agreement and a motion to recommend Option No. 1, a route using the alley between Main and Douglas between Third and Fourth Streets, for the fiber optic cable. The Council then adopted Ordinance No. 673, an ordinance granting South Central Wireless, Inc., a Kansas Corporation, and its subsidiaries, successors, transferees and assigns, a non-exclusive franchise to erect, maintain, and operate a telecommunications system within the city limits of Cunningham, Kansas, prescribing the terms and conditions thereof and providing for payments to be made to the City of Cunningham, Kansas. A copy of the ordinance is available at City Hall and on the City website.

Community Center – Mayor Murphy presented the Council with a proposal

that the City assume responsibility for the Community Center, starting with the insurance this year and assisting where needed in the future. The Community Center Board of Directors (seven members) would be appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the City Council, similar to the Library Board and Recreation Board. Consensus of the Council was for the attorney to draft an ordinance for the governing body to consider at the July meeting.

Fire Department – Harold Stark gave the Fire Department report. There were no fire runs this past month. The new truck is ready but two nozzles are still on order. The Chief inspected the building to be used by the school for a fireworks stand. The department has purchased a set of industrial shelving for storing equipment and supplies in the fire station. The Council and Fire Chief discussed the need for a sign for the fire station.

Property Officer Report – Jackie Ruckle gave the property officer report. She is working on notices for six properties with issues ranging from weeds

and debris in yards, buildings in various states of disrepair and dilapidation, untagged vehicles, and a demolished garage left on site.

Personnel Policy – The Clerk and governing body reviewed changes to the personnel policy. Areas changed included Qualifications for Employment, Residency, Overtime / Comp Time, Call Out Policy, clarification on Vacation pay (full time / part time / seasonal / temporary employees), clarification regarding sick time and personal leave, and waiting period for city health insurance plan. The Council approved a motion to adopt the changes.

Following brief reports on the swimming pool, planning & zoning, and city maintenance, the Clerk presented the financial report and reviewed the month's bills with the governing body. The Council approved the financial report, including transfers, and paid the bills as presented.

Following approval of a motion to adjourn, Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

submitted by Dave Steffen

Unified School District #332 Enrollment

U.S.D. #332 enrollment will be held on the Wednesday, August 7th.

Enrollment for Cunningham Schools will be from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 and 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Enrollment for both CGS and CHS students will be held in the new admin/ Cafeteria area.. Enrollment information will be mailed to students who finished last year at Cunningham. If you are new to the district and would like information on enrollment, please contact the office at 620-298-2473 or stop by at 100 West 4th, Cunningham.

If you have a 3 or 4 year old you would like to send to preschool at Cunningham Grade School, please call Mr. Reed at 620-298-2473, to discuss enrollment and transportation. This is just a reminder: Parents of Kindergartners and Preschool students: if you have not already done so you need to bring the results of a health assessment, birth certificate verification and a copy of immunization records.

City Council meets Monday, July 29th

The Cunningham City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m., Monday, July 29, 2019 at City Hall, 119 N. Main.

In addition to regular business, the Council will consider a resident's request to revise the City Code to allow the keeping of chickens within the city limits, conduct two hearings regarding notices issued by the Property Officer, and hear a request from Kingman County Economic Development Council for funding in the 2020 budget.

The Council will discuss the Cunningham Community Center and possible financial assistance.

On the agenda are executive sessions under the non-elected personnel exemption in order to conduct interviews for the city superintendent position.

Also on the agenda is discussion and possible action regarding organizations using the city's EIN.

The Council will hear reports on the Fire Department, Swimming Pool, City Maintenance, Planning & Zoning, Properties, and Animal Control.

The Council will receive a financial report and set a date for the 2020 Budget Hearing before adjourning.

City Council meetings are open to the public. For more information or special needs considerations, contact City Hall at (620) 298-3077 or email clerk67035@gmail.com

Yard of the Week



The Yard of the Week is at the home of Jennette and Nick Rogers at 138 Henderson Street.

Courier photo



4-H'ers Participate in County Fair



Left: Savannah Thimesch, Brianna Dittmer and Jessica Dittmer model their outfits.

Right: Ava Neywick has a little talk with her horse, Tess, before entering the ring for the judging.

Below right: Ava Neywick with Tess in the judging ring.

Below left: Jessica Dittmer visits with a judge.



Photos submitted by Marianne Dittmer, Jennerifer Neywick, and Molly Morgan



Several young ladies model their outfits.

