

Silt removal going well

By Tom Betz

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Over 8,000 cubic yards of silt have been removed from the bottom of Smoky Gardens, and Tuesday the Sherman County commissioners agreed to transfer \$8,500 to the project to complete it this spring.

Kenny Sanderson from the Smoky Gardens board told the commissioners the silt removal was moving very well, and he estimated several thousand cubic yards of dirt have been removed.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede, who has been hired to do the dirt removal, said he had removed over 8,000 cubic yards, and he had shoved up a large pile for Alan Townsend who was hauling dirt down to his farm this week.

Tiede said he would not participate in the discussion because he was involved in the project.

Sanderson said the next step in the project will be working on the two piers and placing fish habitat in the bottom.

He said Apac and Sporer Land Development had agreed to donate

enough crushed concrete to put around the two piers, and they would haul it to the lake site.

"We have a proposal to complete the project," Sanderson said. "We are bout 40 percent complete now, and we have done \$6,000 of work and had \$5,000 in donations so far.

"One area we are planning to improve is the handicap pier which we have cleaned out so it can be used again.

"I have been working on building fish habitats using pallets and anchoring them to the bottom with concrete.

"The plan is to get the project completed in the next month or so, and then close the valve to let it start to refill. The wildlife department has said if there is three feet of water in the lake by June 1 they will restock the fish population, and include some larger fish.

"I don't know if we will have to ban fishing this year, but we should have legal size fish by the next summer."

Sanderson said he was working on relocating the fish feeders and



Removal of silt in the bottom of Smoky Gardens continues and Alan Townsend loaded a truck Tuesday afternoon. Over 8,000 cubic yards of dirt have been removed.

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anchoring them to the bottom with concrete.

He said the state will continue the trout stocking in the fall if there is enough water, and that Sherman County is one of three in the state where the license sales pay for the

program.

After Sanderson's presentation Commissioner Kevin Rasure said he felt it was a good project and the time to do it right is while it is empty. He made a motion to transfer \$8,500 from the courthouse general

fund to Smoky Gardens to complete the project. Commissioner Chuck Thomas seconded the motion.

It passed on a 2-0 vote with Tiede abstaining because he was involved.

On a related note County Clerk

Janet Rumpel said her office would not be selling hunting and fishing licenses this year, but would continue to handle the state park passes. She said the cost in time for selling the licenses is more than the money returned from the state.

County completes sale of sewer lagoons to ADM

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Colby and notifies them and then pages out the Sherman County ambulance as well. If the Colby ambulance responds to the scene first the Sherman County unit will be told to return.

She said there is not a written policy detailing how all the situations are handled, but it is left to the discretion of the dispatcher.

"We can certainly change the policy," Messamore said. "There is nothing in the policy manual, but I would be glad to put something in spelling this out."

In the manual it says the Colby ambulance is to be called if the accident is between the Thomas County line and road 30 and from County road 50 to 80 (which is from the south county line to the north county line).

The commissioners agreed a policy should be developed to spell out the handling of calls for Brewster and that Messamore should talk to the Brewster fire chief and Kenny Griffith the Sherman County Rural fire chief.

A question was raised about what happens if there is a hazardous spill in the county, and Messamore said the city hazmat team is always called to this type of incident.

Kevin Sanderson of Helena Chemical asked about the status of the Local Emergency Planning Committee, and who is in charge.

Messamore said there has not been an involved committee, but that they have met at least annually and have conducted the required drills.

Sanderson said he felt this was an area of concern, and that he was interested in being involved

in the committee.

Messamore invited him to a meeting scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan 28, upstairs in the courthouse.

The commissioners reviewed the list of committee members and said they believe there are several vacancies which need to be filled.

Messamore said she is working with Tim Renner who is helping on the emergency management

programs.

The commissioners held a 10 minute closed session with County Attorney Bonnie Selby. No action was taken after the closed session.

The commissioners approved the bills for the first half of the month totaling \$103,062, plus any that arrived before Thursday.

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m. The next meeting is at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Final inspection on high school roof began this week

By Greg Stover

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The final inspection on the high school gym roof began this week said Superintendent Marvin Selby during his report at Monday night's school board meeting.

Selby said the inspector from the manufacturer began his inspection Monday morning and a four-man work crew from the work contractor, Interstate Structures out of Kearney, Neb., was on hand to correct any deficiencies found. Once all the repairs are done and the inspector signs off on the paperwork the roof will be guaranteed for the next 20 years.

