

New Faces

Schools welcome five new teachers

Hands-on science best

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

One of the new science teachers at Goodland High School says he would like to bring hands-on experience into his classroom.

Don Trimmell, who moved to Goodland a few weeks ago, is originally from Liberal. He said his teaching philosophy is when students can touch, feel and experience ideas, they become real to the kids and are easier to learn.

"I want to have the kids do lots of hands-on, applied type of things," he said.

There are lots of opportunities to do hands-on biology work, said the 51-year-old, because 51 percent of the jobs in Kansas are in the agricultural field.

"I want to prepare students for whatever they want to do in a better way," he said.

One project Trimmell has planned

is to have students pick an agricultural problem, research it and then write a paper on possible solutions.

"I want students to apply what they read in books to real life," he said.

Trimmell, a first-time teacher, will be teaching biology one and field science, both secondary classes.

"Because I haven't taught before, I have the unique opportunity to know what kids have to know for the work force," he said.

He received a degree in agronomy from the Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell and since then has worked in agriculture, including running his own vineyard and orchard.

"I have always had one agricultural project or another going on," he said.

Trimmell plans to focus his science projects and curriculum around agriculture.

"This is going to be an exciting year for the kids, as well as for me," he said.



Don Trimmell

Special class rewarding

By Rachel Miscall

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Sue Olson says special education is the most rewarding subject she has taught.

The new Grant Junior High teacher, who taught other subjects as a substitute teacher before, said the subject allows her to work with students in small groups and monitor their learning.

"You see them learn to read," Olson said, "see the wheels start turning. There is a real joy in that."

Olson said she decided to take the job in Goodland to be closer to her family in Oberlin. She recently moved here from Garden City, where she taught fifth and sixth grade special education.

She said her job here presents a new challenge, because she has never taught in a junior high.

Before moving to Garden City, Olson said, she taught third, fourth

and fifth grade special education in Oakley. Before that, she was busy studying to become a teacher.

"I am one of those non-traditional students who had their family and then went back to school," said Olson, who has two children in their mid-twenties.

Olson, whose maiden name was Unger, said she grew up in Oberlin — about 90 miles northeast of Goodland — and then attended Colby Community College after graduating high school. She got married in college and then took time off to have a family.

Olson said she went back to school after raising her children, earning an elementary education degree from Kansas State University in Manhattan.



Sue Olson

Teacher likes the West

By Dana Sulsberger

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The new social studies teacher at Goodland High School says he has a passion for cow towns and the Wild West.

Trenton Douglas, who was born in Assaria, will teach American history and world history and said he plans to incorporate the cowboy way of life into his curriculum.

This will be the first year teaching for the 22-year-old, who graduated in May from Kansas State University with a degree in secondary edu-

cation and an emphasis in history.

"I like the students to interact in discussion and interact with their fellow classmates, but also with me," he said.



Trent Douglas

Douglas said he is looking forward to getting to know the students. Since this is his first teaching job, he said he is also looking forward to being in the classroom for the first time and gaining teaching experience.

He said he plans to do projects with his American history class on the Old

West.

English uses technology

By Dana Sulsberger

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The new English teacher at Grant Junior High says she will focus on improving students' writing skills this year.

Patricia Stindt, originally from Belleville, said she attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and graduated in 1997.

This will be her first teaching job, but she substitute taught here last year and in the Pratt School District the year in 1998.

She said students in her classes will be working on a "Power Point" project this year in connection with the history classes.

"The Power Point presentation will be used to show what the students have learned," she said.

Students will be assigned a research project from Kansas history, write a paper on it and then create a

computer presentation using a computer software called Power Point.

"I am looking forward to meeting the community and the students," Stindt said, adding that she is looking

forward to working with the students this year. Stindt will be the assistant volleyball coach in addition to her English classes.

She said she would have to wait to see what the kids know and what they don't know before she is able to say what she needs to focus on.

The 26-year-old is married to Brady Stindt, operations and safety manager at Collingwood Grain in Brewster. They have an 18-month-old son named Brett.



