

School changes discussed

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level,” said Campbell, “I think we need to make sure it’s right for the future.”

Ben Duell, another member, said they have only casually discussed moving Grant Junior High students to the high school, adding that he can’t imagine the district abandoning the junior high.

He and other board members discussed putting a commons area, cafeteria and kitchen in the courtyard, freeing up space in the high school for the vocational agriculture program or media center.

Campbell said they might as well have the committee tackle air conditioning, too.

Strait estimated air conditioning would cost about \$8 a square foot. Selby said they will pay him by the hour to work with the new committee.

“Obviously this only a place to start,” the architect said of his plan. “We will refine and refine and refine.”

In other business, the board:

- Approved buying a \$4,700 1991 Chevrolet truck with 70,000 miles on it to replace an older Ford that has a rusted-out floor.

- Accepted an audit report from Brian Staats, office manager for the Colby branch of the Adams, Brown, Baren and Ball accounting firm, and decided to hire the firm for another three years. Staats said in its audit that the office couldn’t find any way the district violated state laws.

- Held a 35-minute closed session with Harvey Swager, high school principal, and Richard Liess, assistant principal and athletic director, to talk about personnel issues.

- Heard principals’ reports.

- Approved paying a \$89,622 check register.

Kansas loses ‘good guy’

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TOPEKA — Quite simply, his was the finest mind I encountered in more than four decades of reporting.

When Bob Bennett died on Monday, worn down by cancer, Kansas lost one of its true intellectuals — and a good guy.

That intellect was both his forte and his political curse. The public mistook it for arrogance and never experienced the real Bennett personality.

For those of us who covered him, Bennett was a delight and a thorn. He was the life of the occasional press party at Cedar Crest.

Reporters couldn’t dislike him, despite his penchant for zinging them for their foibles and failures, and the big, obscure words he threw at them during news conferences.

A short, somewhat rotund man in his gubernatorial days, Bennett looked out of place wearing his cowboy hat. And his goatee was the butt of jokes as well as a source of consternation to his political aides.

He contemplated shaving the beard for his 1974 campaign for governor, then decided that without it he was “even homelier.”

Beautiful dancing ladies



The “Jumpin’ Juniors,” a group of high school juniors dressed in colorful clothes and pillow cases, entertained the crowd at Cowboy Stadium Friday night while the Cowboys fought for a 62-21 victory over the Oberlin Red Devils.
Photo by Rachel Miscal/The Goodland Daily News

Nobel Prize won

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Americans James J. Heckman and Daniel L. McFadden won the Nobel Prize in economics Wednesday for developing theories and methods widely used in analyzing work and living habits.

Heckman, 56, of the University of Chicago and McFadden, 63, of the University of California at Berkeley, were cited for showing how to resolve fundamental statistical problems associated with analysis of individual behavior, according to the citation by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

McFadden’s work laid the foundation for an economic theory by which individuals choose their place of occupation or residence.

Foundation supplies different varieties

The National Arbor Day Foundation offering a rainbow of colors for new members in October.

The membership program is called autumn classic trees because the leaves of the trees included in the package change into an array of color in the fall.

For people who sign up to join the foundation during October, ten trees will be shipped to their home in Nov. 1 to Dec. 10 with planting instructions.

The foundation will send their new members two Sugar Maples, Scarlet Oak, Sweetgum, Red Oak, Silver Maple, White Dogwood, Washington Hawthorn and two Red Maples. “The trees will produce vibrant red, orange, yellow, scarlet, and purple leaves in the fall,” said John Rosenow, the foundation’s president.

The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced by the foundation.

Gary Brienzo, information coordinator for the foundation, said that the foundation offers 15 tree packages all year long for new members.

Their big drive for subscribers is in the winter and the summer, he said, so that they can mail out their trees in the fall and in the spring so that they can be planted early.

Brienzo said that if a subscriber calls, they can choose which package they wanted. With each different package the member would get different types of trees.

The trees should be planted in a nursery bed for the first year, he said, but after that they can be moved outside into a yard or a field, anywhere that the member wants to plant the trees.

For their membership people will get newsletters throughout the year, said Brienzo, and the opportunity to contribute to other environmental programs.

The cost to subscribe is \$10 originally and then \$15 to renew their membership at the end of the year.

To become a member, he said, people should send \$10 to Autumn classic trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb., 68410 by October 31.

Rollover death bill passes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Spurred by problems with Firestone tires, the House passed a bill requiring vehicle rollover testing and installation of systems to warn of under-inflated tires. It would allow stiff prison sentences for auto executives who hide safety problems.

With strong opposition from the industry and only a few days of this session of Congress remaining, the bill’s fate is uncertain in the Senate. The bill’s supporters, however, said it was time to act.

“We have lost more than 100 lives (in the United States) because of these tires,” Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., the bill’s sponsor, said as the measure passed on a voice vote early Wednesday.

“We have seen hundreds and hundreds of accidents, many serious injuries. And what this bill does is correct those problems.”

John Lampe, who took over Tuesday as chief executive of Bridgestone/

Firestone Inc., said Wednesday he does not consider the bill an overreaction to his company’s tire problems.

“I know there are many provisions of it that we support fully — updating the testing standards, reporting requirements. We support those very much,” he said on ABC’s “Good Morning America.”

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., has introduced legislation aimed at getting auto industry companies to provide more information about safety problems to the government. Some of his colleagues have blocked a vote and he is working with Upton on a compromise.

“I got the sense that this bill has a real chance of passing the Senate,” said Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., co-sponsor of the bill and leader of a House investigation into the Firestone tire case. “It would be an awful shame if we left this session without putting this bill for signature on the president’s desk.”

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