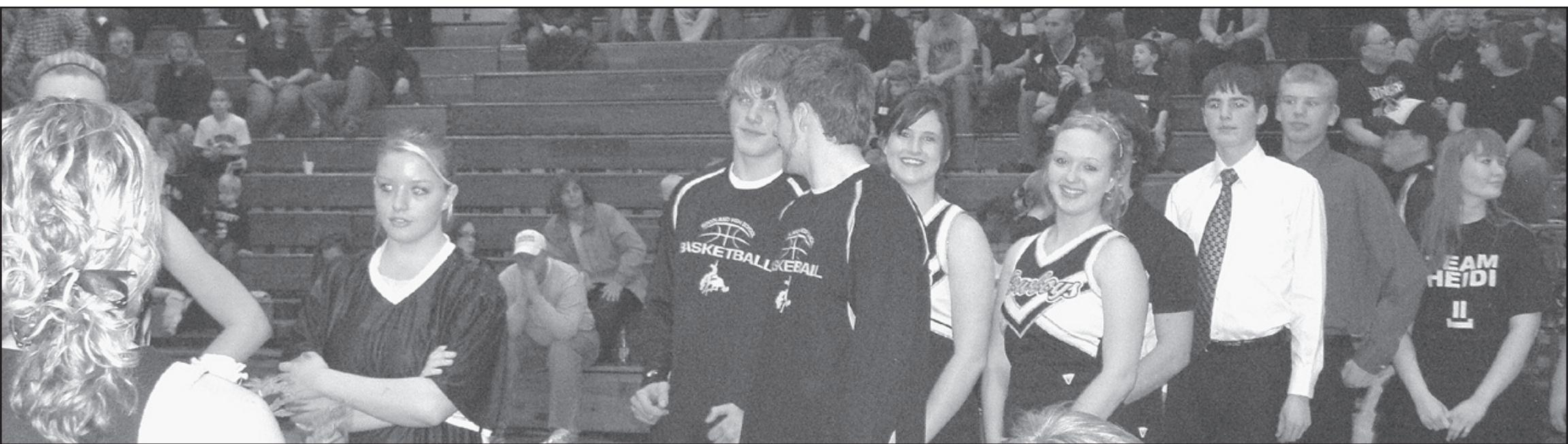


Sno Ball King Paul Starr and Queen Heidi Lawson and senior parents night

On Friday night at Max Jones Fieldhouse in the basketball games with Oakley the Snow Ball King Paul Starr and Queen Heidi Lawson (left) were announced at the intermission of the boys game. Seniors (below) lined up to get a rose to give to their mother at parents night between the girls and boys basketball game.

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Northwest Tech students to compete at Wichita

SkillsUSA winners announced at Northwest Tech Friday morning, will be entered in the state competition in Wichita in April.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled work force.

"The organization helps every student excel by teaching leadership and employability skills as they learn their technical and academic skills in their classrooms," said Northwest Tech Faculty Advisor Candee Cottam. "We are very excited about the number of students we have participating in SkillsUSA".

The Northwest Tech SkillsUSA Club was

chartered three years ago and in the second year had one of the students place first in the state competition and place eighth in the national competition.

"I am excited about going to Wichita for the State Competition," carpentry student first place winner Jonathan Johansen said, "because each time I compete it helps me improve in my carpentry skills. I will participate in metal framing, wood framing and will be a part of the opening and closing ceremony at State Competition."

The winners of the Northwest Tech SkillsUSA competition were:

Auto Tech, Rigo Valverde, first; Ryan

Scott, second; and Juan Yanez, third.

Computer Graphics Tech: Kyle Willems, first; and Molly Dumler, second.

Carpentry: Jonathan Johansen, first.

Communications Tech: Justin Horinek, first and Christ Pitts, second.

Diesel Tech: Brent McArtor, first; Joet Ramsey, second; Trent Rieman, third; and Taylor Bliss, fourth.

Electrical 1st year-Wiring: Dale Quast, first; AJ. Ostmeyer, second; and John Morris, third.

HVAC: Linc Ostmeyer, first; Nathan Baker, second; and Riley Duncan, third.

