

Students get food, awards

Parents, teachers, students, administrators and school board members filled the Goodland High School gymnasium this morning to applaud 56 students receive certificates for scoring high on state assessment tests last spring.

The school board put off the start of classes for an hour to hold the breakfast, which started at 7:30 a.m.

High school cooks made biscuits and gravy, eggs and sausage, and administrators helped serve coffee and orange juice.

When everyone was done eating, Dick Short, school board president, congratulated the students and began calling out names.

Superintendent Marvin Selby handed out 68 Certificates of Outstanding Academic Achievement sent

from the state, shaking each student's hand. A few received two awards in different subjects.

Here is a list of the students and the subject in which they tested high. Because the tests were last year, the students are now in a higher grade.

Fourth grade: Adam Duell, Chelsie Gausman, Devin Mangus, Tanner Oharah, Andrew Raile, Alexis Schields, math; Clay Schilling, math and science.

Fifth grade: Benjamin Davis, Josh Doke, Toby Hurst, Jonathan McClung, Andrew Miller, Grant Wilkens, Tiffany Wing, Heidi Yonkey, reading.

Seventh grade: Sylvia Davis, Jeremy Hoffman, math; Brett Lalicker and Julie Leiker, math and science; Sylvia Davis, Jared Robinson, Kali Rietcheck, Matthew Rohr, Lacey

Ridder, science; Josiah Goodley, John Mosbarger, Jillian Parker, Lea Shores, social studies.

High school: Taylor Brack, Bill Linn and Alan Cebula, math, science; Adrienne Garcia, Amanda Hoffman, Timothy Kafka, Deanna Livengood, Donald Raymer, math; Ciara Abbey, Emily Burkett, Reading; Gami Cloyd, Kent Elliott, Shannon Johnson, Craig Mason, Johnathan Mills, reading; Jace Chipperfield, Abby Murray, Reading, social studies; Thomas Cotter, Timothy Kafka, Alyssa Mason, Tiffany Schwasinger, Joshua Topliff, Janet VanDonge, science; Emily Burkett, Brian Coon, Kent Elliott, Sean Greenlee, Craig Mason, Jenna McGinley, Johnathan Mills, Brandon Nemechek, Jordan Riebel, social studies.



Managers Lisa Stummeier and Terry Crowdy (bottom left), and their son Terry Lee (top middle, on lap) and daughter Tanisha (top right) with staff members of the Second Chance Bar and Grill. Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

County joining state pool

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compensation insurance.

"Are they going to do the same next year?," he asked. "We know the experience index will be going up."

Rasure said he agreed the state pool was more stable and had a better policy. "Jack is a local agent, but he is a middle man," Rasure said. "That is the rub."

Frankenfeld pointed to a big difference in vehicle coverage between the state group and Eklund's bid, which was nearly \$7,000 higher.

"I don't disagree that the state group is a good policy," Rasure said.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said she and her assistant had called clerks in Rawlins, Norton, Ellis and Russell counties.

She said all had good reports on the state group, and were well satisfied with the service.

Rumpel said said Ruddell had been very good to work with, and responsive when she had called her on any claims or questions.

Rumpel said Carl Eyman, deputy

administrator and loss prevention specialist for the workers' compensation pool, also was making a presentation to the Cheyenne County commissioners about joining the state group.

Commissioner Frankenfeld made a motion to accept the state group bid for insurance. Commissioner Tiede seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

In other business, the commissioners talked by phone to Marla McDonough of Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas from Hays, about participating in the regional federal housing Section 8 voucher program and the tenant-based rental assistance program.

She said the approval by the commissioners would allow people from Sherman County who are eligible to participate in the federal housing program.

She said Developmental Services, based in Ellis County, administers the program for all of northwest Kansas, and Sherman County was one that had not approved participation.

"The program allows low-income families who are spending up to 50 percent of their income for rent, the elderly and the disabled a way to receive some help in paying the rent," she said. "The landlords like the program because it gets them a guarantee for the families who qualify."

"The program is available for low-income housing, some tax credit housing and rural development projects. We inspect the property to make sure it is safe and livable."

Commissioner Rasure asked if there had been applicants from Sherman County.

McDonough said there were several on the list, but they could not be approved unless the county approved the resolution.

Rasure made the motion to approve the participation. Frankenfeld seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

McDonough said people interested in the program can call her office at the Ellis County Housing Authority, 785-625-5678.

Grill gets second chance

Goodland is the home of a new restaurant and lounge after Second Chance Bar and Grill held its grand opening on Monday.

The restaurant was in business briefly as Lori Lee's Restaurant. The new managers, Terry Crowdy and Lisa Stummeier, say they are excited to be here, and they are confident they will succeed.

"We really plan to do well in this place," said Crowdy.

