

# County trying to find ways to balance next year's budget

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ments on new equipment. Tiede said he thought at least two graders and a loader need to be replaced. "If we knock \$60,000 of the repairs," he said, "that is one mill." "The equipment costs could go down, and that would be at least another mill or more," Rasure said. "Are we saying peel off the mill levy from road and bridge?" Thomas asked. Tiede said Way should come explain his needs. "This is considerably higher than what he has spent," Rasure noted.

"I think we should have him (Way) come in on the 11th and explain what he is thinking," Thomas said. "I am not for a tax increase," Rasure said, "and there is over \$200,000 in his budget that could be cut. We could cut the equipment line down to \$50,000 from \$200,000." Tiede said he did not think it could be cut that far. "What is so special about that we have \$300,000 in the special equipment fund?" Rasure asked. Tiede said the county has to have enough money to make down payments. Thomas said if the equipment line is cut and the payments are

taken out, there will be less than \$300,000 left. "What do we do next year?" Thomas asked. "Why do we have to have this big fund that we don't use?" Rasure asked. "If we need more than \$300,000, we can raise it in the next budget." "I want to have new equipment and I vote for those. I do not feel we need to keep money off to the side, and it is not fair to the taxpayers." Thomas said to set up an appointment for Way at the next meeting, which starts at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday in the commissioners' room on the first floor of the courthouse.

# Fire district tax levy stays level

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can be carried over to the next year. Rasure noted that the fire district operates on its own mill levy, though the budget must be approved by the commissioners. Rumpel said it will be 4.838 mills for next year, .025 of a mill lower than this year's of 4.863. Tiede said it would be better to have one person who would do all the ordering for the rural departments — in Goodland, Brewster

and Kanorado — and wondered if that could be done under the present fire board organization. Rumpel said the commissioners would have to amend the resolution which established the fire board. She said it sets up three separate fire stations and puts them under the direction of a single fire board. "It all comes back to the commissioners," Tiede said. "The fire board has done some things we did not know about." Tiede asked about the idea of put-

ting the city and rural fire departments together. Thomas said it did not appear that the city was interested, and that there were things that had to be considered on both sides. Rumpel said a Shine on Sherman County committee is looking at the fire departments and researching what might be done. "It is something we need to look at," Tiede said. The commissioners agreed to leave the fire district budget as Rumpel had presented.

# Road 16 set to go to bid next year

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junior varsity tournament coming up. Topliff asked if the road could be graded to smooth it during these busy times. Way said he would see where it is on the schedule.

Rasure asked if Way had talked with DeBoer about getting enough bond money spent to meet federal tax requirements by the middle of September. Way said he thought that DeBoer was planning to pay ahead enough on the job to meet the requirement.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said with the city portion of the joint city-county bond program nearly done, the county needs to have about \$1 million paid out by the first week of September. Way said he would double check to make sure that happens.

# Goodland native starts college running season

Goodland native Whitney Dautel, a freshman at Sterling College, in her first college cross country race Saturday in Baldwin City, was the second Lady Warrior across the finish line, placing 35th overall. Dautel covered the 3,200-meter course in 13 minutes, 35.31 seconds, less than a second ahead of teammate Britany Brady. Chelsea

Grieve led the Sterling women by finishing 31st in 13:31.45. Whitney is a 2007 graduate of Goodland High where she ran cross country for the Cowgirls all four years. She is the daughter of John Dautel and Coleen Dautel of Goodland. The Lady Warriors were eighth overall at the Maple Leaf Invita-

tional at Baker University. The women of Missouri's Park University won the team title, with five of their runners finishing among the top 10. Baker finished fourth. Dautel and her teammates will be in Warrensburg on Friday to compete in the Central Missouri University Mule Run. The women will run a 4,000-meter course.

# Former Cowgirl leads volleyball team in kills

Former Goodland Cowgirl Alisha McKee is leading the California State University, Fresno volleyball team in kills with 57. McKee had eight kills Sunday in a 3-0 home loss to St. Mary's College of California. She had 11 kills in the Lady Bulldogs' first win of the season last Friday against the University of California, Davis in Fresno. McKee made a season-high 19 kills on Aug. 30 during a home loss

to the University of Idaho. The marketing major is a senior in her fourth season at Fresno State. The Bulldogs, 1-5 for the season, will be in Manhattan on Friday and Saturday to play in the Varney's Kansas State Invitational. Fresno State will play Arkansas at 4 p.m. (Mountain Time) Friday and the K-State Wildcats on Saturday morning,

then face Northern Iowa in the afternoon. K-State is ranked No. 22 in the latest top-25 poll by the American Volleyball Coaches Association released Monday. The Bulldogs will play Oregon State in Fresno next Tuesday, then open play in the Western Athletic Conference two days later with a home match against New Mexico State.



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Jazzmin Weis, Spencer Smith and Gage Owens were right in the thick of things about mid-way through the junior high race at the Goodland Invitational Cross Country Meet Thursday. Weis finished sixth among the girls, and Owens finished 24th and Smith 28th in the boys' race.

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# Mustang runners compete well

The Grant Junior High Mustang cross country team ran at home Thursday at the Sugar Hills Golf Club, following the high school teams at the Goodland Invitational cross country meet. Grant was well represented, with five of the 10 girls in the race from Goodland and five boys in the race as well. The junior high boys and girls ran one mile together but were ranked separately. All of Goodland's runners are seventh graders, Coach Richard Schwasinger said. Among the girls, Stephanie Lee was fourth in 8.21 minutes, Jazzmin Weis sixth in 8.48, Chantel Coates eighth in 9.34, Kimber Linnell ninth in 9.45 and Michaela Langley, 10th in 9.54.

In the boys' race, Jed Gray was 14th out of 28 runners, finishing in 7.16 minutes; Tyler Raby was 21st in 8.03; Jacob Schnabel 23rd in 9.02; Gage Owens 24th in 9.10; and Spencer Smith 28th in 9.44. They did well, Schwasinger said. Lee ran well, as did Weiss. Even though they didn't finish high enough to get a medal, he said, the boys ran well and had good times. "We have some that don't think they can make it through practice," the coach said, "but they ran the whole mile." The junior high and high school teams will compete at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Greeley County Cross Country Meet at the Tribune golf course.

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