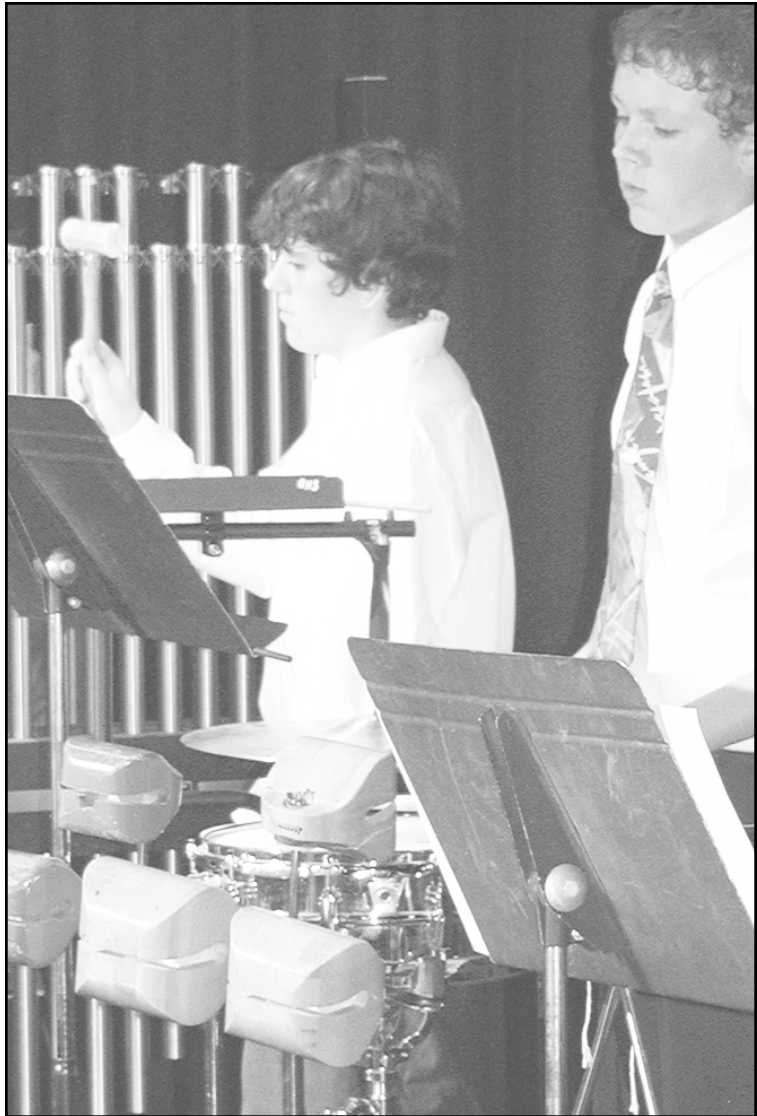




The girls of the junior high choir (above) snapped their fingers as they began singing "Chapel of Love" at their spring concert Monday. The girls included (from left) Kaitlyn Lammers, Day Waugh, Ashley Archer, Katie Clancy, Christy Studer, Jade Herl and Jenni-

fer Fontenot. Percussionist Jacob Terry (right photo) played the chimes and Tyler Jones played the drum and wooden blocks during the band set. Kaitlyn Lammers (below right) played the French horn.

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Junior High kids show musical talent

Marking the end of the school year, the seventh- and eighth-grade band and vocal students gave their annual spring concert Monday evening at the high school auditorium.

Before the concert began, Dane Frazier sang a solo which he had performed at contest. Nancy Shores accompanied Frazier.

The weather had cooled down enough to make it comfortable in the auditorium for an audience of over 120. The band was up first, and then the stage was cleared and set up for the choir.

Director Deanne Spanier said she was proud of the efforts of the band during the year, and felt the kids had learned a variety of music.

The band played four selections, including a "Korean Folk Song Medley," "Canticum," "Knights of Dunvegan" and "Of Dark Lords and Ancient Kings."



Brook Redlin

"Knights of Dunvegan" featured the percussion efforts of Tyler Jones, Blaine Varney and Jake Terry, and Katlyn Topliff, Ryan Irvin and Emily Klemm were the

soloists for "Of Dark Lords and Ancient Kings."

Vocal teacher Randy Berls said the choir, made up of seventh and eighth graders, was small but mighty. He said the kids had worked hard during the year and he was proud of them.

The choir sang "Oh Susanna," which they had performed at contest, and "Why We Sing," with solos by Heidi Lawson and Brook Redlin.

The girls of the choir sang "Chapel of Love," and the boys sang "Get a Job," with solos by Stephen Buller and Frazier.

Band members included flutes, Katlyn Topliff, Nicolette Wallis, Kendra Promise and Alyssa Brady; clarinets, Kirsten Topliff, LeRoy Prine and Cristina Olave; bass clarinet, Vincent Kear; alto saxophones, Frazier, Buller and Sheldon Lee; tenor saxophone, Ben Waugh;

trumpets, Klemm, Irvin, Erik Roeder, Brock Wilkens, Freda Barber, Hazen Deeds and Day Waugh; French horns, Kaitlyn Lammers and Christopher Bustillos; trombones, Jay Cotter, Kevin Amthor, Nathan Deeds, Mike Pettibone and J.P. McCool; baritones, Andrew Shores and Nolan Ray; tuba, David Murray; and percussion, Jones, Varney and Terry.

Choir members included seventh grade, Ashley Archer, Alexandra Borders, Buller, Robert Cowan, Jennifer Fontenot, Frazier, Devon Garrett, Jade Herl, Kaitlyn Lammers, Ashley Martell, Caitlyn McGinley, Mike Pettibone, Kayler Rietcheck, Christy Studer, Kristen Topliff and Day Waugh; eight grade, Amthor, Alexis Bateman, Landon Brenner, Katie Clancy, Ashley Garza, Michael Johnson, Lawson, Eduardo Martinez, Redlin, Tim Roeder, Rosa Sandoval and Ben Waugh.

