



Gantzen Miller who was Santa came up with a heart that wouldn't melt the warm-hearted snowman at the second grade music program last Tuesday at the Goodland High School Auditorium. Bryce Belche as Ebenezer Scrooge even approved of Santa's solution.

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Second grade saves warm-hearted snowman

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West Elementary's second grade pooled together to come up with an idea of how to prevent the melting of Melton the Warm-Hearted Snowman at their music program on Tuesday night at the Goodland High School Auditorium. Melton played by Brock Ferguson was given a warm heart by his mother played by Destiny Helpingstein.

They tried tough love and it didn't work. They tried singing about cold winter weather but that didn't work either. All of the children wanted Melton to stick around except the meanest boy in school. They got the elves and reindeer to help. But it didn't do any good. Finally Melton realized that he had to give away his warm heart as it was hazardous to his health. He decided to give it to the meanest boy in school so he would have a

warm heart. Santa played by Gantzen Miller showed up with his bag of goodies and what did he have but a warm heart with a special feature that wouldn't melt Melton. Even Ebenezer Scrooge played by Bryce Belche replaced his typical "Bah Humbug" with an approving remark. The music teacher for the musical was Linda Lucas. Deb Bantam's students are Des-

tiny Breshear, Tristen Bradley, Javy Conde, Emmi Ensign, Alexis Franz, Rebedah Galindo, Austin Gamboa, Helpingstine, Raelyn Hillmer, Brooklyn Jones, Danny Langley, Laura Ledesma, Noel Lopez, Cade Mitchek, Matthew Nemechek, Nicholas Nguyen, Justin Saxe, Wyatt Shoup and Ezra Thompson. Cassandra Laughlin's class is Belche, Ayden Burke, Tarren Cloyd, Chase Conger, Dexter Dautel, Caleb Dechant, Natalie Dorn, Blake

Drennan, Walker Eslinger, Nathan Gillming, Miles Gould, Baylee Hillmer, Paige Julin, Kadon Rickard, Melinda Vasquez, Teagan Vaughn and Malaki Young. Julie Dautel's students are Rhianon Cacvio, Chandler Clayville, Eve Cole, Nicole Eli, Ferguson, Jesse Gould, Juanluis Guzman, Meadow Hillman, Logan Ihrig, Hailey Kent, Dustin Knox, Ethan McDaniel, Sabian Mills. Cassidy Mitchek, Ashley Rodriguez, Wil-

liam Schaffer, Adam Villalobos and Emily Wolf. Pat Pickett's class is Athena Armstrong, Maxwell Varela, Olivia Bassett, Kaitlyn Dible, Caleb Duell, Riley Frazier, Reid Fritz, Eli Greene, Mia Hamilton, James Isham, Emily Jones, Tori Ketter, Matthew Lallicker, Miller, Devon Rickard, Dane Shores, Bryson Terry, Andre Trejo and Abigail Tremblay. The principal for West Elementary is Verna Milnes.

Brewster junior attends forum

A Brewster junior was nominated to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum on National Security held in Washington in October.

Shane Rice was attended the youth leadership forum on national security, and said he is interested in being a Marine after he graduates from high school.

He is the son of Shannon and Darla Rice of Brewster, and were excited for their son to get to attend this special program.

Each day of the forum gave Rice a different look at American diplomacy, intelligence and defense over a six day program.

Over the course of six days, Rice was exposed to key leaders in the defense, intelligence and diplomatic communities, explored career options in these fields and developed his personal leadership skills. Rice was assigned to the Marshall National Security Action Meeting group led by Erica Garnett, his faculty advisor for the week.

On the second day Rice and his group had a session exploring the issue of ethics in national security, particularly as it relates to nuclear weapons.

He was introduced to the second of five National Security Strategy Exercises to help prepare him for

the culminating simulation that took place on Friday evening. In that simulation, each scholar took on a role in a fictional nuclear weapons crisis that might take place on the Korean Peninsula.

Preparing for this simulation, the scholars considered four vectors of strategic analysis: basic national interests, intensity of those interests, instruments of national power and execution of a national strategy.

In the morning, Rice explored the U.S. Capitol building, the Library of Congress, the House and Senate office buildings and the Supreme Court.

Back at the Forum site, Rice attended a career exploration panels featuring leaders in the defense, intelligence and diplomatic communities. In addition, the scholars attended a panel discussion featuring experts on Northeast Asia to gain further insight on the region.