CATHOLIC Masses

St. Leo

Saturday, July 27, 2019
4:00 p.m.

St. John's, Zenda

Saturday, July 27, 2019
5:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart, Cunningham

Sunday, July 28, 2019
10:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, Willowdale

Sunday, July 28, 2019
8:30 a.m.

Fr. Roger Lumbre

620-243-5451
620-298-2601
620-246-5370

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Penalosa

Sunday Bible Class

10:00 a.m.

Worship

11:00 a.m.

Afternoon Worship

1:30 at Penalosa
Community Center

Mid-Week Bible Study

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
620-532-2684

CHRISTIAN
Cunningham

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Worship

10:45 a.m.

Bible Study

6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Pastor Mike McGovney

620-298-3201
620-770-9507

LUTHERAN
St. John's
Nashville

Worship Service

8:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Class

9:45 a.m.

Trinity Medicine Lodge

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

Morning Worship

10:30 a.m.
620-656-7431

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer

620-246-5220
Cell: 620-886-0911

UNITED METHODIST
Penalosa

Worship

9:15 a.m.

Cunningham

Sunday School
9:45 a.m.

Worship

10:45 a.m.

Pastor Katelyn Zoglmann

620-298-2090
Office Hours:
Tuesdays:
9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Zenda

101 N. Main
Sunday Worship
9 a.m.

Sunday School:

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

(3rd Sunday of each month breakfast fellowship at: 8:30 a.m.)

(United Methodist Women meet the 1st Tues. monthly: 6:30 p.m.)

Pastor Ken Keeling

Community Bulletin Board

Monday, July 29th
6:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 13th
6:00 p.m.

Parents' Sports Meeting

Wednesday, July 31st
7:00 p.m.

Book Club

Monday, August 19th

Fall Sports practices begin

Wednesday, August 7th
School Enrollment!!

Monday August 19th
New Teacher Orientation

Monday, August 12th
7:00 p.m.

Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday and Wednesday,
August 20th and 21st

All teachers back to school

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The Courier on
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Kingman Historic Theatre

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http://www.kingmantheatre.org/

FREE THROWBACK THURSDAY
JULY 25TH AT 6:30 P.M.

HAPPY FEET

RATED G

SPONSORED BY KINGMAN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL,

JULY 26TH - 28TH, 2019

NATIONAL OPENING WEEKEND

THE LION KING

RATED PG-

THURSDAY THRU SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 5:30 P.M.

ALL SEATS ARE \$6.00

Museum Hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 9:30 - 11:30

Anyone who would like to visit the museum any other time or day. I will open for you - please call:
620-388-5602.

The museum is great to see for such a small community! Donna Glenn

Fundraisers & Charitable Contributions in our Community

Cunningham Public Library

4C Day Care Shop smile.amazon.com
(Kathy Albers 620-298-2725 or 620-388-0774)

West Kingman County Education Foundation

Use your Dillon's Card! Shop smile.amazon.com
(Janet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

Hands of Hope (contact Fitzsimmons Insurance or any church)

Cunningham Schools Box Tops for Education

Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund

(send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)

Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

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

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Donna Glenn)

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Spotlight Pages will Start in September

Where does the time go? Can it be that time again? Time goes by so fast... all those cliches can be used here because school enrollment is coming up and school will be starting in just one short one month. (Sorry, teachers, 'tis true!)

Sports practices will begin shortly.

I am, once again, planning on creating spotlight pages. Seven of them.

They will highlight the arts, academic and sports participants and contests; staff and students.

The first spotlight

page will run early to mid-September. I would be very pleased if you would help sponsor these pages.

The 'signature' names on the individual/family sponsor list will be \$20.00 for all seven pages. NOT \$20.00 each. (Next year plan on \$25.00)

If you are a business owner, I will be sending out a letter and form so you can take advantage of this advertising opportunity. I am offering an additional opportunity for your ad to be on-line.

If you do not receive a letter and form in the next couple of weeks, please call and I will get one out to you.

If you would like a signature line as a family, a couple, or a single person, please send a check for \$20.00 to:

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Education Frontlines: The Speech Chain

by John Richard Schrock

Communication is the central skill of teaching and the critical tool that a teacher uses to get a student to respond: “Aha! Now I understand!”

