

Brewster may consolidate

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Although student numbers are not dropping as fast as feared, Brewster School District officials say they plan to look at consolidation and a shorter school week as "operating options."

"We are going to start looking at options," Superintendent Sherri Edmundson said. "Consolidation is a possibility, cooperative agreement (with another district) is a possibility and so is sharing teachers."

"And we are also going to look at a four-day school week."

Edmundson and board members C "Numbers are a little bit higher than we anticipated," Edmundson said. "We got three students back from Heartland Christian in Colby and one student returned from St. John's Military Academy in Salina."

The Sept. 20 head count totaled

98 students, up one from the number projected in June. Last school year, there were 105 students in the Brewster district. Since the 2000-2001 school year, Brewster schools, kindergarten through grade 12, have lost 55 students.

Edmundson said she does not see the district continuing without coming up with some new ideas. She said school officials plan community meetings to talk about what options to consider, but no dates have been set.

"What I foresee is the junior high in one town, the high school in another town and elementary schools in both of those towns," she said.

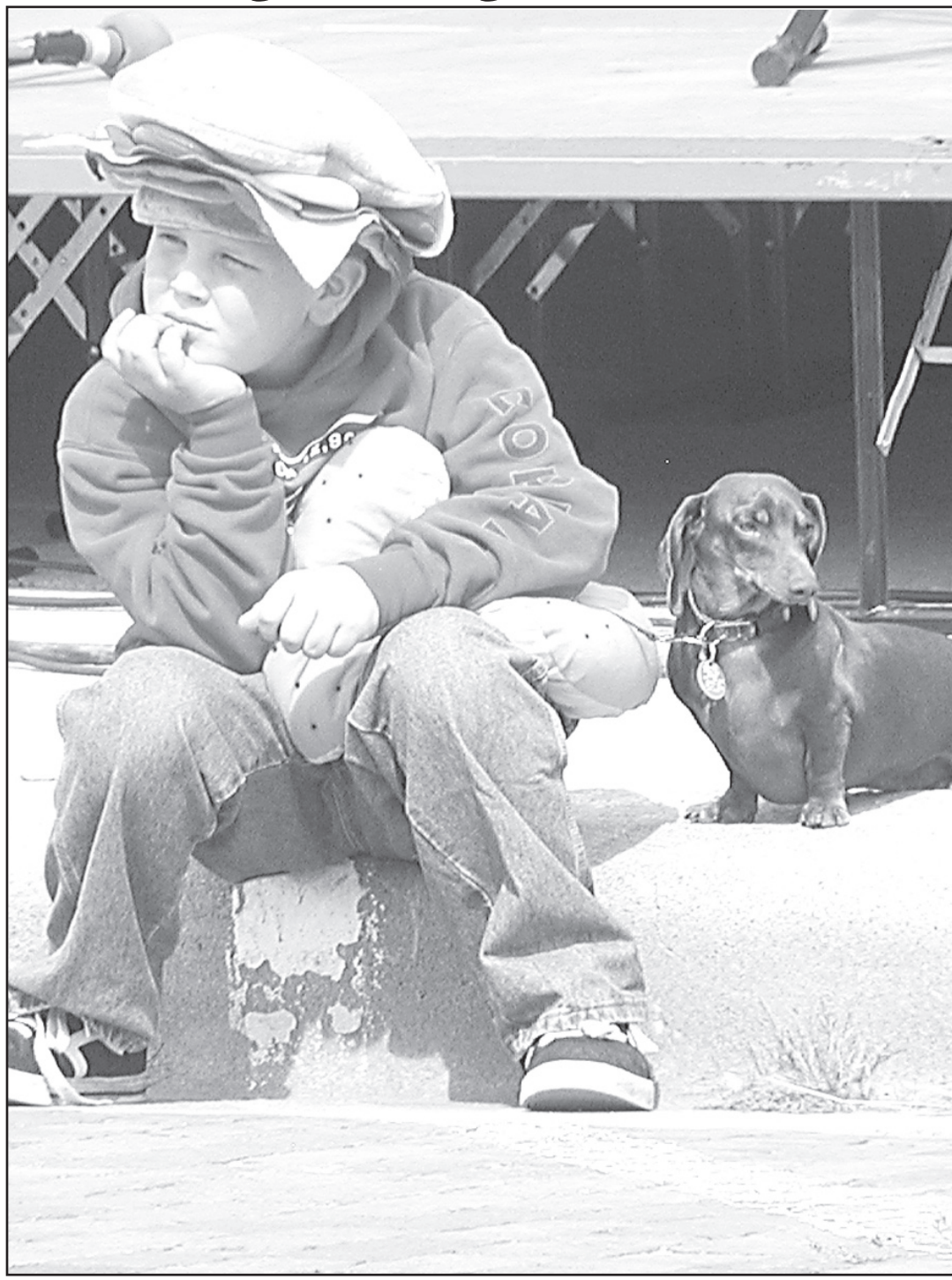
Edmundson said the 2007-2008 budget is about \$75,000 less than last year's \$1.2 million.

