

Ham and beans



Part of the people who came for the ham and bean dinner that the Goodland Masons served on Monday night at the Lodge. They were raising money for their scholarships. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Superintendent reviews issue

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The day of decision is getting close on the Goodland School district \$14.9 million bond issue, and Superintendent Shelly Angelos reviewed the issue for the city commissioners.

Angelos, accompanied by School Board members Chuck Wilkens and Gary Slough spoke to the city commissioners at their meeting on Monday, March 7. She reviewed the more than three year process the school board went through to reach the decision to ask voters to approve the bond issue to appear on the Tuesday, April 5, election.

She said the district has been showing a continuing decline in students over the past 10 years, but is showing an increase this year because the Learning Center, which has averaged 30 students, this year has 67 students and that makes it look like a big increase.

She said with the aging facilities the district is having difficulty maintaining all the buildings, and the funding challenges with cuts from the state are complicating the process.

Reviewing the process the school board went through Angelos said the architect the board had look at each recommended upgrades for all that would total about \$21 million.

The architect recommended moving the junior high to the high school, and going to a one elementary school concept with North being the recommended site because of location and room to expand.

The school board discussed the options many times and finally agreed on a 6-1 vote in June to pursue a two-building concept with a vote to close North elementary.

She said the estimated lower operating cost of closing West

Elementary and Grant Junior High would be about \$450,000 on an annual basis.

"This solution is not for today," she said, "but for the next 20 years and beyond."

She said Goodland is not trying to keep up with the Jones', but said many of the surrounding school districts have upgraded and invested in the communities. She mentioned WaKeeney, Scott City \$14.7 million, Ulysses \$10.2 million, Dodge City for new high school, Hugoton \$22.8 million, Victoria \$3.4 million, Garden City \$97 million for new high school and Greeley County \$4.8 million to repair and remodel elementary school.

She said the flyer and information available on the Goodland School District web site (www.usd352.org/) give the information about costs to the property owners. She said the average home in Sherman County is valued about \$65,000.

The \$14.9 million bond will include \$5.4 million in interest-free qualified construction bonds, and the school district has \$1.5 million for energy improvements at the high school. The interest-free bonds will save the district more than \$2 million, and state aid would be about 15 percent and another \$3.2 million in interest savings.

"I am asked 'Why now' and I believe it is time to address the needs of the future for our district and for the students," she said. "When I am asked 'What is Plan B,' I say we are living Plan B now."

She closed her presentation by asking those present to at least vote.

"I am not saying which way to vote," she said.

Monday is the last day to register for the April 5, election. Early and advance voting will begin on Tuesday at the county clerk's office.

College plans honor society induction

An induction ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Northwest Tech College for the 15 students to be honored as National Technical Honor Society Students.

The National Technical Honor Society inductees include:

Freda Barber, Goodland, Engineering Technology; Nicole Clark, Lamar, Colo., Medical Assistance; Tiffany Fisher, Wakita, Okla., Respiratory Therapy; Shawn Gastineau, Goodland, Respiratory Therapy; Kim Horinek, Goodland, Respiratory

Therapy; Kevin Johnson, Colby, Respiratory Therapy; Troy Johnson, Stratton, Neb., HVAC/R; Greg Justice, Mancelona, Minn., Automotive Technology; Jance McKee, Brewster, Diesel Technology; Josh Musgrave, Joes, Colo., Collision Repair; Uriel Ordonez, Burlington, Colo., Engineering Technology; Andrew Ramos, Lakin, Engineering Technology; Shana Salazar, Belle Fourche, S.D., Medical Assistance; Hector Sarinana, Goodland, Engineering Technology; and Josh

Simon, Quinter, Telecommunications Network Analyst.

Criteria for being selected for the honor society includes a student grade point average of 3.0 or above, be in good academic standing, good attendance, eligibility for graduation in current school year, faculty recommendation and the desire to pursue a career in the field of study, dependability and leadership within the department.

The mission of the National Technical Honor Society is to honor stu-

dent achievement and leadership, promote educational excellence, and enhance career opportunities for the honor society membership.

The honor society vision is to be the leader in providing recognition for excellence in career and technical education and creating significant occupational opportunities for America's top workforce education students.

matters of record

District Traffic

The following fines have been paid in the Sherman County District Court.

December 31: Charles W. Johnson, speeding, \$156.50.
Jai D. Jennings, speeding, \$207.50.

January 1: Jose G. Hernandez-Alfaro, unlawful parking, \$174.50.

Lara M. Jude, speeding, \$192.50.
Jesse P. Thomas, speeding, \$180.50.