Handing a student a book does not constitute teaching. Showing a video or placing them in front of a computer screen is likewise an empty exercise. Handing out information is librarianship. That can result in little more than a student holding a book or memorizing meaningless words. A teacher’s job is to help the student gain knowledge, to associate these abstractions with the student’s own experience base.

“Why is speech so important? One reason is that the development of human culture is made possible—to a great extent—by our ability to share experiences, to exchange ideas and to transmit knowledge from one generation to another...” That assertion begins the first page of the classic book “The Speech Chain” by Peter Denes and Elliott Pinson.

Educationists have toyed with other disciplines being the “paradigm” of teaching—the body of lasting knowledge that is constantly refined by new research. Some still assert that psychology is the basis of educational practice. But that was clearly debunked in the classic “An Elusive Science: The Troubling History of Education Research” where the author documents how major psy-

chology giants themselves admitted psychology was not the paradigm for teaching.

The first edition of “The Speech Chain” was published in 1963 by Bell Telephone Laboratories (now AT&T and a noted hotbed of research that has led to Nobel Prizes). The second edition was updated in 1993 to apply the basic foundations of speech to the digital age, with chapters on digital processing of speech signals, speech synthesis, and automatic speech recognition. But this book is valuable not only for teachers, but for any person talking with a friend, or for a government official proclaiming to a public. Bottom line: it is the speaker’s responsibility to weigh words carefully so that there is no misunderstanding.

If a student does not understand what a teacher has explained, saying the same words louder does not solve the problem. This is why we have seen great communicators, such as President Reagan or President Obama, pause and hesitate, as they carefully selected the precise words to use before they spoke, so there would be no misunderstanding among listeners.

Despite the last edition having been printed in 1993, “The Speech Chain” provides a critical analysis of what is needed for clear communication. While their original intent was to measure all of the physics involved in getting a message from a speaker to a listener in a telephone system, they researched back into a speaker’s production of words, and went forward into the chain of events that transmitted sound

waves into the inner ear and eventually resulted in a speaker understanding a message.

Most interesting was the role of common experiences between speaker and listener. Context matters. When an airplane pilot approached an airport and storm static interfered, only a small portion of the transmission got through. Yet the control tower traffic controller and the airplane pilot could still understand the garbled message because of the narrow range of likely messages and the context.

So if a speaker says “cat,” and a listener who has experienced cats hears “cat,” the listener likely understands. But if the speaker’s cats were all white, and the listener’s cats were all black, and the message is about how easy it is to see cats at night, the listener is puzzled. That is why a teacher asks a student who does understand, to re-explain an idea to a student who does not understand. And that student will more likely pick language that the classmate now understands. Computer programs and videos do not do that. A teacher who is skilled in communication is vastly superior.

The second edition of “The Speech Chain” explains the anatomy, physiology, acoustics, linguistics and common experience base required for effective speech in an easy-to-read format.

Speech is a uniquely human capability. We all ought to know how to use it. And that means following our parent’s early directions to “think before you speak.”



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KSHSAA To Publish Football Playoff Book

TOPEKA, Kan. – When the 2018 Kansas State High School Activities Association football playoffs ended, it brought to a conclusion the 50th season of post-season play in the sport for the state of Kansas.

In 1969, the KSHSAA launched the first-ever state playoff system with five classifications of 11-man football and one classification for the 8-man game.

Today, there are six classifications of the 11-player game and two for 8-player schools.

In August, the KSHSAA will print it’s most recent history book, “Under the Lights: 50 Years of KSHSAA Football Playoffs,” a 240-page, four-color book that captures the five decades of Kansas’ best high school football playoffs. Readers should expect their copy in the mail on or near August 15.

The book, compiled by long-time Kansas sports writer Brett Marshall, also includes chapters from among the top sports writers of the last half-century from the state’s major newspapers. Twelve writers, who collectively have 347 years of high school sports writing experience, chronicle the best of the best in this anthology of KSHSAA football playoffs.

“The project first was discussed last fall during the football season, and late in 2018 we were able to put together a complete proposal, an outline for the table of contents and a timeline for the project,” Marshall said. “A lot of people have made significant contributions to the book, and I think that will be reflected in the stories that are written about programs, coaches and players.

“I think KSHSAA should be commended for taking such a monumental project on, and I’ve been thrilled to be part of it,” Marshall said. “The football playoffs and I have a rich history, as my high school team of Syracuse went unbeaten in 1969 yet didn’t have a chance to compete in the playoffs. The evolution that we’ve seen over the 50 years now provides every team a chance to make the playoffs and advance to the championship game.”