Selby reported that 92 Achievement Awards were earned by 72 students from the district in grades four, six, eight, 10 and 11. The awards recognized their exemplary performance on the various scholastic assessment tests taken in reading, math and science. He said about half the students recognized attend North Elementary School.

Selby reported the district's student population dropped from 1,001 to 996 between Sept. 22 and Dec. 19, and that most of the loss was from the downtown adult education program. He also gave the board member's a copy of a comparison made showing the district's utility costs for the September-December period for the past three school years. It showed this year's cost for electricity, heat and sewer stayed even with last year's cost, but did show an \$8,000 increase for water mostly due to maintaining the football field.

Principal Jim Mull told the board North Elementary was continuing with its math program and is assigning individualized lesson plans to each student. He reminded the board North will host a psychology festival on Feb. 24 that will have a carnival theme.

Mull reported 42 boys, including eight heavyweights, turned out for wrestling at Grant Junior High and 55 girls for girls basketball. He also said they school was getting ready for final exams for the first semester.

High school principal Harvey Swager said the Christmas dinner for senior citizens Dec. 17 went very well and thanked the board for their help.

"I think the kids did a great job putting on the dinner," said Swager, "and it gave people a chance to see them as I do."

He said the National Honor Society will have its induction cer-

emony Feb. 9 and asked board member to participate if they could. The time and place will be announced later.

Swager also said more letters went out to schools who might be interested in joining the Northwest Kansas League. He said bringing in more schools, especially smaller ones, would help with making season scheduling easier and more equitable for the bigger and smaller schools alike. He told the board Atwood's football program would probably drop to eight-man in the next two or three seasons.

Sharon Gregory, principal at Central Elementary, was working on the "Blast Off on Reading Program" to encourage students to read more outside the classroom and invited the board to visit the library which now has a space decor.

She said Central will have two spelling bee competitions, written and oral, Feb. 10 and 25 between the classrooms. The culture of Kansas will be the topic of a program Feb. 22 that will educate students about the state and entertain them at the same time.

Activities director Steve Raymer told the board the Kansas State University singers will be in Goodland Feb. 13 and will have a program for the schools during the day and one for the community that evening. He also said the basketball games with Burlington that were postponed, Dec. 9, due to weather are rescheduled for Thursday, Jan. 29.

Raymer said the Snow Bowl is set for Feb. 7. He also told the board of

a proposal to set up an electronic calendar through which students, faculty and the public can look to for the current schedule of athletics and other programs. To help ensure accuracy Raymer said only about four people would have the ability to make changes to it.

The board voted to accept the resignations of Ric Schlosser a night custodian at Max Jones Fieldhouse effective Dec. 31 and Terri Hage a seven-hour cook at Grant. It voted to hire Neil Schritter as a full-time bus driver, Wanda Schritter as a night custodian at the high school, Brian Bohling as night custodian at the fieldhouse and Deb Simon as a

seven-hour cook at Grant.

The board voted to hire Curt Minner as the eighth-grade girls basketball coach, Rita Scheopner as an assistant eighth-grade girls basketball coach and Tami Bean as the assistant seventh-grade girls basketball coach.

In other business, the board: • Was presented with a copy of "Over a Century of Education in Sherman County Kansas" by the Sherman County Historical Society represented by David Branda, Lloyd Holbrook and Pat Juhl. Branda, the society's president, said the book is a testament to the excellence of public education in

student of the week



Name: Megan Leonard
Parents: David and Lori Leonard
Grade: Senior
Age: 18

We've nominated this student because: Megan is an outstanding student in the classroom, as well as in extra curricular events. She is polite and pleasant to all students and staff. She is a joy to have in the classroom

Student Comment: The ability to see and talk to all my fellow students and teachers. I would have to say

that Physics, Algebra II and Visual Communication are my favorite subjects.

Activities involved in at school: National Honor Society, Science Olympiad, FCCLA, basketball, Stuco, Girls Athletic Association, AP Art.

My choice of movies, books, and games: Pretty much any kind of movie, music and book. I enjoy playing card and board games.

After I leave Goodland High School I intend to: attend Kansas State University and study Baking Science.

And 10 years from now, I think I'll be: to be successful and happy with my career.

Favorite Quote: "Good, better, best; never let it rest till your good is better and your better is best."

- Anon -

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