

Brad Schields, co-owner of Schields BDS Enterprises, looked up a price on a part for Greg Sederstrom today at the store's new location, 801 Main. Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Business moves from highway

A Goodland business that sells mowers and golf carts has moved from Business U.S. 24 to larger quarters in the old location, but now it can all be inside, which is an the downtown area.

Schields BDS Enterprises has moved from its location at Wilkens Truck and Trailer on the highway to Eighth and Main. Owners Brad and Dana Schields, who have been in business for nine years, moved to Main on March 1. Brad runs the store and Dana keeps the books.

He said the main reason they moved downtown was to have a showroom and a shop for service work.

"The location is great," he said, noting that people coming downtown take Eighth Street and drive right by the store.

The building was originally a Studebaker auto dealership. He said the glass windows in the front allow for good visibility.

The Schieldses are renting the building, which Schields thinks has been empty since about 1997, from Larry Minner.

Brad said a lot of his merchandise had to sit outside at advantage if there is rain or snow.

They have sold Walker riding mowers made in Fort Collins, Colo., for nine years, Snapper mowers for five years and golf carts for eight.

The store also carries Traeger pellet barbecue grills, St. Croix pellet stoves, Country Clipper mowers, Mantis rototillers and commercial grade weed eaters and blowers, both electric and gas.

They sell Western golf carts made in Palm Springs, Calif., which Schields said are customized and run faster than other golf carts.

Schields said originally the business was at M and M Sales on Business U.S. 24, before he moved it to Wilkens Truck and Trailer. He was also selling trucks and trailers at both of those locations.

Since the business has moved downtown, he no longer sells vehicles.

A new round of base closings may have big economic impact

ity of a new round of base closings has state," said John Fowler, president and people who live near this northeastern chief executive officer of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce. And "a great Kansas Army post nervous about what Chamber of Commerce and Industry. might happen if it were shut down.

But the loss would affect the entire state, not just nearby Manhattan and Junction City. The base is among the state's top employers, pumping \$577 million annually into the economy.

"The closure of that base would certainly have a major economic impact on that region and the whole state. Chamber of Commerce. There are few industries that generate

FORT RILEY (AP) — The possibil- that kind of economic impact in the ployees and soldiers live in Manhattan

Fort Riley survived a round of base closings that began about 10 years ago. A new round for 2003 and 2005 has been proposed — though not passed.

More than 4,800 soldiers and civilians tied to the post live in Junction City, said Ken Burgoon, military affairs coordinator for the Junction City

About 3,000 Fort Riley civilian em-

said John Armbrust of the Manhattan deal" of the post's \$484 million payroll is spent in the town's businesses.

But Fort Riley officials say it's unlikely the base would be shut down.

"We're not nervous," said base spokeswoman Christie Vanover "Congress has been supporting Fort Riley. Common sense would seem to show that if the government is putting millions of dollars into Fort Riley, we're here to stay for quite a while."

Commissioners decide to buy new service truck

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News Sherman County Commissioners agreed Tuesday to spend \$75,129 on a new 4-wheel-drive service truck for the road and bridge department.

Curt Way, road and bridge supervisor, told commissioners it was an Auto-Crane body on a Ford chassis through Dan Brenner Ford. He said the new truck would replace a 1984 model and should take about 8-10 weeks for delivery.

To pay for the purchase, Way asked for money from the county capital outlay fund, which had \$250,000. He said he had some carryover from last year plus \$53,000 in a special equipment fund. Way said he did not want to drain the special equipment fund, and was hoping use part of the carryover to replenish it.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede asked what other capital expenses could be expected in the next year.

Way said they will probably need three new pickups and he would like to take one road grader out of service and trade it in on a new one. He said they need to replace a tractor with an enddump truck which could be used as a snowplow on old U.S. 24. They would then sell off the other older end-dumps, sioners try to have a representative which they do not use. He said this group from around the county.

would not include equipment needed to operate the new landfill, but there are separate funds set aside for that.

Commission Chairman Chuck Frankenfeld asked about a tractor that had been purchased for the landfill and how it was being used.

Way replied that the main use was turning the compost pile. He said that the \$17,000 for purchase of the tractor had come from road and bridge funds, and that it would probably be better if that were transferred to the landfill and his budget reimbursed.

Before adjourning to tour the Good Samaritan Center, the commissioners met with County Attorney Bonnie Selby in closed-door session to evaluate her employees. No action was taken.

The commissioners appointed Richard Allaman and Kenneth Palmgren to the Sherman County Rural Fire District board for three year terms. Allaman is from the northwest part of the county and Palmgren is from the Edson area. Reappointed to three-year terms were Tom Rohr from Goodland and Stan Pettibone of Kanorado.

Frankenfeld said that while there is no requirement for board members to come from specific areas, the commis-

Artist wins trip to Capitol

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Jumper and Hurtt used black and white to give their drawings a three dimensional look. He gave credit to the young women's art teacher, Donna Roberts.

"They must have a great teacher," he said.

Rep. Moran, a former Kansas legislator who has been in office for five years, said the district he represents is so big he felt it was only fair to move the contest to different areas each year, limiting entries. Next year, he said, the competition will likely be held in northcentral Kansas.

Moran, who lives in Hays with his wife and children, said he thinks it's important for students to participate in art. With many schools facing financial problems and declining enrollment, he said, art and music are the first to go.

"Many schools in this area didn't submit artwork," he said, "because they didn't have any art classes."



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