Interviews with legendary coaches, Kansas’ elite players who would go on to star at both the collegiate and professional levels, will recall some of the great programs, and games from the smallest of schools in 8-man to the biggest schools in Class 6A.

The book’s early chapters brings to life how the state playoff system originated with many challenges to formulate a system that would require approval from schools of all sizes and all geographic areas of the Sunflower State.

With the Kansas Coaches Association leading the way, it took more than five years to implement what started in the fall of 1969. How did the Association overcome the challenge of appealing all schools of all sizes?

“There have been many unknown stories uncovered through our research, and my take away on the book is that people will realize just how important the playoffs have been to the advancement of high school football in the state of Kansas. More players are recognized and recruited nationally than ever before.”

In the first year of the postseason, the KSHSAA endured three games that would forever change the way the playoff system was conducted. The Shawnee Mission North-Shawnee Mission South Sunflower League championship game proved to be the pivot point that eventually led to the elimination of what was called the tiebreaker “penetration” rule, where any playoff game that ended in a deadlock at the end of regulation would be broken by determining the team that had the most offensive penetration drives inside the opponent’s 5-yard line. That SM North earned the win by a 1-0 score will go down as historic after the two rivals played to a 0-0 standoff, eventually setting up the Indians for the first state championship victory over Wichita North.

That game, and two other playoff games, one a state championship battle, used the tiebreaker in the first year. Two years later, the penetration tiebreaker was abandoned and the 10-yard-line rule that had been the original fourth tiebreaker, became the singular system for overtimes for the next 48 years. What has become known as the “Kansas Rule,” is now utilized in 35 states and was modified and adopted by the NCAA, using the 25-yard-line as its starting point for teams.

Interviews with administrators, members of the KCA, the ad hoc committee that was charged with designing a system that would have widespread approval, are all included in this first-of-a-kind book produced by the KSHSAA. A behind-the-scenes look from KSHSAA administrators on how the playoffs have evolved through five decades will

bring to light the many challenges that have seen extensive changes to the system from the first two years where only a few teams qualified for the playoffs. Today, every team has a chance to make its way through the playoffs in hopes of playing on that special Championship Saturday after Thanksgiving each November.

Nineteen chapters will tell the story of many of the state’s elite programs, focusing on legendary coaches, and players who played their way into the hearts of gridiron fans across the state. When the final page has been turned, the high school football fan will have a much better understanding of what and how the football playoffs have impacted Kansas communities, fans, schools, administrators, coaches and especially the players.

Chapter 1 – A Prelude to the 1969 Kansas playoff system

Chapter 2 – In the Beginning: Shawnee Mission North and the 1-0 1969 game

Chapter 3 – Shawnee Mission North: The Dynasty Years

Sidebar: SM West’s Miracle Win Over SM South in 1981

Chapter 4 – Wichita-Kapaun Mt. Carmel-Southeast City League Battles

Chapter 5 – Silver Lake and C.J. Hamilton’s Class 3A Dominance

Sidebar: The War on 24 – Silver Lake vs. Rossville

Chapter 6 – Lawrence Lions’ Decade of Dominance

Chapter 7 – Our Boys: The Story of Smith Center’s Dynasties

Chapter 8 – Topeka’s Shining Moments: Washburn Rural/Hayden Titles

Chapter 9 – Salina Rides High: Central and South’s Big Runs of the 1990s, 2000s.

Chapter 10 – Hutchinson’s Record of 6 Straight State Championships

Chapter 11 – Legendary Coaches Reflect on State Titles

Chapter 12 – Dominance the theme in Eight-Man Divisions

Chapter 13 – Wichita City League, Derby Resurgence of the 2010s

Sidebar: Bishop Carroll’s Dusty Trail Has Special Championship Memories

Chapter 14 – Tom Young: In a League of His Own

Chapter 15 – Baldwin’s Merle Venable and the 1981 Class 4A Title

Chapter 16 – Elite Players Recall Championship Saturdays

Chapter 17 – Championship Saturday and Mother Nature

Chapter 18 – Sports Writers Recall Special

Moments

Chapter 19 – The Evolution of the KSHSAA Playoff System

A six-month process of collecting playoff game scores for all 50 years, including game statistics for all state championships for all classes has allowed for the compilation of the most extensive records of the KSHSAA football playoffs. Which school owns the most championships? Who is the coach that has captured the most titles? How many coaches have won championships at different schools? The reader will find it all here in The Record Book.