"And the projected 2008-2009 budget, projecting 85 kids," she said, "we'd be down another \$135,000."

The superintendent said over the next two years, the district faces trying to work on a budget \$210,000 less than the current year and risks closing if things don't turn around. For each student who attends school in Brewster during the 2007-2008 school year, the district will get an estimated \$6,998 in state aid. If a student lives in the district more than 2.5 miles from the school, it will receive an estimated \$1,312 in transportation aid. And, if a student qualifies for free lunches, the district expects to receive another \$1,750.

As enrollment decreases, the district from \$6,998 to \$10,060 for each student lost, she said. Brewster schools employs about 40 people, 21 of them full time. Edmundson said if the school closes, the town's economy would take a \$1.2 million a year hit.

Cheeseburger, hotdog enter contest



Elijah Bohl and his dog Benny waited on the curb to find out who won at the Scruffy Dog Contest during the Flatlander Fall Festival this weekend. They went as a cheeseburger and a hot dog but didn't leave with a prize. Look for results of the contest in a future edition.
Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

Leadership class falling off a log



The new class of Leadership Sherman County balanced on a log at the ropes course at North Elementary School on Wednesday afternoon as part of its first session. The class had to order themselves by their birthdays without letting anyone fall off. The group includes Pat Schiefen (far left) of *The Goodland Star-News*; James Miller of Eagle Communications; Jeris McCombs of Pueblo Chemical and Supply; Dean Graber, vice president and ag loan officer at Bankwest of Kansas; Brian James, new Goodland fire chief; Donna Fenner and Aaron Herman of First National Bank; and Jeff Bhend of the Scouler Co. Herman was trying to get by Bhend. Missing were Holly Coryell of Howard Johnson's Hotel and Steve Rains, pastor of Calvary Gospel Church.
Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

correction

A photo caption for a belt sander races at Rasure Lumber Do It Center, on the front page of the Friday, Sept. 28, edition of *The Goodland Star-News*, identified the man on the right incorrectly as Quigg McCombs. The man is Eric Hook. This was a reporting error. ☆☆☆☆ The Goodland Star-News will correct any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story. Please call our office at (785) 899-2338 to report errors. We believe that news should be fair and factual. We want to keep an accurate record and appreciate you calling to our attention any failure to live up to this standard.

Hospital offers door prizes in October

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October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the Goodland Regional Medical Center and its clinic hope women will schedule mammograms and breast exams, offering door prizes to those who come in for a checkup.

is not enough. And it must be in conjunction with a clinical breast exam. Mammography alone cannot always detect breast cancer."

To schedule a mammogram, call 890-6033. To make an appointment for a clinical exam, call the clinic at 890-6075.

Since the month began in 1985,

Goodwin said, it has been dedicated to increasing awareness of breast cancer issues, especially the importance of early detection. Mammography rates have more than doubled for women age 50 and older in that time, she said, helping to decrease the number of breast cancer fatalities.

The hospital's radiology department will conduct a drawing for prizes each week in October, said Tina Goodwin, director of marketing and volunteer services.

Finding breast cancer early is the best strategy for successful treatment, she said. The American Cancer Society suggests that around age 35, women should get a baseline mammogram, or breast X-ray, she said, and starting at the age of 40, a yearly mammogram and physical breast exam.

The society says women start doing a monthly breast self-exam in their 20s and have a clinical exam every three years, she said.

The hospital and the clinic, the Goodland Family Health Center, hope women will schedule a mammogram, Goodwin said. The imaging takes less than 30 minutes and is relatively painless. Patients normally receive results in seven to 14 days after the exam.

The Medical Diagnostic Imaging Department at the hospital sends out reminder letters to women each month to schedule their yearly mammogram, Goodwin said; in October, they will send about 100 letters and complete about 130 mammograms.

"If all women age 40 and older took advantage of early detection methods — mammography plus clinical breast exam — breast cancer death rates would drop much further, up to 30 percent," said Jackie Jorgensen, a nurse practitioner at the clinic. "The key to mammography screening is that it be done routinely — once

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Eileen is moving into town and has a large collection of gnomes, collectibles and antiques. Also a lot of personal property belonging to the Maynard Bane Estate and others. We will have something for everyone so plan now to attend another fun auction where everyone has "Satisfaction at the sound of the gavel!" Lunch served by the VFW Auxiliary. Go to www.goodlandhomestead.com for lots of pictures.

FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD: Lazy Boy sleeper sofa, almost new; Queen sleeper sofa; Matching sofa & love seat; Black sofa & love seat; Swivel rockers; 2 day chairs; King size bedroom set, large headboard with mirrors, dresser w/mirror, night stand; Bedroom set w/ headboard, dresser w/mirror, 2 chests; Corner glass curio cabinet, oak; Oak coffee and end tables; Small round drop leaf oak table w/2 chairs; Chrome Kraft kitchen table w/4 chairs; Kitchen table w/6 chairs; White wicker dresser & corner stand; Several book cases; Large Chest freezer; Maytag washer & dryer; Small writing desk & chair; Marble top end table; console stereo w/8 track player; Several lamps.

