SHEP'S ALL STARS





Superintendent Marvin Selby looked at the result of a project Andy Scheopner, the physical education teacher at North Elementary School, started to get students interested in reading on Monday during the school board meeting. Any student who reads a book about sports joins Shep's All-Star Club and gets a star with their name on it hung in the gymnasium. Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Contests encourage student readi ng

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News Teachers at North Elementary School have started a new program designed to get students interested in reading books, and they say it's work-

Three teachers presented reading projects they are doing to the Goodland Elias said. School Board on Monday in North's library, where the board held its regu- the instructors who usually teach readlar meeting. Members devote the sec- ing. ond meeting of each month during the school year to visiting one of the district's five schools to check out new programs or technology. Marie Elias, North librarian, said she is having students set up "reading accounts," giving them real bank ledgers donated by Bankwest in Goodland with \$100 already entered. The more books the students read, she said, the more money they get to enter in their ledger, with more difficult books bringing in more money. She said the project didn't take off, though, until she made it a contest between classes. "This has really snowballed," she said, pointing out the dozens of note cards hanging on the library's walls. She said the students write short book reports on the cards, recapping the me?" story and describing why they liked it. Gail Walter, a reading teacher, said

Principal Steve Raymer and Elias were made a decision. He said they will deested in reading, and decided he wanted to help.

"We're really having fun with this,"

and do fun experiments.

her students are focusing on science, "which I think is wonderful." writing reports and summaries about In other business, the board: the books they read that are related to

 Heard Mike Campbell, who represents the district on the Northwest science. Each student who reads a science book, she said, is invited to a party Kansas Educational Service Center later this year where they'll get treats Board in Oakley, report that the center is paying to build a 27-foot by 84-foot building behind West Elementary School in Goodland for Headstart, a The program is not just reserved for program to prepare children from lowincome families for school. The Goodland board approved the building Andy Scheopner, the physical edu- last year. Campbell said the center is cation teacher, said he walked in while considering a \$78,450 bid, but hadn't talking about how to get students inter- cide soon so concrete work can before winter starts. • Heard from Schyler Goodwin, Scheopner said he started "Shep's president of the Goodland Development Corp., who asked the board to a sports book to join, and every student write a letter supporting the group's plan to form a \$20 million endowment fund. He said the group is applying for He said he's integrated reading into private and government grants to start the physical education requirements, the fund, and plans to invest the money allowing students who can't partici- use the interest to support business development and non-profit organizations and provide scholarships. The board agreed to support the idea. The group also discussed a plan to start a student volunteer program, rewarding volunteers with time off from school, but didn't make any decisions.

Hospital may increase security

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association's recommendations.

The hospital may need to spend money on changes in security, he said, because it is too accessible. Things have changed since the terrorist attacks, Schields said, requiring everyone to be more on the alert.

He said the hospital association's guidelines include:

• Development of a general "all hazards" plan that provides an adaptable framework for crises situations.

• Review of the disaster plan to insure it includes components for handling chemical or biological incidents.

• Connecting with the community's response agencies; and integrating a disaster plan with public health, emergency medical services, police and fire departments.

• Reviewing the supply and inventory strategy; hospitals may be on their own for 24-48 hours due to traditional supply systems being disabled.

A representative of the University of Colorado Hospital will give a presentation on bioterrorism Friday, Dec. 7,

" he said "so it's not like we're

presentation in the board room at the in sharing the cost. hospital, the administrator said, unless more space is needed.

Depending on who comes to give the presentation, how much time he has available and what the focus of the discussion will be, he said, personnel from first month and is a very active staff other health-related agencies and law enforcement personnel may be invited.

In September's financial review, members of the board questioned why purchased services were \$32,147 over budget.

The cost of the mobile magnetic resonance imaging machine was higher than expected, Jolly said, because more of the tests were performed than usual. The tests are not very profitable, he said, but are a necessary service.

Board members discussed whether more affordable options may be available, such as buying a mobile unit and sharing with other area hospitals or making arrangements with Dr. Victor the mammography machine, and test-Hildyard in Colby to use the mobile unit he has.