The Record Book

State Championship Teams – Alphabetical List of Schools/Years Won

Most State Championships Won by Schools

Most Consecutive State Championships Won

Most Consecutive State Championship Games Played

Most State Championship Game Appearances

Highest Winning Percentage by Schools in State Championship Games

Schools That Met in Consecutive State Championship Games

Year-by-Year State Championship Game Results

Year-by-Year State Championship Sites

KSHSAA Playoff Appearances – Alphabetical Listing by School

Most Playoff Victories

Year-by-Year State Champion and Runner-Up Team Records

Overtime Games by Classification

Undefeated State Champions

Longest Winning Streaks of Playoff Era

Year-by-Year Playoff Scores (1969 to 2018)

Championship Game Statistics (All Classes)

15 Team Categories

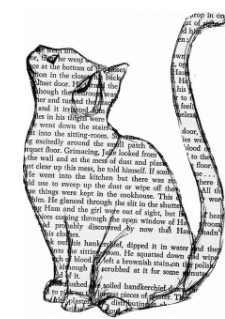
20 Individual Categories

Kansas Preps to the NFL

What stories of the playoffs that are not told here, are still etched in the memories of players, fans, coaches, officials who witnessed them.

Many of those are retold year after year, embellishing the greatness of teams and players of another generation who came and played before. This book does not tell every single story of every single school of every single year, but it does capture the essence of five decades of playoff football.

“Under the Lights: 50 Years of KSHSAA Football Playoffs,” is a must read for any high school football fan in Kansas and beyond.



Meanderings

I would like to thank the audience at the Saturday in the Park celebration for your patience while I tried to “gather” myself during the reading of “In Flanders Field” by John McRae. I know I didn’t do a very good job of "getting it together" but it wasn't from a lack of trying. I have read this poem countless times, and have teared up a time or two, but nothing like I did Saturday. I thought I was going to be fine reading it. It was such a wonderful and fun celebration. But, then, dad gum it, the program had to slip in that medley of songs from the branches of the Armed Services. As the veterans and families stood, I was frantically snapping photos, I was honored to be in the presence of such pride; and then I saw tears furtively swiped from the corner of crying eyes. Pride and sadness. Memories of loved ones. I always have a difficult time NOT crying when I see others cry.

Wars are horrible; hellacious events. It’s hard to imagine words of such beauty coming from the horrors of war. Reading them is always an honor, as is crying over them. It was an honor to read in front of an audience, young and old, who waited so quietly and with great patience while I struggled through those words. And yes, I’m crying while I write these two simple paragraphs.

I am, indeed, a weepy and sentimental person.

Now, on to the column:

This is going to be a two-parter. I am changing the names to protect the identity of people who may be guilty. I’m not changing my name.

Last Friday started out very badly. I was expecting three friends from Derby to come for a visit. I roused myself early thinking I may get a little organizing done in my office before they showed up, sometime late morning.

I woke up grouchy due to some good and bad memories floating around in my head. On the way to work, I lost a library book. It fell off my car trunk on to the street somewhere in the four or five blocks between my home and my office. (I KNOW you’ve left items on the trunk or the top of the car and driven off). I drove back home, found another book in the street that had fallen off the car. I called Kerri let her know I’d lost a book. I checked the library. Left a note for Mary who was working for me in the afternoon.

When I returned to the office, someone called and told me they’d been leaving messages for several days, and why wasn’t I returning them?... because there weren’t any?

We talked for a bit, I managed to get her the information she needed.

Long story short, my phone had quit recording messages. Probably two weeks ago (or more). I checked caller ID and returned calls if I recognized the number. SO if YOU have called in the last two or three weeks, and left a message, and I haven’t returned your call, please call again. Thanks.

I ran home, grabbed my phone there, brought it here, hooked it up, and had just finished recording my answering message, when Vicky, Terri, and Maryanne walked into the door. I was happy, happy, happy to see them. They didn’t even care that my office was mess. It was worse than when I started the morning, what with trying to fix the phone and looking for the manual, and hooking up a new phone, and looking for the missing library book.... They thought my office was very much a “news room” office. They loved it.