Computer Maintenance: Dillon Near,

first; Jacob Bishop, second; and Drew Hardwick, third.

Internetworking: Taylor Hobbs, first; Shane Pfeifer, second; and Joshua Simon, third.

Welding: Chad Pace, first; John Meitl, second; and Michael Allacher, third.

Each school is limited as to how many can go to State based on the number participating in SkillsUSA.

State competition will be held in Wichita on April 14, 15, and 16.

"America's highly skilled work force is an issue today," said Northwest Tech President Dr. Ed Mills, "and virtually every

community is in short supply of skilled workers.

"From automotive service technicians to health care workers, there aren't enough to go around. Career and technical education programs help ensure local communities have the necessary employment pool.

"Northwest Tech plays a vital role in providing highly skilled work force labor and continues the effort to provide ongoing educational opportunities for the students. The college recognizes the value and importance of career and technical education and applauds those students who have excelled in their skill areas."

Goodland Rotary Club to hold second pitch tournament

The Goodland Rotary Club will hold a second Pitch Tournament beginning on Wednesday, Feb. 24 to raise money to help fight Polio worldwide.

The tournament will be held at 6 p.m. at the Goodland Elks Lodge, 17th and Arcade, on three consecutive Wednesdays Feb. 24, March 3 and March 10.

The tournament will be 4-point pitch, and two person teams will compete for top honors. Coed teams are encouraged.

Rotary President Fred Hall said the first tournament last fall brought in about \$1,000 to help fight Polio with the Rotary Polio Plus project. He said Rotary is working to match a large challenge match from Gates to

raise money to reach the final three spots in the world where Polio continues to be a dangerous disease.

Registration for the teams is \$60, and entry forms can be mailed or delivered to Fred Hall at 111 W. 12th. For more information contact Kevin Sanderson (785) 890-6053 or Pete Whalen (785) 890-2655.

Each team will have two members either two men, two women or a man and a woman. There are not separate brackets for men, women or coed teams.

The partners will remain as a team for the three nights. If necessary a team may have one substitute to be used during tournament play.

Each evening of play the teams will draw numbers to determine

starting table assignment.

The tournament is four point pitch with high, low, jack of bidding suit and Game are the 4 points. Each game is played to 11 points. A bidder going out breaks all ties. Five games will be played before teams move tables.

At the end of each five games (one hour limit) the winners will move up one table and the losers will remain at the same table.

It is not necessary to be an Elks member to participate in the tournament, and Rotary organizer Sanderson said he is sure the tournament will be lots of fun for those who compete.

Area orchestra to have concert

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra presents our Mozart to Movies jeans and T-shirts concert on Sunday, Feb. 28, at 2:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) at the Colby Community College Frahm Theater. With Andrew Salvador of Burlington as conductor, they will delight you with selections of "Olympic Fanfare and Theme," "Symphony in G Minor," "Opera Goes to the Movies," "The Marriage of Figaro," "Salute to the Cinema," "Selections from Star Wars," and many more.

The orchestra will be casually dressed in jeans and T-shirts, so the audience is welcome to also! Enjoy

cookies and punch with the orchestra members during intermission. The group is delighted in the fact that our orchestra has much character, with participants ranging from school age to retired individuals from several towns in the tri-state area.

Pride of the Prairie Orchestra is proud to be a part of the Western Plains Arts Association program and is also supported by the Friends of the Orchestra and the Kansas Arts Commission.

Admission is by Friends of the Orchestra membership or purchase tickets at the door - \$7 and \$3 children and senior citizens.

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IMPROVEMENT GRANTS Available

The Sherman County Economic Development Office is offering grants for Sherman County residents and businesses for exterior improvements to properties. If you are interested in this program, please stop by the office at 104 E. 10th St., Goodland, to pick up the requirements and application. The deadline for returning applications is February 19, 2010, at 4 p.m..

Accepting Sealed Bids

Sherman County Commissioners are taking sealed bids for roof repairs on the north side of the 17th Street building. Bids need to be turned in by 3 p.m. on February 22, 2010, at County Clerks Office, 813 Broadway, Rm. 102, Goodland, KS 67735. Contact William McKnight for details at (785) 890-4801.

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