MISCELLANEOUS: New Rival elect. meet slicer; canister sets; cookware of all kinds; blender; lots of dishes; cameras; silverware; clocks; glassware; ceiling fan; elect grill & hot plate; light fixtures; nice set of dishes; small humidifier; deep fat fryer; Christmas decorations; bakeware & stoneware; lots of books; George Forman grill; 2 crocks; wine glasses; cassette tapes; hostess dishes; food processor; craft items; cook books; 2 drawer file cabinet; Play station picnic bench; luggage; sheets, blankets, towels, bedding; new tub surround, still in box, shell pattern; 3 leather coats; 10 Stetson & Resistol hats; several knives & pocket watches; money clips; hand tools; Shop Vac; garden tools

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES (lots of pictures on web site): Gnome collection; Tom Clark Figurines: Franklin #28, signed, Willie and Son #1078, Telly W/video, signed, Hyke #27, Spud #34, Brother, sister & dad #58, Shepherd #197, Hitch #2018, Jumping Jack Blackie #2025, Kernel #75, McNally #6329, Greetings #2042, Heather and Jan #77, signed, M&M #2032, Saturday #90, 2-The Race, Ed 2022, Freddy #79, Set Corkey #79 and wife Savoy, Cairn Studio display set, Eddie 83, Pokey 98, Lilibey 10, Jenny 79; Norman Rockwell Figurine; Danbuy Mint: Caught In The Act, Asleep On The Job, Self Portrait, The Rivals, Gramps At The Reins, Man Threading A Needle; Gorham: The Marriage License, Captain, Fishing, Triple Self Portrait; Dave Grossman Designs: 100th Year Of Baseball; Jim Beam Bottles: 2-Christmas Bells (Regal China) Music Boxes, 88 Holiday Decanter (Regal China), Birds (Regal Decanter), Blue Marbleized Regal Decanter, 1991 Holiday Collector Toy Soldier, 1989 Holiday Toy Soldier, 1990 Holiday Toy Soldier, Republican Elephant, 6-Wildlife Artist Decanters, (J. Lockhart), Marbleized Orange, Brown Regal Decanters; Set of 8 Rogers

Silverware, in case, nice; Franklin Mint Farmall F-20 Scale 1:12 Precision model in box; JD Model R, 1915, in box; Fostoria pieces; Cut Glass; 15 sets of S&P shakers; 3 sets silver S&P shakers from Japan; Bavarian China, Forest pattern, set of 8; Turn of the century oak dining table w/5 chairs, 1 captain chair, mint cond.; Small smoke stand w/pipes; Radio Flyer Wagon; Copper Tub; Croquet set; Lawn caddy; Camel Cigarette Sign, lighted, works; Marlboro cigarette sign, neon, works; Old Gold cigarette clock; cash register; credit card machine; wash board; wooden bushel basket w/lid; copper lamps, 2 each from Turkey, still in boxes; assorted Pop bottles; Nascar Pedal Car (NAPA #15); Tonka Dump Truck; Tonka Digger Scoop; Tonka Ambulance; Tonka Jeep, in box; Tonka Crawler Loader; Assorted toys still in boxes, Ertl, NFL, Boddy; Pony Boy cap pistol w/ holster; Western cap pistol w/ holster; Hubley cap pistol w/ holster & belt; Daisy BB gun, Red Ryder; Daisy BB gun Model 840

LARGE COIN COLLECTION: Wheat pennies, circulated and uncirculated 1954 S, 1957 D, 1958 P, 1959 P, 1960 P, 1960 D, 1961 P; Canadian Penny; Steel pennies; 1999 to 2002 Quarters; 2-US Mint Liberty coin sets; 1950 D Quarter; WWII Lincoln penny series mint set; Several misc. quarters; WWII Obsolete coin collection; 11- 1970's Silver dollars; Odd Shaped coins of the World; 40 Susan B Anthony coins; Liberty & Jefferson nickels; early 1900's silver dollars; 2-1 troy oz. Silver bricks, 1 coin; 10-.999 oz. Silver coins; 26- 1900's half dollars; 20-Kennedy half dollars; Buffalo head nickels; 10 V nickels; 8- 1940's half dollars; Commemorative Gold coin, .9074 troy pure gold, .100 Copper.

SPECIAL ITEMS: Smith & Wesson 38 Cal. pistol; 12ga Double Barrel Hammer shotgun, Belgium make; Set of 42 president knife collection; Invacare Elect wheel chair, less than 1 year old, W/extra large seat, like new; Tandem bicycle

OFFICE EQUIPMENT: Gateway computer W/19" Flat Panel CTR Monitor; Sharp Model AL-1661 CS digital copier, printer, fax, scanner, less than 2 years old; Several file cabinets; Brief cases; Typewriter/word processor

Many more items to numerous to mention. Please be on time as the hall will be full. For more information contact Homestead Realty & Auction, 1023 Main, Goodland, KS. Terry Richardson 785-899-2328, 800-974-2426, 782-5-899-8094

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