We took some photos to capture the beginning of our day, and off we went. We headed to Sawyer for lunch. If you haven’t been to the Family Food Store, you need to go. They are open Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Vicky and Maryanne and Terri make a trek out every summer. They love the cherry rolls. And the bread and the canned goods and.... They stock up when they come.

For lunch I had a BLT on the hoagie bun, potato salad, a beverage, and a chocolate chip cookie. I don’t remember the cost, it wasn’t very much. My friends and I enjoyed our sandwiches. We talked and visited.

I ran into Karen and Russ’s daughter Hannah. Hannah was with her husband and two-week-old Lucy. Babies are so incredibly cute; especially when they have little caps and bows and ties on their little heads. I told Hannah I’d bumped into her dad earlier that morning at the bank in Cunningham, and she said they were heading to Wichita. THEN I felt bad I hadn’t seen Karen to wave at her. Karen, I wasn’t snubbing you, I had memories, lost books, lost phone messages, and company coming on my mind. And your granddaughter is a precious little package!

After lunch, we shopped a bit. I picked up two containers of banana chips, a container of okra chips (I LOVE those things), a jar of bread and butter pickles for my folks, and three huge breakfast rolls: pecan, cherry, and strawberry rhubarb. I paid less than \$30.00 for all my booty (including the lunch).

You need to visit this place. Yummy!

Always reading, and currently getting ready to read

"Ida Early Comes Over the Mountain" by Robert Burch Roberta

Libraries			
Cunningham Public Library Monday - Wednesday - Friday 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday - Saturday 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. 298-3163 Closed Holidays	Zenda Public Library Hours Monday & Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Thursday 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 620-243-5791	Kingman Carnegie Library 620-532-3061 Mon. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tues. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wed. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thurs. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Fri. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Satu. : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Pratt Public Library Mon. - Thurs. 10:00 - 7:00 Fri. - Sat. 10:00 - 6:00 Closed on Sundays

A Great Big Universe of Reading Wraps Up



A Universe of Stories Summer Reading Program at Cunningham Public Library kicked off on June 4th with a magic show featuring The Amazing Arthur who entertained and amazed an audience of 86. The interactive show gave Summer Readers an opportunity to demonstrate their own showmanship skills. Adam Sterneker, Liam McGuire, Weston Rogers and Tyler Osner delivered a comedic introduction of the magician and several other kids volunteered to participate in the show.



Above, Andrew Schultz assists Amazing Arthur with a card trick. Right, Cooper Neufeld “cracks up” as he assists with the show.



On June 12th the library held Story Time for a small group of three-five year-olds. We read books about being on the moon and in space and made celestial bodies with glow-in-the-dark stickers. The kids also made “Love you to the moon and back” rocket ship Father’s Day cards. The older kids viewed a photo collection of celestial bodies captured by the Hubble Space Telescope and worked in groups doing “NASA Expert Analysis” with a NASA Team Lunar Landing Challenge. Afterward the kids made celestial light boxes.



Cunningham Courier photos



Pam Martin of the Kansas Wetlands Education Center takes questions from the audience during a Summer Reading program held at the library. Photo by Kerri Steffen

On June 13th the library offered an inter-generational painting class in which 20 youth and adults took part. And on June 14th a small group gathered at the library to make Father’s Day cards.

Pam Martin, Educational Director at Kansas Wetlands Education Center of Great Bend presented “Celestial Creatures: Animals in the Stars,” a fun and interesting program that centered on the book, "Nefertiti, the Spidernaut: The Jumping Spider Who Learned to Hunt in Space" by Darcy Pattison. The book, a step by step account of the spider’s journey to and from the International Space Station, highlighted how the spider learned to adapt to weightlessness and hunt successfully in space. The audience of 80 adults and children also got to see other animals up close including a live scorpion which the children were able view with a special black light that revealed the creature’s ability to fluoresce.

On June 19th the three to five-year-old group met at the library for a “Take Me to Your Reader” program. The kids read books about space and rockets then made alien space ships which they decorated with jewels and glow-in-the-dark stickers. They selected a “captain” for their ship from a collection of alien and superhero figures.

The older kids did much the same making larger ships. They engineered instrument panels and other ship features from a large variety of “bits and bobs” from around the house. The kids shared creative ideas as they helped one another. Some worked in pairs and made up short stories about their ships.

