

School board member Chuck Wilkens (upper left) and LeAnn Friedrichs tried their hand at a third and fourth grade practice test for the state math assessments in the computer lab at Central Elementary School at their meeting on Monday night. Fourth grader Phillip Carver (bottom left), son of Mona and Jim Carver, interviewed board

member John Hendrich as part of the presentation. Third grader Dusty Johnson, son of Shauna and Doug Johnson, told about the book, "The Indian and the Cupboard," he read with his teacher Joy Boyington helping to hold up his poster.

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Central students show off reading skills

By Pat Schiefen

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Students from Central Elementary School showed off their reading skills and interviewed Goodland School Board members on Monday night at their meeting at the school.

Third grade teacher Joy Boyington's students read for the board. Some of the students read from their

books with a poster that had cutouts for their faces and arms for a character from the book. Other students read in teams where they alternated chapters. They also showed pictures they drew about what they read.

Some of fourth grade teacher Jan Wilson's students interviewed board members and Superintendent Shelly Angelos.

Phillip Carver interviewed John

Hendrich. He said that Hendrich said that the most important person in his life was his wife and that he liked boating, fishing and chess.

Grace Cole interviewed LeAnn Friedrichs. She said that Friedrichs told her that her favorite teacher was her second grade teacher, Mrs. Snelly.

Rachel Mickelson interviewed Superintendent Angelos. She asked

Angelos what her favorite job was and she said being a mother.

Cienna Brannick interviewed Chuck Wilkens and asked who his role model was and he said it was his dad.

Ruby Smith interviewed Jane Philbrick and asked her what her favorite thing was and she answered reading. Smith also asked her what the hardest decision she had been

involved with on the school board. Philbrick said changing the elementary schools to attendance centers.

Tatum Jones interviewed Andrew House.

Jones said that House said he went to Kansas State University and works on the farm. House said he wanted to come up with ideas to better help kids.

Fourth grade teacher Marilyn

Sowers let board members try their hand at taking a practice state assessment test for third and fourth grade math.

Sowers said the tests are evaluated on five different levels; academic warning, approaching standards, meeting standards, exceeding standards and exemplary. Rachel Stasser, fourth grade teacher, also helped with the computer demonstration.

Big Brothers Big Sisters looking for bowlers, mentors

By Sharon Corcoran

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Sherman County is looking for bowlers, mentors and a cheaper office.

Executive Director Sarah Thompson has been planning the Bowl for Kids Sake event to raise money for the organization and is looking for teams to have fun and help raise

some money.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 19, at Bowladium Lanes. Call Thompson at 890-3665, stop by the Bigs office at 330 W. 17th or e-mail sthompson@ksbbbs.org to sign up.

Thompson said bowlers can talk to friends, neighbors, coworkers and others they know to find spon-

sors who will donate money.

She said she is looking for volunteer mentors, or Bigs, to spend time with young people. They can go out to eat, bake cookies, go shopping, go to a movie or a game, go fishing or even run errands together, she said, if they are part of the community-based program. Mentors in the "site-based" program visit children at

school for lunch and recess or help with homework, she said.

Mentors can spend just 30-45 minutes with their "Little" in the site-based program, Thompson said, or a couple of hours a week three or four times a month in the community-based program.

The organization serves children from age 5 to 17, she said, and

one-third of kids on the waiting list for mentors in Sherman County are between 13 and 16. It's really frustrating, she said, because some may be too old to benefit from the program before someone steps up to help them.

Kids are matched with mentors based on who is the best match, she said, not who has been waiting the

longest.

"Some have been waiting since before I was here," Thompson said, "and they're about to age out, so we can't help them."

If they are in a match by the time they are 17, she added, they can stay in the program until they graduate from high school.

Ambulance crews thank city crews for helping in snow storm

By Tom Betz

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Goodland got about 10 inches of snow on Feb. 5, and the hospital's ambulance director was at a City Commission meeting last Monday to thank the crew for their help during the storm.

Bruce Gleason said he wanted to thank Rich Simon, public works manager, and his crew.

"If not for Rich and his workers, we would not have been able to get the patients to the hospital," Gleason said.

He said the crew plowed around the hospital, helped get the ambulance to homes and cleaned driveways.

"One special run was to get a person on an airplane," Gleason said. "I called Rich and asked him if we could get the runway plowed. He said he would call me back in 15

minutes, and when he called he said he had a couple of men with blades and a couple of men with trucks on their way to the airport."

Gleason said he called the Eagle Med pilot, who decides if the runway is cleared enough to take off.

"The guys got it cleared to the pilot's satisfaction," Gleason said, "and we got our patient flown out."

Gleason said he wanted to thank the men who came out to clean the runway, including Travis Gillihan, Justin Lohr, Dale Davis and Dan Knitig, all from the street crew.

"We don't want to forget the people who make us look good," Gleason said. "Please make sure you thank these five gentlemen, and I want to say thanks for a job well done."

He said he wanted to thank the police, too. He said officers would

grab a shovel and helped clean sidewalks and driveways during an emergency.

"These guys make our job a whole lot simpler, and safer for us and the patient," he said.

Commissioner Josh Dechant asked if the emergency snow routes are working. Gleason said the plan is doing a good job. He said he was worried about the road behind the hospital, but felt it has helped and that he and Simon have talked about how to keep the street open.

"I can call central dispatch, and they will tell the loader drivers or someone," he said, "and we have a path plowed before we even get there."

City Manager Wayne Hill said he was riding with Simon when an ambulance call came in, and the crew was plowing the patient's driveway and street before the ambulances

got there.

"It is a great help," Gleason said. "The teamwork is second to none."

Gleason said the ambulance people got help from others as well. He said in one case, an ambulance was waiting for a city loader to arrive when Mike Yarger, owner of Goody's, was driving by and stopped and cleaned out the drive-

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Mayor Rick Billinger thanked Gleason, saying it was nice to have people come in to praise city em-

ployees.

"We know we have good city employees and that they do a great job," he added.

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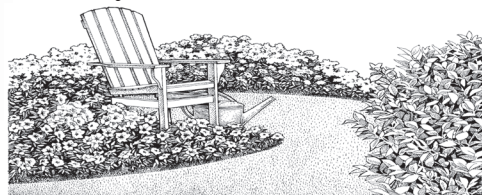
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