

# Program on hold

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gram, which lets students take classes at other schools and instructors teach classes elsewhere, isn't much help to students and never will be. Other teachers, administrators and staff members say the district can work to make it useful, including letting students take college classes by television and charging other districts to use the equipment.

While board members have said they don't want to lose a potentially valuable educational tool, Superintendent Marvin Selby has warned against signing an expensive long-term contract.

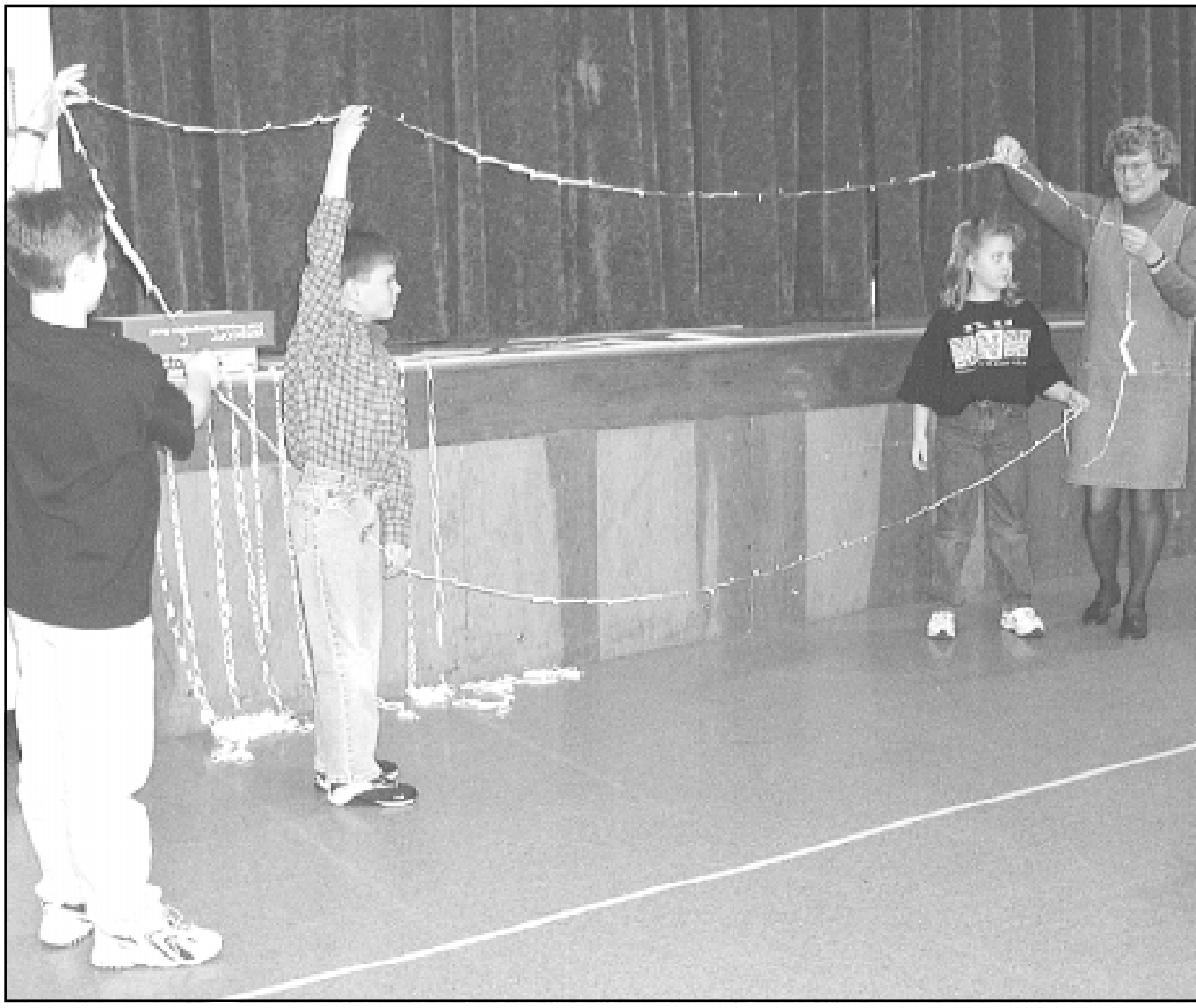
The district signed a five-year contract with Southwestern Bell in 1995, paying about \$24,000 a year for the service, which was primarily used by a Spanish teacher who doesn't work for the district and older students from other counties.

The contract ended in January and so did the Interactive Television classes because Southwestern Bell said it didn't want to pay for the technology upgrades it would take to continue the program.

The Brewster-based S&T Telephone, which provides the service to 14 districts and technical schools in northwest Kansas, offered the district a 10-year contract, including payments of \$1,500 a month. Karla Murray, the district's technology coordinator, told members that S&T would upgrade equipment from analog to digital, allowing schools here to tune into classes at large schools in southeast Kansas.

At an earlier meeting, Harvey Swager, high school principal, said the program wasn't used much because the school's block-scheduling system and the fact that the district is in the Mountain Time zone caused time conflicts. Superintendent Selby has said signing on with S&T could allow students to hook up with schools that follow a similar schedule and offer classes not taught here.

