

Elementary kids in summer school

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Superintendent Shelly Angelos told the Goodland School Board on Saturday that summer school for kindergarten through sixth grade started Monday with 222 kids attending.

Teachers Pam Hardy and Tara Mull are in charge of the summer session, she said, with a bus running to Kanorado to pick up students at the school center and a Suburban picking up kids in other parts of the county.

Students at the junior and high school who dropped out or who need to make up classes they failed have been doing "credit recovery" through the Goodland Learning Center, she said. The center works with the school district to help them make up subjects they need.

She gave the board the proposed budget sent to the state for the coming school year. The total budget would be \$12,493,408, she said, an increase of \$1,460,128 from \$11,033,280 from last year.

The tax rate will decrease by .047 of a mill from 40.439 to 40.392 mills for property owners, mostly because of valuation increases for new gas wells and other property in the county, she said.

State aid on a 932.3 full-time equivalence student count will be \$4,374 per student as opposed to \$4,116 last year, the superintendent said. The count, down 11.7 from the figure used last year, is last year full-time equivalence student count, she said. The district has increases in low-enrollment, bilingual, at-risk, transportation and special education weighting, the superintendent said, but money for vocational enrollment and non proficient students would go down.

At-risk students are those who qualify for free or reduced-price

lunches, she said, while non proficient students are those who don't perform up to standards on state tests but do not qualify for free lunches.

The budget will be published in Tuesday, July 31, issue of *The Goodland Star News*, the superintendent said, and a hearing will be held at the regular board meeting on Monday, Aug. 13.

Angelos said at the end of the school year on June 30, the district's general fund ended with a balance of 57 cents, the local option budget had \$63,000, at risk \$2,749 and capital outlay \$41,000.

In other business, the board:

- Approved payment of \$200,316 in bills, including \$68,178 for building and vehicle insurance and \$40,010 for worker's compensation insurance.

- Approved the calendar for next year with a full work day at the end of each nine weeks for the teachers and a teacher professional day on Monday, April 21. The last day of school would be Thursday, May 22.

- Accepted resignations of Jeanette White, a teacher aide at West Elementary, and Karen Jensen, an aide at Grant Junior High.

- Approved hiring: Micah Seamans, owner of S & M Repair (formerly Malsom Welding and Repair Service), as high school assistant football coach.

- Jeff First, high school art teacher, as art club sponsor and musical production scene designer, doing backdrops for the musical.

- Jonathan Whisnant, high school production technology teacher, as high school assistant cross country coach and junior high head cross country coach.

- Brad Bergsma, computer technician for the school district, as high school head boys' basketball coach.



Chevys get new shop floor

Schlosser Concrete (top) used a large overhead system to pour the west half of the floor for Herl Chevrolet's new expansion south of the building on the east side of K-27. A worker from Miller Construction (right) stretched out on a pallet over the concrete floor for Herl Chevrolet's shop expansion. The addition is one of the projects approved for the Sherman County Neighborhood Revitalization Program for a tax break this year, said County Appraiser Terry Ballard.



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County ponders next year's holiday schedule

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The state released a calendar with the dates for 11 approved holidays for next year, and the Sherman County commissioners are pondering some adjustments for county employees.

The Sherman County District Court goes by the state's official list, said Crystal Wright, county payroll clerk, who handed the commissioners a copy of the state list last Tuesday.

Commissioner Chuck Thomas asked how many holidays there are and what the county has done in the past about the holidays the county does not observe.

Wright said the list has 11 days, and in the past the county has skipped Martin Luther King Day and Columbus Day. She said commissioners have allowed employees to use the two skipped holidays as personal days during the year.

"Everyone is waiting until the last payroll of the year to use these days," Wright said. "I would ask the commissioners to do away with the extra days and not have a floating holiday. The problem is, if the employees don't use the holidays they lose them at the end of the year."

"The second floor (district court) goes by the state holiday schedule," said Mary Ann Sneten, deputy county clerk, "and there are days when we are here and they are not here."

Wright said there was one floating holiday this year, but there were two last year. She said the county could use one of the holidays to close the day after Christmas next year, which is Friday, Dec. 26, 2008.

Thomas agreed the county employees could take one of the holidays that are usually not taken to close on the day after Christmas next year.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure asked about keeping the same holidays and deciding whether to skip Martin Luther King or Columbus Day.

Wright said she would do some checking and get back about which of the two days people would prefer to keep. She said the floating holiday has created a bookkeeping nightmare.

The state holiday list for 2008 included New Years Day, Tuesday, Jan. 1; Martin Luther King Day, Monday, Jan. 21; President's Day, Monday, Feb. 18; Memorial Day, Monday, May 26; Independence Day, Friday, July 4; Labor Day,

Monday, Sept. 1; Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 13; Veterans Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving Day, Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27-28; and Christmas Day, Thursday, Dec. 25.

In an order dated June 26, Chief Justice Kay McFarland wrote that a district court could remain open on any of the state-designated holidays when the county courthouse is open for business and observe as a substitute holiday a county designated holiday not observed by the judicial branch.

In other business, the commissioners

- Approved a micro-loan application for J&R Enterprises. Rasure said this is a sales route for selling jerky and Rose Anderson is involved in the ownership. This was the second micro-loan of the year. Shape Up Sisters, 1224 Main, which Pat Howe opened the last of June, was the first.

The micro-loan program was started with a state grant of \$90,000 four years ago, and as the first loans are paid back into the fund, new loans can be made. The Sherman County Economic Development Council handles the paperwork, and a committee reviews the loans. Loans for new and existing business can be made for a maximum of \$15,000 if that much is available.

