

Getting a little help



Michelle Jurmu (second from left) got some help on her income tax return from Dixie Chatfield (right), Bud Perrey (left) and Faye Paxton last month at the Goodland Senior Center. Chatfield, Perrey and Paxton, volunteers trained by the Internal Revenue Service, give free income tax assistance to residents.

Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Sixth graders to visit tech college

The Northwest Kansas Technical College will be swarming with grade schoolers Tuesday, as 650 sixth-grade students from 12 schools in the Goodland area visit the campus for the college's annual career day.

Patti Purvis, the college's information coordinator, said the sixth-grade career day will start at 8:40 a.m. and last three hours, with students hearing presentations on careers and looking at booths set up by businesses and government agencies.

She said instructors from the college's 13 programs will make presentations and set up booths. Goodland students couldn't make it this year, Purvis said, but schools from Colby, St. Francis, Brewster, Oakley, Bird City, Sharon Springs, Jennings and Grinnell in Kansas, and Wray, Idalia, Bethune and Flagler in Colorado are sending students.

Businesses and agencies that are participating include Colby Community College, the nursing, dental hy-

gienist and physical therapy assistant programs; Bankwest; the Goodland Police Department; Kansas Highway Patrol; Sherman County Sheriff's Department; Goodland Post Office; Sherman County emergency medical technicians Jeff Krall and Shawna Anderson; respiratory therapist Karen Hooker; the National Weather Service; Cyber Workplace, John and Mary Ellen Coumerihl; extension agent Dana Belshe; the Regional Prevention Center; and KLOE/KKCI Radio.

Wichita school board runs up nearly \$7,000 in cell phone charges

WICHITA (AP) — Wichita school board members ran up nearly \$7,000 in cell phone charges during 2000, many of them for unreimbursed personal calls, The Wichita Eagle reported.

Board member Chip Gramke made more than twice as many personal calls as school business calls on his district cell phone last year, and he didn't reimburse the district for at least \$375 in personal long-distance calls, the news-

paper found. Gramke made six brief calls he termed pranks to a toll-free phone sex line.

He paid the district \$315 after the newspaper asked about the charges.

Board members called district officials, fellow board members and family. Board member Jean Schodorf, now a state senator, made nine campaign-related calls.

The newspaper had reported previously that school board president

Marty Marshall, who lost his re-election bid last week, made as many as 834 calls a month — more than half of them personal. Marshall paid the district \$87.38 for long-distance calls last month, and promised to repay \$600 more, though he hadn't as of Friday.

School board members say they should adopt an accountability system and possibly rethink the necessity of cell phones altogether.

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