The S&T options include, Option one, 10 years, \$1,080 a month; the district buys and maintains computer equipment. Option two, 10 years, \$1,500 a month; S&T buys and maintains computer equipment. Option three, five years, \$1,500 a month; the district pays for equipment. Option four, five years, \$2,000 a month; S&T buys the equipment.



Virginia Palmgren and her fourth-grade science students showed parents and school board members how to turn a piece of paper into a giant paper hoop on Monday when the board held a meeting at Central Elementary School.

Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

## School board hires aide, coach, pianist

After touring Central Elementary School on Monday, the Goodland School Board hired a teachers' aide, a piano player and a basketball coach and allowed two staff members to quit.

At a regular meeting, which lasted nearly four hours, board members spent the first hour taking in presentations from teachers and students at Central. Members usually hold the second meeting of the month at one of the district's five schools.

Coming out of a 25-minute closed session, called to talk about personnel matters, the board approved hiring Mary Wyant as an aide at Grant Junior High, Adrienne Greenlee as the seventh grade assistant girls basketball coach and Janda Linin as an accompanist for

the vocal department.

Members accepted resignations from Janice Bonsall, a teachers' aide at Grant, and Dennis Friedrichs, technology instructor, who is quitting his duties as yearbook sponsor but will continue teaching.

In other business, the board:

- Discussed annual negotiations with teachers, saying board members and teachers will exchange letters of contract suggestions on or before Feb. 1.

- Reviewed a proposed school calendar, which Superintendent Marvin Selby said has school starting later in August to avoid hot summer days. Next, a committee of teachers will look over the calendar.

- Decided to take bids on an old, broken hydraulic press, which Selby

said most likely only one person will bid on.

- Put off going over a written evaluation of Selby because members Dick Short and Gerald Franklin were absent.

- Conditionally accepted a \$69,907 bid from SolutionsPros of Lenexa to install computerized phones in classrooms. The board will officially accept the bid if the district is approved in March for a federal program that will pay 68 percent of the cost.

- Heard from Sharon Gregory, Central principal, who said her goal for this school year is to help teachers align their curriculum with state standards, and move class work more towards hands-on and real-world learning.

- Approved paying \$38,266 in bills.

# Health fair Saturday

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including health care.

Two Family and Community Education Clubs will have booths. The Lincoln Larks Club will have a skin cancer and ultra-violet light display and the Redwood Club will give information on how to create safe and accessible homes.

The activities center will weigh people and measure their height. The Sherman County Good Samaritan Center will give out information about nursing homes, Alzheimer's disease and the elderly. Lincare Inc. will tell about the supplies they can provide for home health care.

The Goodland Police Department will be on hand with their fatal vision goggles to let people get a feel for what driving while drunk would be like.

The Lions Club Mobile Screening

Unit will provide free hearing, vision and glaucoma testing. Dr. Ben Jones of Burlington has volunteered to do eye exams to check for glaucoma. The Lions will also collect used eye glasses at the fair.

Terry said the only thing that would keep the Lions mobile unit from coming to the fair would be if roads are icy.

The sponsors meet around Nov. 1 and contact groups or organizations about providing health care information or screenings.

"We try to expand it every year," Terry said. "We are always questioning what else we can do."

This is the second year that the blood tests have been done prior to the fair with a doctor available to interpret the results.

For questions, call either the activities center at (785) 899-7242, the health department at (785) 899-4888 or the hospital at (785) 899-3625.

## Inmates still on run

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eral Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Before the discovery of the van, authorities had said they had no definite word on the location of the missing inmates, Patrick Murphy Jr., 39, convicted of rape, and armed robber Donald Newbury, 38. They may have been in Woodland Park as recently as Sunday and may have left to get more money.

The four in custody were expected to appear today before a federal magistrate in nearby Divide.

The breakthrough that sent authorities to the Coachlight motel and RV park in Colorado came from tips from residents after the television show "America's Most Wanted" aired Saturday.

The heavily armed inmates broke out of the maximum-security prison Connally Unit in Kenedy, southeast of San Antonio, on Dec. 13. Eleven days later, they allegedly shot and killed a policeman during a robbery at a sporting goods store near Dallas. The escape was the largest from a Texas state prison in modern history.

A \$500,000 reward had been offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the officer's killer, but there was no word yet Tuesday on

how or when that money might be distributed.

Three of the inmates left the RV park Monday and drove to a convenience store, where they were arrested by SWAT officers who boxed in the stolen Jeep Cherokee they were driving.

"They were so overwhelmed. They couldn't do anything," said SWAT team commander Terry Maketa.

Three of the men had handguns and Maketa said he braced for the worst while aiming his own pistol at one of the men. "I thought at one point he was contemplating getting into a gunfight," he said.

Captured were suspected ringleader George Rivas, 30, a convicted kidnaper and burglar; and Michael Rodriguez, 38, and Joseph Garcia, 29, both convicted of murder.

They did not resist or draw their weapons, authorities said.

Randy Halprin, 23, walked out of the motor home, unaware of the presence of police. When Halprin realized he was surrounded, he ran to a nearby trailer, then emerged and surrendered. El Paso County Sheriff John Wesley Anderson said.

Larry Harper, 37, convicted of aggravated sexual assault, killed himself inside the motor home after Halprin was captured, authorities said.

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