On the third day Rice received an up close and personal look at national security in action as he headed off to his site experience. The site experiences offered at the Forum on National Security allowed Rice the chance to visit a diplomatic, military or intelligence institution.

After dinner, Rice attended two different Current Issue Seminars, headed up by a leader in the field

of national security, to learn about and discuss key issues presently confronting the national security community.

On the fourth day Rice focused on preparations for the simulation, Crisis or Crossroads: A Nuclear North Korea and the Future of a Northeast Asian Community. After learning more about the various simulation roles in the fifth National Security Strategy Exercise, Rice attended a workshop led by key players in one of the fields of: media, intelligence, defense, diplomacy, legislative and executive. This workshop gave Rice an opportunity to ask the experts about their role in the simulation and allow him to talk through potential strategies.

The simulation began after dinner. Rice met with the other members of his role group to review information available and react to new information and perspectives introduced at key points by the forum faculty. Members of the media group circulated among the groups, conducting interviews and seeking out information to report to the public.

The forum began to wrap up on the fifth day with completion of the simulation including a presentation

and discussion of his group's plan to resolve the crisis in Northeast Asia.

Each group had different objectives, and Rice had to master the arts of negotiation and compromise. Each group's input helped to shape the policy ultimately chosen by the president. Once the policy course had been selected, scholars used the knowledge gained throughout the week to prepare a strategy and execute the president's policy.

With the time remaining Rice and his fellow scholars spent the day exploring of some of Washington, D.C.'s most famous sites, including Arlington National Cemetery, the Smithsonian museums and the Korean War Veterans, Vietnam Veterans and Lincoln memorials.

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Senior dinner to be Wednesday

Goodland's senior citizens will be treated to a meal in style at the Goodland High School gym at noon on Wednesday.

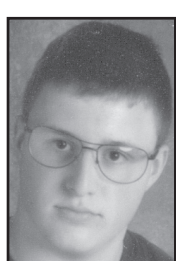
Around 350 are expected fed turkey and the trimmings with pumpkin pie for dessert. High school students will be delivering some meals to seniors unable to attend.

The high school students provide valet services at the door to park cars and diners are escorted

into the gym. Santa is expected to appear to greet everyone.

The audience will be entertained by high school students singing, playing piano numbers and musical selections from the band.

Clubs at the high school hosting the dinner are Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, National Honor Society and G Club.



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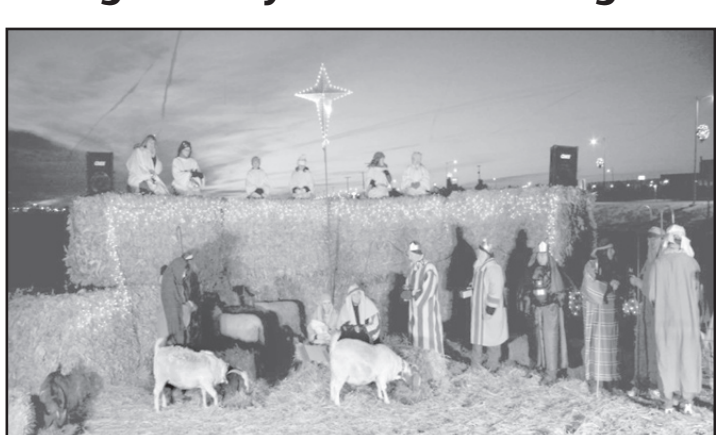
It has been a source of tremendous pride that you have permitted me to represent you, the citizens of Sherman County, as your County Attorney for the past 12 years. Thank you for that privilege. With the return to Sherman County of native son, Brock Abbey, who was sworn into the practice of Kansas law by the Kansas Supreme Court in September, 2011, I have asked him to seek to serve out the remainder of my term in office. I am pleased, as I hope you will be, that a young attorney of such talent has chosen to return to his home to serve you as your County Attorney. Please welcome him as your representative.

Bonnie J. Selby

You're Invited to Join Us!
The Insurance Agency, Inc.
1020 Main Street

Open House
December 13-16th
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Living Nativity at Harvest Evangelical



Harvest Evangelical Free Church will be hosting a Living Nativity on Dec. 11th and Dec. 18th from 5:00 to 7:00pm in the church parking lot. The church is located across the highway from the Van Gough painting. There will be live singing performances throughout the night along with refreshments for everyone. This is an event that you won't want to miss.