Sharing a unit with other hospitals Jolly said, for hospital staff and board will not be profitable, Jolly said, unless for their hard work and enthusiasm.

members. He is planning to hold the several nearby hospitals are interested

In other business:

 Dr. Charles Kifer, a radiologist, was appointed to the staff.

• The report on Dr. David G. Younger is that he has jumped in feet first in his member.

 Staff changes are expected, as Deana Wood, a nurse, will be leaving in mid-November as her husband has taken a job in Chicago. Debbie George in the respiratory therapy department is going to Laramie, Wyo., to take an exam and expects to be certified when she returns.

The hospital has hired Waneta Dewey, a nurse who had worked there before and then moved to Denver and has a background in surgery. She will be returning to Goodland.

 Housekeeping, nurses and outpatient procedures were updated.

• Heard that the staff is happy with ing with the new machine is back up to normal

• Jolly praised the junior volunteers

State unemployment dips in September

TOPEKA(AP)—Statewide unemfor the same month in 2000. ployment inched lower in September despite the national slowdown associated with the terrorist attacks, officials

mally takes awhile for a state to feel the impact of a national event," said Rich-Kansas' unemployment rate was ard Beyer, secretary of human resources. "Although Kansas will not down 0.1 percent to 3.6 percent last month from 3.7 percent in August, ac- escape the effects, as many layoffs cording to figures from the Department have occurred and will occur in the with bus drivers beginning school of Human Resources. The September future, we are confident that the Kan- routes.

figure is also lower than the 3.7 percent sas economy will remain strong.

The good news in September was "This was expected because it nor- attributed to the 16,800 new jobs in government, as non-teaching personnel returned for the start of the school year.

> Nearly all the 400 transportationutilities jobs were tied to education,

Anthrax scare, hoax treated as real threat

ers responded well to the scare.

work that day.

mail

"They handled the situation profes-

sionally and effectively," he said, not-

ing that the office was decontaminated

and employees were able to resume

to be aware of what they receive in the

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said Tuesday.

dangerous material is taken seriously. Jolly agreed.

"They're telling us this was likely a hoax," he said, "and it probably is, but we'll treat any incident as if it's a possible real threat.'

Jolly said the hospital made antibiotics available to staff who may have been infected, but no one took the medicine because they all tested negative for anthrax and no one has shown symptoms of the disease.

He said the hospital will be able to treat someone who contracts anthrax, if that ever happens. Jolly added that

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he thought the law enforcement offic- he said, "is, Examine your mail. If it doesn't look legitimate or if there is no return address, triple bag it and give us a call. We'll come and pick it up."

Jolly said he hopes no anthrax shows up here, but there is the possibility.

"It raises a question," he said. "I Sheriff Whitson said everyone needs think everyone has a heightened awareness, not just here, but everywhere. We're not going to assume it's "The main thing to tell the public," not going to happen here."



All-Star Club." Students have to read who reads one gets a star put on the gymnasium wall with their name on it. pate in an activity to make up the points by reading a sports book.

"It's really taken off this past couple of weeks," he said.

Elias said the best part is that students aren't asking, "What's in it for

"None of the students have asked what they are going to win," she said,

treating them like stepchildren."

Member Mike Campbell suggested the board wait to commit money until it knows how much the choir is able to raise.

"I think they need to raise what they can," he said, "and we can make up the difference. We'll make it happen one way or the other."

Members Eric Gray and Ron Schilling agreed, but in the end the board decided to pay for the transportation costs.

Berls said the choir will attend the competition in either March or April, as there are two dates. Depending on how the students do, he said, it will be a two- to four-day trip.

To thank the board, the X-Pressos performed a song during the meeting.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of <u>Stateline</u> Township. <u>Sherman</u> County will meet on the <u>5th</u> day of <u>November</u>, 2001 at <u>7:30 P</u>.M., at <u>Raul Tay for Residence</u> for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the unt of ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information is available at Marie Johnson Residence and will be available at this hearing

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2002 Expenditures and Amount of 2001 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2002 budget. Est Tax Rate* is subject to change depending on final assessed valuation

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