January 2: Brittany L. Hicks, no seat belt, \$5.00.
Daniel T. Hrabar, speeding, \$174.50; no seat belt, \$5.00.

Ealasha M. Marshbanks, speeding, \$180.00.
Sean H. Im, no valid license, \$153.50; speeding, \$87.00.

January 3: Matthew C. Hulbert, no seat belt, \$10.00.
Desiree D. Kovy, speeding, \$198.50.

Matthew L. McCall, speeding, \$162.50.

January 4: Martin R. Hnizdil, motor carrier safety rules and regulations, \$358.50.

Scott L. Lyons, no seat belt, \$5.00; unlawful vehicle registration, \$153.50.

January 5: Colton Travis Pinney, renewal of registration of certain vehicles, \$153.50.

Ernest W. Pool, motor carrier safety rules and regulations, \$208.50.

January 6: Kyle B. Hagglund, speeding, \$207.50.
Margaret A. Kelley, fail to yield to emergency vehicle, \$288.50.

January 7: Ian J. Hayes, speeding, \$180.00.
Christian M. Jerman, speeding, \$198.50.

Phil D. Lukert III, speeding, \$180.50.

January 8: Daniel W. Lovinger, unlawful parking, \$192.50.
Sloan N. Moore, speeding, \$234.50.

Rachel L. Obrien, unlawful parking, \$180.50.

January 9: Andrew S. McIntosh, unlawful vehicle registration, \$153.50.

Kreisha M. Pickens, speeding, \$186.00.

January 12: Ryan A. Preston, speeding, \$162.50.
Alexander Q. Royce-Vogan, unlawful parking, \$180.50.

January 13: Micheal D. Hastings, motor carrier safety rules and regulations, \$208.50.
Brooke L. Lennington, unlawful registration, \$153.50.

January 14: Brittany K. Harold, speeding, \$198.50.
Melissa L. Ross, speeding, \$243.50.

January 16: Ronald B. Maggart,

unlawful parking, \$186.50.
Lester Rodriguez, speeding, \$186.50.

Harold W. Thorpe, speeding, \$162.50.

January 20: Emma L. Rinks, speeding, \$186.50.
Darrell J. Welsh, speeding, \$168.50.

January 21: Ryan L. Haefner, motor carrier safety rules and regulations, \$208.50.
Arnaldo A. Rangel, unlawful parking, \$168.50.

January 22: Eric J. Hochhalter, speeding, \$174.50.
Andrew Allen Kear, speeding, \$543.50.

Carlos W. Pena-Monterroza, speeding, \$168.50.

January 23: Terry W. Jackson, speeding, \$168.50.
Leia K. Langhoff, speeding, \$168.50.

Michael A. Reachi, speeding, \$168.50.

January 24: John N. Holman, over weight limits on wheels and axles, \$243.50.

January 25: Zachary L. Head, motor carrier safety rules and regulations, \$208.50.

January 26: Ronald T. Bunn, motor carrier safety rules and regu-

lations, \$208.50.
Phyllis A. Gray, speeding, \$168.50.

January 27: Karlee M. Koneche, no seat belt, \$5.00.
Ruicheng Liu, speeding, \$198.50.

Jaime L. Pittser, speeding, \$174.50.

January 28: Amy L. Davis, speeding, \$162.50.
Douglas J. Neagle, speeding, \$168.50.

Loren W. Queen, speeding, \$198.50.

January 30: Crystal L. Farris, speeding, \$162.50.

February 2: Bryan N. Gleason, unlawful parking, \$164.50.

February 3: Francisco J. Hernandez, no valid license, \$168.50; speeding, \$75.00.

February 4: Samantha Robertson, speeding, \$174.50.

February 5: Richard A. Schoepner, no child safety belt, \$153.50.

February 7: Eugene S. Armstrong, speeding, \$180.50.
February 9: Lisa M. Canfield, speeding, \$186.50.
John S. Quinlan, unlawful parking, \$168.50.

corrections

In the County Commissioner story in Tuesday's, March 15, edition of *The Goodland Star-News* about the weed mowing the contractor's name was incorrect. It should have been Darrel Schrader. This was a reporting error.

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Moran to stop in town

Continuing the listening tours he started as the Big First Congressman, U.S. Senator Jerry Moran will make his first visit to Sherman County on his first statewide listening tour.

Sen. Moran will be in town from 11 a.m. to noon on Thursday, March 24, at Western State Bank, 815 Center Ave. to visit with citizens.

Sen. Moran will travel to each of Kansas' 105 counties to talk with area residents about their hopes and concerns. The issues he focuses on and the work he does in Washington, D.C., is largely based on the conversations he has with Kansans during these town hall meetings.

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