On June 26th, Summer Readers explored the history of air travel and learned about sailplanes with a presentation by Harry Clayton and Sue Erlenwein of The Kansas Soaring Association. The idea of traveling great distances in the quiet of a sailplane seemed to pique the interest of many in the community as a large number, about 80 adults and children, gathered at Cunningham Fire Station to see a sailplane up close and learn how it is able to fly great distances without a motor. The program included a terrific Power Point presentation on sailplanes and the history of aviation. Children also enjoyed making glider planes from foam plates and paper airplanes using illustrated patterns.



Above: Brynn and Olivia show the ship they created equipped with a light inside. They decided it would make a nice night light.



Above right: a busy table of alien craft designers: Kendall, Tyler, Weston, Tyler and Gage. photos by Kerri Steffen



Above, Harry Clayton, Kansas Soaring Association, shares details about how sailplanes work and explains the instrument panel of the plane. Photo by Kerri Steffen



Many families visited the library to make Stomp Rockets on July 4th. The kids made paper rockets of varying styles and all with fins and nose cones—which took patience. They worked with their parents to build a rocket launcher from pvc pipe and connectors, then attached an empty 2-liter bottle to the launcher. This provided “lift” for the rocket. Most took their rocket and launcher to the Community Center lot for test flights. Several returned to the library to make repairs, while some returned to the library to make improvements on their rocket’s design.

Children also enjoyed the Kiddie Car Wash at the Spark in the Park on the afternoon of the 4th. The Cunningham Rec. “crew” (Shawna and sons) got the library’s car wash out of the City’s storage building and took it to Lions Park to add another cooling-off station for the kids. The car wash, made from pvc pipes and pool noodles, was a product of the 2016 Summer Reading Program and has made many return trips to the park for summer fun activities. The engineering effort of the kids, under the direction of Alan Albers and other adult helpers seems to have withstood the test of time--a few new sponges and pool noodles and it was good to go!

Finale – While the visit from The Kansas Cosmosphere had to be cancelled due to scheduling conflicts, a number of young readers enjoyed a Summer Reading wrap-up with Story Time, Space Bingo and special treats on July 12.

story by Kerri Steffen



A Bingo for Beckett! Two-year-old Beckett gets a congratulatory pat on the back from his brother Casyn and helper, Kelsey Beat during a game of Space Bingo at the library. Photo by Kerri Steffen

Saturday in the Park.... People Laughing, People Dancing... People Talking, Really Smiling



The West Kingman County Education Foundation Directors would like to thank all those who attended the Summer Family Fun Event and the Saturday in the Park Variety Show. The talent was amazing and we thank all who participated. A special thanks to all our sponsors. Also thanks the City of Cunningham for the donation of food, to the Larsons for filming the event, the Cunningham Courier for advertising, the Christian Church for the use of the fellowship hall, and Walmart, Dillons and Love's for help with food and supplies.

Chairman Steffen asked if there were any public comments.

Zachary Bieghler,
Kingman EMS Director,

The County Commissioners discussed Resolution No. 2019-R13, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AS TO FORM A PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN WORKFORCE ALLIANCE OF SOUTHCENTRAL KANSAS, INC. AND THE CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS BOARD FOR THE KANSAS LOCAL WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT AREA IV AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF

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Linda Langley, Internal Auditor was in with some numbers for the Commissioners to review.

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Gary Freeman Phillips, 76, Retired Avionics Technician for Honeywell, died Thursday, July 18, 2019. Visitation will be from 6:00 - 7:30 pm, Thursday, July 25, 2019, at Downing & Lahey East Mortuary. Funeral Service will be at 11:00 am, Friday, July 26, 2019, at Peace Lutheran Church. Gary enjoyed golf and working at McDonald Golf Course in his retirement. He was a sports enthusiast - especially WSU & KU basketball. He loved to support his granddaughters in their school and sports endeavors. Gary was an avid gardener and a 1961 graduate of Cunningham, KS High School. Preceded in death by his parents, Wayne and Mary Phillips. Survived by his wife, Martha Ann Phillips of Bel Aire, KS; son, Jeffrey (Lorraine) Artman of Whitewater, KS; daughter, Elena Phillips of Tulsa, OK; grandchildren, Jessica and Michael Curtis, Isabella and Madelyne Artman; brother, Richard (Nancy) Phillips of Hot Springs, AR; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established with: First Tee of Greater Wichita, P.O. Box 285, Andover, KS 67002; Wichita Children's Home, 7271 E. 37th St. N., Wichita, KS 67226. Share tributes online at: www.dlwichita.com



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--The Editor



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