

# Parents watch kids perform

By Pat Schiefen  
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The Goodland School Board met at Central Elementary on Monday, with about 40 parents there to watch their kids give demonstrations.

Ellie House, a fourth grader in Virginia Palmgren's class, passed out cards to each board members. She started the game by giving a number from two of her cards, the person that had the answer on one of their cards from either adding, subtracting, multiplying or dividing the two numbers would use one of their cards for the second number for the next addition, subtraction, multiplication or division problem. Other students from Palmgren's class were Colton Cooper, Holton Witman and Taylen Smith.

Next Palmgren's class showed how long a chain could be made from a single sheet of typing paper. The students found out the longer and skinnier the loops were, the longer the chain would be. They graphed each chain and worked with averages, means and ranges.

Marilyn Sowers' fourth grade class gave a demonstration on word games. They wrote cow with holes in the letters on a board and had the board try to figure the answer. Translation was holy cow. After the board answered several of the word games, the students used a little harder words on the audience. The students that gave the words were

Milan Brannick, Jesse Cooper and Kendra Grammon.

Katrina Delgado of Jan Wilson's fourth-grade class showed that sounds made into a small area sound louder. Delgado had two Styrofoam cup connected by a string. Austin Ray took a piece of Alka Seltzer and added it to water in a plastic bottle with a slide-on lid to see how far the lid would blow off. The students used different amounts of Alka Seltzer to see what difference it would make in how far the lid blew off. Ian Bonsall explained the experiments.

Ricky Milke, Lindsay Bauman and Paetyn Barricklow of Ctaci Slovacek's third-grade class showed how they made a bowling game with bottles to be filled with sand in bags with ears of corn on them. Each pin had a numeral value and the player with the largest total from knocked-over pins won.

Every month, Slovacek said, her class visits the Good Samaritan Center and has activities with the people.

The bowling pin game was going to be their activity at the center Thanksgiving week.

Twelve students from Susan Jensen's and Rebecca Musil's third-grade class each held a letter of the word thanksgiving and read a meaning for each letter. For example T is thankful for family and friends.

The students were Makayla



Carlee Cooper from Susan Jensen's third grade, Alexandria Bennett from Rebecca Musil's third grade, and Laramie Farris from

Jensen's class hold letters from the word Thanksgiving for the school board meeting last week. Photo by Pat Schiefen/Star-News

Kennedy, Jessica Johnson, Ryleigh Paxton, Carlee Cooper, Alexandria Bennett, Laramie Farris, Aaron Avelar, Tyler Neufeld, Tanner Schmidt, Kolt Trachsel, Jonah McClung and Stephanie De La

Rosa.

Six students, from Debbie Bantam's third grade showed greeting cards they made to send to soldiers. Each student told of a male or female soldier they knew. The stu-

dents helped Bantam make a computer presentation with patriotic background music played by Mary Frazier, including Raquel Tomsic, Gerrell Miller, Nicole Sederstrom, Salam Lopez and James Dinkel.

The cards had pictures of soldiers and flags on them.

The board thanked Sharon Gregory, Central Elementary School Principal and the students for the demonstrations.

# Commissioners choose lights for hike and bike trail

By Tom Betz  
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Lighting the hike and bike trail around Pioneer Park is the last thing to be completed, and at the last meeting the City Commissioners chose the style of lights to be installed.

Darin Neufeld of Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, the city's engineer for the project, gave the commissioners details and costs on two styles at the Nov. 21 meeting.

He said the state Department of

Transportation has agreed that 70 percent of the cost of the lights can be reimbursed as part of the original contract.

The two light styles are Sternberg, like the two metal poles installed on Cherry Avenue, and a Stresscrete style.

The estimated cost of the 25 Sternberg metal lights is \$75,454, and the stresscrete would cost \$76,230 for the base-mount style.

Neufeld said the difference is that the stresscrete poles won't have a

shiny metal finish, and will have an aggregate look when you get up close.

He said part of the original plan was to extend the lights up to 17th Street and then west to Main.

"Will they be around for more than two years," Commissioner Josh Dechant asked, "or will they be discontinued?"

Neufeld asked both companies about that and they said they have no plans to discontinue the designs. With the concrete poles, he said, the

city can get a similar style even if they do change he said.

City Manager Wayne Hill asked how high off the ground the lights would be.

Charlie Bandel of the city electric department said he was concerned about direct burying the concrete poles because they will have a problem leaning in the wind.

"I have not gotten a recommendation from Charlie (Bandel)," Neufeld said. "Our recommendation is to use the metal Sternberg

lights."

Commissioner John Garcia asked Bandel what his recommendation would be.

"I am used to metal poles," Bandel said. "I have not seen any concrete poles. I would have to talk to someone who has used them for a year or two."

Neufeld said Hays is the closest place with this brand of poles.

"I think we are all in agreement," Mayor Rick Billinger said, "Charlie said steel."