Two in prison, one on parole for past murders in Sherman County

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Sept. 15, 2004, to 176 months on the first count, second-degree murder. On the second count, aggravated kidnapping, Bevington was given 51 months. The sentences are to run consecutively for a total of 227 months, 18 years 11 months.

Bevington won't be eligible for parole until July 2020.

William Frank Schlicher, 55, was placed on supervised parole in Nebraska on March 3, 2005. Schlicher was sentenced on Dec. 14, 1980, for the Nov. 8, 1970, murder of service station attendant Wallace Patton.

Paul Accardi, parole supervisor in Nebraska, said Tuesday he had checked on Schlicher in the past few days, and he was doing well. Accardi said Schlicher is under close supervision, and he does not know if he will ever be released

from supervision.

"He is in a small town," Accardi said. "He is something of a spooky person. He went to live with his sister, who wanted to have him live with her.

That lasted about two weeks, and she sent him back to us."

Schlicher was convicted in 1980 of shooting Patton in a field after taking him at gunpoint from the gas station near I-70 where he worked and forcing him to kneel in the back seat of a car for hours.

Marvin Dale Seigrist and Charles Kauffman were involved in the shooting, but neither went to jail. Seigrist received immunity for confessing 10 years after the crime, leading to Schlicher's conviction, and doctors found Kauffman was not sane enough to stand trial.

Schlicher was found guilty and sentenced to life in prison. In 1980,

"life" in Kansas meant 15 years before a criminal was eligible for parole. The parole board turned Schlicher down at least six times before releasing him in 2005.

A Colorado woman is serving a sentence of seven years and two months for drunk driving and killing three Goodland women in a highway accident on June 11, 2004.

Jennifer Lyn Adams, 30, is in the Topeka prison facility for women. She was sentenced on June 24.

Adams pleaded no contest and was found guilty of three counts of felony involuntary manslaughter while driving under the influence of alcohol, each a level 4 person felony; one count of aggravated battery, a level 5 person felony; and driving under the influence of alcohol and transporting an open container, both misdemeanors.

Judge Jack Burr sentenced

Adams to 43 months each for the manslaughter charges, with the terms to run consecutively. That adds up to 129 months, but Kansas's statutes prevent Adams from serving more than double the first sentence, or 86 months.

Burr then sentenced Adams to 34 months for the battery charge and six months each for driving under

the influence of alcohol and transporting an open container, to run concurrently with the others.

Court records show that Adams' blood alcohol tested more than three times the legal limit when her car hit a Ford Explorer from behind on June 11, 2004, knocking it out of control.

The accident killed three women

in the Explorer, Christine Williams; her mother, Mary Wyant, the driver; and her grandmother, Aline Becker. Williams' children, Garrett, then 8,

and Caylee, then 6, were injured. Williams was a science teacher at Goodland High School, and Wyant was an aide at West Elementary.

Adams will be eligible for parole in July 2011.

August parole hearing set for one murderer

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parole board in August.

Norma Jackson of the Kansas Parole Board said the public comment period for Gomez will be in July before the hearing, but she said anyone could write to the parole board about Gomez.

"We are always getting letters on inmates," Jackson said. "Every one is kept in their file, and the parole board has access to all the letters that are received."

She said when writing to the parole board about an inmate it is important to include the inmate's identification number. Gomez's number is 38679.

Letters may be sent to Kansas Parole Board, Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Fourth Floor, Room 452 south, Topeka, Kan. 66612-1220.

"You would be surprised at the

number of letters we get that don't have a number to identify who they are writing about," Jackson said. "With the number of people in prison, it is important to have the number to make sure the letter gets put with the right person."

Kernal waived his right to a preliminary hearing, pleaded guilty and testified against Gomez in 1983. He was sentenced to 7 to 20 years and was released on parole in 1992, but violated his parole in Oct. 1993 and was sent back to prison to serve the rest of his sentence. He was released on June 28, 2002 at the end of his term.

Gomez is one of four Sherman County murderers in prison in Kansas or under supervised parole.

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No objections at ethanol plant hearing

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at ethanol plants. McCants said the grain would be squeezed to recover most of the water and then sold to area cattle feeders.

McCants said he knew some questions had raised about the old Gopher State ethanol plant, which the partners bought in St. Paul, Minn., and dismantled.

"We have designed improvements," McCants said, "and it will run more efficiently."

He said the ethanol plant would

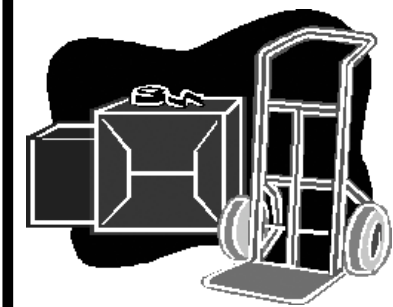
create over 30 jobs and provide "an unmatched benefit to northwest Kansas."

"We have done everything we can do to make it as environmentally safe as possible," McCants said.

Wells said the tape from the hearing will be transcribed and letters sent to Topeka will be added to prepare a summary that will be sent to Roderick Bremby, Secretary of Health and Environment. A decision is expected in a couple of weeks.

Burgdorfer said they had received a couple of letters in Topeka with objections to the plant. She said one brought up the old Gopher State plant and the poor record the plant had in St. Paul. Another objected to the "apparent narrow ownership" of the plant, and lack of public information about the investors.

McCants said he was glad it was a less contentious hearing than the one for the power plant. He said construction can begin as soon as the permit is approved.



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