

Rebecca Downs, director of the Carnegie Arts Center for more than two years, is leaving on Thursday to work for the City of Salt Lake on the 2002 Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News Winter Olympics.

## **Center director resigns**

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bers expect to be taking over Downs' duties for a time.

Downs said she'll miss a lot about Goodland.

"I got a lot of support from the community and friends here," she said. "It's a friendly, easy-going place to be."

But, she said, she's looking forward to her new job working for the City of Salt Lake.

Downs graduated from Emporia State University in 1997 with a degree in International Business and said now she'll get the chance to work in that field.

She said her favorite part of the job will be researching the cultures and customs of countries that will be represented at the Olympics.

"I'll be doing research on the digni-

#### taries coming over from other countries," she said, "finding out their customs, the best way to greet and welcome them."

Downs said she knows she will also help with the torch relay before the games and help coordinate volunteers, but isn't sure what all of her duties will include.

"They have a lot they are going to throw at me," she said.

The job will end after five months, and Downs said she's not sure what she'll do after that.

"I may stay in Salt Lake if I like the area," she said.

Downs said she'd like to thank all of the businesses that have sponsored art shows at the center. This month, the sponsors are Collingwood Grain in Kanorado and Rasure Lumber Do-it Center.

## State has plan for prairie dogs

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project that uses federal money on public or private land that "may affect" black-tailed prairie dogs will go thor- prairie dog in much the same way as the ough a review process with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Any "take" or removal of prairie dogs would require a federal permit.

within the state plan to manage and control the populations.

The states would develop suitable habitat on public land to benefit the

# Puzzle pins on sale

they're working for.

crushing the older man.

when the project will end.

paint off her hands.

ing the pins."

said Jesse Cooper, a first grader.

#### PINS, from Page 1

at West, said her friend in Winfield made a trip to a craft store to buy decorations for the brooches.

'We're making this a statewide effort," Smith said.

The project is plenty popular in Goodland. McLean said businesses have requested buckets of pins to sell and the other four schools in the district, along with the county courthouse, want a bunch.

"We're just trying to keep up with the demand," she said, adding that the students are proud of their efforts.

"When they see someone wearing a pin, they get excited," McLean said,

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Federal listing would also bring some incentives to benefit landowners who volunteer to maintain prairie dog populations on their property.

On public land, suitable habitat would be managed to benefit prairie dogs and the species who naturally prey on them, including the blackfooted ferret, burrowing owl, mountain plover, swift fox, ferruginous hawk and golden eagle. Some of these are already on the federal endangered or threatened species list. (The category endangered is reserved for plants and animals most in peril of disappearing, while threatened is a less serious category.)

A state-developed plan to control and manage prairie dogs could prevent the federal listing, and preserve state and local control of management. The plan would retain prairie dog populations, but allow for removal of the critters from where they were not wanted.

A state plan could permit development of programs, including wildlife viewing of the natural habitat, and permit recreational shooting when it fit

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federal plan. Once the state plan is developed, there will also be changes in law to allow counties to handle the prairie dog control and management under state guidelines.

A recent public meeting in Sharon Springs on the state plan drew about 100 people, West said, and following the discussion he had been told a revised state plan will be available in a couple of weeks.

West said he can see the sense of the state plan, but says part of the effort will be to triple the actual number of acres where prairie dogs are in the state from the 50,000 up to as much as 150,000. He does not know anyone here, though, who wants more prairie dogs.

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