Patricia Stindt

Music gets booster

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Randy Berls said his goals for the fall are to get established in town, continue to develop the junior high's and high school's music programs and be the best teacher he can.

"I want to be a good, nurturing instructor," said Berls, the new vocal teacher at Grant Junior High and Goodland High School. "I want to have a positive attitude."

He, his wife Peggy and their 2-month-old son, Christopher, moved to Goodland from Phillipsburg on Aug. 1. Since then, Berls said, they haven't met one unfriendly person. That, he said, makes him want to stay.

"We hope to be in this situation for quite a while," said the 28-year-old, "or possibly the rest of our careers."

He said Peggy is a special educa-

tion teacher, but has decided to take time off to raise their son, who was born June 11.

A native of Oberlin, Berls said he earned an associate degree in music education from Colby Community College after graduating from high school in 1990.

From there, he said, he went to Emporia State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in music education.

Berls said he has taught vocal music at the junior high and high school in Phillipsburg since 1995, adding band classes to his schedule in 1998.

"I felt like I had accomplished everything I could do in Phillipsburg," he said, "and I was ready to move to a bigger school."

Goodland High School is classified as a 4A school, while Phillipsburg High School is a 3A.



Randy Berls

Clinic short on staff, can't host animals

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people calling us at all hours and on the weekends asking if we have their pets."

The city paid the clinic \$4,276 in 1999, said City Clerk Mary Volk, and \$4,810 so far this year.

"A lot of the money we spend on these animals is coming out of our pockets," said Gary Smith, the veterinarian at the clinic.

He said that the city will only pay for the animals to be in the clinic for three days, the minimum amount of time that the state requires an impound facility to keep an animal before euthanizing it.

"If we think there is a chance of the animal being claimed or adopted," Gary Smith said, "then we will keep it as long as it takes."

He said that the clinic is sheltering a

litter of kittens now that has been there two weeks in the hope that someone will adopt them.

If an animal is sick when it comes to the clinic, Deb Smith said, then the staff will treat it.

"The public needs to be aware of where their dog goes," she said. "Some dogs are here for several weeks before they are claimed."

Deb Smith said the clinic has talked to the city manager about renting the space that is used for the impound now, and has offered to give them some office space for the animal control officer. They hope the city will pay for treatment of sick or injured animals.

Gary Smith said he got in touch with Police Chief Ray Smee a week before the letter was written and told him that they would be unable to run the impound.

"I told him that he needed to give notice to the commission," the chief said.

"We aren't dead in the water yet," Smee added. "We are still trying to work something out."

"I don't know if anyone realizes what a responsibility the impound facility is," said Gary Smith.

Board members with the animal shelter might be interested in getting help with their planned building.

"The city is really just starting to think about the possibility," said Sharon Bowker, a board member with the animal shelter.

Bowker said that she had spoken with Pickman, but nothing had been decided yet.

"If the city was willing to work with us to get a shelter, we would be willing to accept their help," she said.

McCook, Neb., currently has a volunteer animal shelter that is funded by city grants and Bowker said that a system like the one there might work well here.

Darin Richardson talked about the cleanup of the grandstands during the fair.

Brian, Deanna and Richard Bauman reported on the fair booth. David Livengood and Chad Kallsen gave reports about the fair float. Tammy Weeter and Cassie Cooper reported on the club banner for fair.

Refreshments were provided by the Lammer and Anderson families. The next meeting will be Aug. 20. The meeting was adjourned after the club motto was recited.

Courtney Sheldon, reporter

4-h club news

Glendale Livewires 4-H Club

The Glendale Livewires 4-H Club held their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on July 17 at the 4-H Building. The meeting was called to order by President Deanna Livengood.

Kade Sheldon led the song, which was followed by the flag salute. Roll call was "my favorite fair ride."

David Livengood read the minutes from the June meeting.

Some old business about the Herdsman Award was brought up by President Livengood.

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