

# Town learned to make 'stone soup' from visitors

By Pat Schiefen

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Families and friends of kids in the third grade at Central Elementary School were treated to a music program on Tuesday night at the Goodland High School auditorium.

In the musical presentation, strangers traveling through Old Town need a place to stay and something to eat.

The inhabitants are grumpy because times are hard and the people fell like it is hard enough to feed themselves, much less strangers.

The visitors said they had enough provisions to feed everyone.

They brought out some stones to make stone soup.

Townpeople said the soup smelled good and different people brought potatoes, carrots, cabbage, meat and salt and pepper to add to the pot.

The lesson the town learned was that working together, they had more than any one individual.

Hiram Hendrich welcomed everyone to the program.

Whistle players Mario Lazo, Cienna Brannick and Daniel Cepeda added tweeting to "Rockin' Robin."

Liza (Alexis Bergquist) was down in the dumps because "There's a Hole in the Bucket." Henry (Andrew House) kept finding excuses why he's Black provided extra sound effects.

Guitar playing Calliste Garrett accompanied Alexis Sampson, who sang "Home on the Range" as six students, Patricia Ledesma, Brannick, Dani Mangus, Shelby Johnson, Grace Cole and Braxton Redlin, twirled ropes.

Solos in the stone soup musical were sung by Garrett, Mary Yarbrough, Christian Michaud, Sarah Johnson, Sasha Medrano, Takoda Turner, Taitem Jones, Austin Shelley, Tristan Cooper, Sismai Lopez, Tanner Gastineau, Mary



Soloist Alexis Sampson (left in left photo) sang as Calliste Garrett played guitar and Dani Mangus twirled a rope at the third grade music program Tuesday night at the Goodland High School Auditorium. Hiram Hendrich (above) welcomed everyone to the program.

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Edmondson, Black, Savannah Bassett, Natalia Berrera, Genaro Herrera, Sampson, Daniel Depeda, Zackery Walls, Tiffani Beavides, Riley Wilson, Mary Schnabel, and Mangus.

Narrators were Saige Vandiver,

Dayne Webring, Sophia Williams, Amber Chaffman, Alinexis Castillo, Brevin Bergsma, Ivan Kemp, Luke Avila, Arron Arteaga and Redlin.

Koal Artzer, Jacob Stasser, Jordan Siruta, Yarbrough, Kacey

Troyer, Samantha Zupko, Mikaila Blair, Sebastian Linnell, Brock Butts, Quynnalynn Meyer, Mario Lazo, Lindsay Geeseka, Schnabel, Rachel Mickelson, Draven Buchanan, Alec Gonzales, Mallory O'Brien, Quinlen Withington,

Danielle McElhaney, Marissa Bustillos and Ledesma played townspople.

Phillip Carver, Gonzales, Austin Shelley, Hunter Harkins, Brannick, Mangus, Austin Hernandez, Kaitlyn Seeger, Jade Petrachich,

Jovanna Nunez and Cole played travelers.

Music teacher Linda Lucas directed the program for the third graders.

## Weatherman to give storm report

The chief forecaster at Goodland's National Weather Service office will give city commissioners a report on winter storms when they meet Monday.

Scott Mentzer, meteorologist in charge, will talk about the winter storms and the emergency response efforts from the city during the storms. He will give the city his impression of how things went and how the city handled the storms.

Girl Scout leader Christine

Krause plans to ask the city for permission to clean up the softball parks as a community project.

The commission also will consider the revised agreement for fire protection with Sherman County, replacing an existing mutual aid pact. It was tabled at the previous meeting to allow City Attorney Jeff Mason and County Attorney Bonnie Selby to work out some wording.

In other business, the commis-

sion will:

- Consider reappointment of Selby to the library board, and appoint Barton Slovacek to replace Gary Brouillette for three-year terms.

- Consider reappointment of Roxie Cabral of the Regional Prevention Center to a two-year term on the Northwest Kansas Community Corrections board.

- Consider reappointment of Mayor Rick Billinger as a delegate

to the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency board.

- Hear an update on property insurance.

- Receive an invitation to a Storm Ready Community presentation at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 26.

The commission meets at 5 p.m. in the commission room on the second floor of the City Administration Building. The door may be locked. To gain entry, push the button inside the first set of doors.

## Dropouts can get diploma through center

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Saying she wanted to build a better working relationship, Superintendent Shelly Angelos had Lori Graybill, head of the Goodland Learning Center, attend a school board meeting Monday night.

Graybill said that ESSDACK, the Hutchinson-based cooperative that runs the independent learning center, had no guidelines for who can use the services but the school district does.

The district requires that students be over 18 and that their high school class have graduated to work on

getting a high school diploma.

The center offers "dropout recovery" for adults who want to finish their high school diploma and credit recovery for current high school students who have failed a class.

She said she has had some 16-year-olds who have dropped out ask about taking classes and has told them they can not use the center.

She said three or four kids under 16 had gone to the Colby center for classes.

"There is a need for some students," said Goodland High Principal Harvey Swager.

Graybill said the Colby School

District works closer with its learning center. She said the center can be an alternative for kids who need the kind of individual help it can provide.

"We need to partner better with the learning center," said Superintendent Angelos.

Graybill said she had 86 student from age 18 to 24 and 12 under age 18. Some start at "ground zero," she said, with other up to eighth-grade level.

She said she should have 10 to 12 students getting their high school diplomas this year. Last year, they had six.

There will be 14 current high school students coming to make up classes after school and four days into spring break, she added.

It seems the most kids need the formal classroom time rather than making up classes on the Internet, Graybill said. The center is moving into bigger quarters on April 1, she said, taking over the space next to *The Goodland Star-News* on Main Avenue.

The center could be an alternative for one class or for full-time high school students, Graybill added.

## matters of record

### District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:

**Feb. 9** — Marianne M. Ortiz, \$108 for speeding.

Norbert A. Steffen, \$132 for

speeding and \$10 for no seat belt.

Danny R. Stone, \$216 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

**Feb. 10** — Savannah M. McIlroy, \$126 for no child seat belts.

## matters of record corrections

### District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:

**Feb. 11** — Christopher A. Sweeney, \$132 for speeding.

**Feb. 12** — Daniel L. Ness, \$114 for speeding.

**Feb. 15** — Katherine V. Hart, \$138 for speeding and \$60 for unlawful acts with vehicle.

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## Farm-City Banquet to be held on Tuesday

Sherman County's 19th annual Farm-City Banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the Goodland Elks Hall, 1523 Arcade, with business people and the Goodland Chamber of Commerce acting as hosts this year.

Farmers and businesses take turns putting on the dinner, honoring an Agricultural or Business Person of the Year.

Last year's Business Person of

2006, Dr. Richard Whitmore, will present the Agricultural Person of 2007 award Tuesday.

Miss Kansas, Michelle Walters, will speak, and Goodland High teacher Connie Livengood's science class will give a presentation.

For information, contact Andi Nelson of the Chamber at 899-7130.

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