Billinger asked if some of the existing light poles could be used and may just paint them.

Neufeld said the cross arm could be added to existing street lights.

He said with the agreement of the commission to go with the Sternberg, he would be back as soon as he has the labor estimates from Miller Construction and the city crew.

"We can get the lights ordered," Neufeld asked.

# State approves intersection projects from Ninth to 13th and Main

The intersections from Ninth to 13th and Main Ave. will be replaced under contracts to be approved by the city commission at Monday's meeting.

Darin Neufeld of Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, who will

be handling the projects said the state Department of Transportation has approved the two intersection projects, which will be done jointly beginning next year.

The two grants are through the Transportation Enhancement pro-

gram, which is federally funded and run through the state. The first grant was for 11th and 12th at \$411,600 and the second is for Ninth, 10th and 13th at \$588,711. The projects are a 70-30 split which means the state pays 70 percent of the cost and the city pays the 30 percent.

Neufeld said the two projects will go to bid a soon as the state approves the final design plans, and the city commission will be considering approval of the contract with the

engineering firm for the construction inspections.

Neufeld said the plan is to start with Ninth then move to 11th and 13th so they are not blocking every intersection at once. The second portion would be doing 10th and 12th.

He said the intersections south of Ninth will include changes in water lines and drainage as part of the project. The water and drainage are not part of the grant.

City Manager Wayne Hill said the commission will consider the construction engineering contracts as the top item on Monday's agenda.

Other items on the agenda include:

- Renewal of several 3.2 beer licenses and beverage licenses.

• A resolution changing the maximum levels of some city employees. Hill said the change would allow for merit raises for about six city employees.

The city commission meets at 5 p.m. on the second floor of the City Administration Building, 204 W. 11th.

# Board gets help with hunt

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The Goodland School Board meet Tuesday evening to discuss what the procedure will be to replace Marvin Selby, Superintendent.

The Goodland School Board accepted the resignation of Marvin Selby at their meeting on Nov. 21. Selby has been the superintendent for eight years.

The board wanted to meet with each of the principals to get their input on the search.

The school board decided to contract with Kansas Association of School Boards for their help to find a replacement for Selby. A representative will meet with the school

board at 5:30 p.m., Monday, at the Administration building, 1312 Main.

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## Velma K. Holste

Longtime Sherman County, Kansas, resident Velma K. Holste, 85, died November 27, 2005, at her home in Goodland.

Velma Katharina Margaret (Lehman) Holste was born to Arthur R. and Anna (Gross) Lehman December 5, 1919, near Linn in Washington County, Kansas. She became a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Linn by baptism February 25, 1920. She was confirmed on October 28, 1934, by Pastor Edwin J. Hirsch at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

She attended school in Linn and graduated from Linn Rural High School in May of 1937. She did housework following graduation. In the fall of 1938, she, with her parents and sister Valetta, moved to Goodland, Kansas. She did housework until she was employed by the Kansas State Employment Service for 1940-1945.

On August 19, 1945, she was united in marriage to John P. Holste of Ludell, and they lived on a farm northeast of Edson. To this union were born three children: Daniel Paul, Miriam Anna, and Mark Anthony.

Velma enjoyed her gardens and flowers, chickens, and canning her vegetables and fruit. She also enjoyed caring for her children. She also helped her husband with the farm work.

Velma was active in PTA at Edson while her children were in school. She was a Sunday School teacher at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, of which she was a member. She was also a sponsor of Junior Luther League, as well as a member of Senior League, and a Senior Choir member.

Her memberships included Naomi Circle, Women of the Church, Hospital Auxiliary, and Business and Professional Women's Club. She was selected as Woman of the Year (1984-1985) by the BPWC. She was the Sherman County Deputy County Clerk from 1959-1967, and Sherman County Clerk from 1967 through April 1, 1983.

She was very proud of her children and grandchildren.

Preceding her death was her husband John; parents; baby brother Floyd Lehman; brother Chester Lehman; sister Valetta Sears and brother-in-law Lawrence Sears.

She leaves to mourn her death her children: son Daniel Holste and his wife Jean of Humboldt, Iowa; their daughters Diane Holste of Parker, Colorado, and Ellen Holste of Humboldt, Iowa; daughter Miriam Yonkey, her husband Gary, and their daughter Heidi, all of Wheeler; son Mark Holste, his wife Linda, and their children John Holste and Sarah Holste, all of Bettendorf, Iowa; sister-in-law Lula Lehman of Salina; and nieces, nephews, and their families.

The funeral service will be Friday, December 2, at 10:30 AM MT, at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Goodland, with Pastor Scott Grimshaw and Pastor David Rossbach officiating. Burial will follow in the Goodland Cemetery.

Friends may share their respects and visit with the family on Thursday, from 3:00 until 7:00 PM MT, at Koons Chapel in Goodland, and also before the service at the church.

Memorials may be designated to American Cancer Society, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, or to Hospice Services of Sherman County, and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 North Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

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