- Approved two Neighborhood Revitalization tax rebate projects. Eileen Fortmeyer plans to remodel a home, and for Mike and Glenda Cochran plan to build a new home. These are the 15th and 17th projects approved this year.

The program began 2 1/2 years ago, and more than 70 projects have been approved by the commissioners. The tax rebates are based on the increase in assessed value to the property, and rebate 90 percent of the increased property tax once the project is completed and appraised.

The program was established for a three-year period, and the development council is working on letters to the county, city and school district to extend the program beyond December. Terry Ballard, county appraiser, said the completed projects in the first two years have added nearly \$2 million in increased valuation.

- Agreed to allow Rosewood Resources to use a section of county right-of-way if an agreement cannot be reached with the landowner to allow a low pressure gas line to be buried on County Road 14 between Road 60 and 61. Dean Jarrett, a landman for Rosewood, told the

commissioners the problem area as south of Goodland along the Richard Townsend property. Jarrett said the elder Townsend was having health problems, and he had given a power of attorney to his son, Stanley.

"I have been trying to get him to respond," Jarrett said. "I have called and left messages, and called his brother, Larry Townsend, who is

sheriff in Wallace County."

Jarrett said he would keep trying to get permission to lay the pipe on Townsend's land but asked if he could use the county right-of-way if that did not work.

The next commission meeting will be 8 a.m. next Tuesday, July 31, in the commission room on the main floor of the Sherman County Courthouse, 813 Broadway.

Sunflower Contest

RULES

- Write down as many words (at least 3 letters) that you can think of using the word "Magnoliopsida"
- Do not use proper names
- Bring your completed list to The Goodland Star-News office at 1205 Main or at our booth at the Fair by 12:00 p.m. by Monday, August 13th

Winner will be announced in the Friday, August 17th edition

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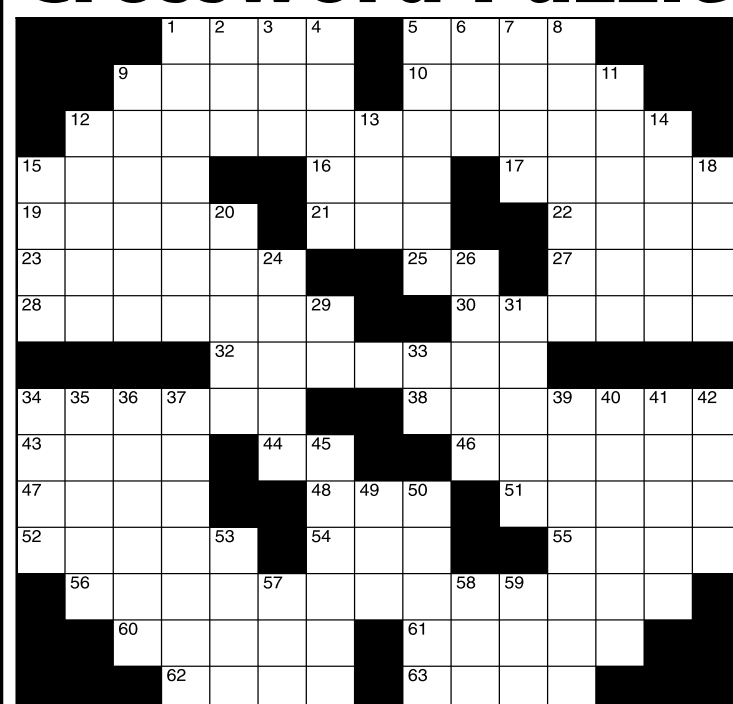
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1. Evening bugle call
5. Flour process
9. Grass flowers chaffiike bract
10. Estate measurements
12. Fifteenth President
15. Writer Ephron
16. ___kosh, near Lake Winnebago
17. Faithless song: (Not ___ Love)
19. Window latches (Brit.)
21. ___ kwan do: martial art
22. ___ cement: temptation
23. Person who provides a cure
25. Midwestern state (abbr.)
27. Form ringlets
28. Guided to seats
30. Site of '84 chemical disaster
32. Fugitive
34. ___ Boothe Luce, American author
38. A citizen of Israel
43. Cormac Mac ___ ancient king
44. Touchdown
46. Gained as a result of effort
47. ___ ipata, Bolivia
48. Sense organ
51. Hackneyed
52. 2006 Nobel Prize Biology
54. Cord used as a fastener
55. Water (Spanish)
56. Aussie barbie treat
60. A child's cries
61. Elmira, NY county
62. A bird's home
63. Danish poster designer Brasch

CLUES DOWN

1. OK to subdue
2. Brew
3. Foot (Latin)
4. Usually with wooden soles
5. Algonquian chief
6. I (German)
7. From (Scot.)
8. Oil company
9. A person rejected from society
11. Married Native Am. man
12. English architect Inigo
13. The 50 states
14. ___ sweet: aspartame
15. Ho ___: Japanese island
18. Add to the top
20. More dried-up
24. Clock adjustment for DST
26. Excessively fat
29. Location of White House
31. Afghan city
33. 16th Greek letter
34. Barrel
35. Chinese unit of weight
36. A place where arms are manufactured
37. A citizen of Italy
39. Call before a court to answer an indictment
40. Something that baffles understanding
41. Respite
42. The content of cognition
45. Feel aversion towards
49. Attend to someone
50. Respites
53. Move obliquely
57. Lasting records
58. AIDS infector
59. Fish eggs

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