The couple is quick to point out that the business is not at all affiliated with the former owners, even though Stummerier is Lori Lee's sister

"It is under completely new manage-

ment," Stummeier said. "They (the former owners) have absolutely nothing to do with this place anymore."

The name of the business comes from the former owners' experience, though.

"This business is getting a second chance from Goodland," said Crowdy

Crowdy and Stummeier have lived in Goodland for two weeks, moving from Colorado Springs, and Goodland's newest residents bring with them a combined 26 years of restaurant experience.

Crowdy has been in and out of Goodland for six weeks, helping the former owners, and he built most of the

bar. They said they plan to have a college night every Wednesday, karaoke on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and they will bring in live deejays for dance music every Friday and Saturday night.

They will be open on Christmas eve, and they plan to have special dinners for couples on New Year's Eve.

They will accept recipes from customers, and if the dish is a success, they will put it on the menu. The restaurant is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, and the bar is open until 2 a.m.

The couple have three children: Neil, 15; Tanisha, 6; and Terry Lee, 3.

Source narrowing for anthrax

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in letters sent to Sens. Tom Daschle and Patrick Leahy, said a law enforcement official who asked not to be named. Specifically, they've focused on labs that received samples from the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Disease at Fort Detrick, Md.

It is taking time to investigate each one, the official said Tuesday. That includes complicated genetic fingerprinting of the anthrax each lab holds, as well as interviewing people who work there.

So far, the anthrax at each tested lab has been a perfect genetic match to the anthrax found in the letters, said another federal official, also speaking anonymously. But anthrax has not yet been tested from every lab, he said.

In recent days, attention has focused on the possibility that a U.S. military installation was involved.

That's partly because many of the labs that received anthrax of the Ames strain got it from Fort Detrick. Also, military officials said last week that Dugway Proving Ground, an Army installation in the Utah desert, has been working with a powdered form of anthrax since 1992 in its biowarfare research program.

Asked about the military's involvement, Homeland Security Chief Tom Ridge acknowledged on Tuesday the possibility but said it was not the only one.

"There are multiple agencies within government that have for many years, for many reasons had access to this strain of anthrax," he said. "That connection (to the military) could very well exist. The fact is we have multiple

leads."

At least one leading expert is urging the FBI to focus on government laboratories and contractors. Barbara Hatch Rosenberg, a molecular biologist at the State University of New York at Purchase, has told the FBI the perpetrator probably has connections with the government.

"Many contractors work in government labs and would have access to material," said Rosenberg, who chairs a biological weapons panel at the Federation of American Scientists.

Among contractors being investigated are those that do classified work for the CIA, whose work is aimed at bioterrorism defense.

CIA spokesman Mark Mansfield said the agency is cooperating with the FBI. He said all its work with virulent anthrax was done by a couple of outside contractors.

The scientist who helped the United

States refine anthrax and turn it into a weapon said Tuesday that bacteria spores used in the recent attacks could have been processed in a variety of ways, making it more difficult to trace the spores to their source.

"You can process the stuff in so many different ways, I don't think that it will be the smoking gun," said William C. Patrick III. Patrick led the Army's biological weapons program until it ended in 1969 and taught scientists at Dugway how to turn wet clusters of bacteria spores into a dry powder.

Patrick, who holds patents for techniques used to make weapons-grade anthrax, suggested the culprit is not necessarily linked to a large lab. The type of spores sent through the mail could have been processed in a crude laboratory "as long as you are dealing with small quantities of material," he said.

Administrator defends hike

TOPEKA (AP) — The top administrator at the University of Kansas is defending proposals to increase tuition and says students and faculty generally appear to support such efforts.

Chancellor Robert Hemenway said Kansas urgently needs additional money to remain among the nation's top state-supported universities. U.S. News and World Report magazine

ranks Kansas 39th among the nation's public research universities.

"It is a defining moment for KU," Hemenway told The Topeka Capital-Journal's editorial board Monday. "We're not going to go out of business. But you can slip into mediocrity pretty fast."

The Legislature promised more money but now budgets will be cut.

Murderer up for parole in 2002

William Schlicher, who was sentenced to life for murdering Wallace Patton in Sherman County in 1970, is eligible for a parole hearing in January.

Patton, a service station attendant, was shot to death after being kidnapped in a robbery and being driven around the county most of the night. Schlicher was not tried for the crime until 1980.

Public comment sessions for prison-

ers eligible for a parole hearing in January take place this month before the Kansas Parole Board.

The remaining sessions are set for 9 a.m. Friday at the Finney County Courthouse, 425 N. Eighth, Room 209, Garden City; 11 a.m. Dec. 27 at the Finney State Office Building, Room 3080, 230 William, Wichita; and 8:30 a.m. Dec. 28 at the Landon State Office Building, First Floor, Room 106A, 900 S.W. Jackson, Topeka.

Comments also can be sent to the Kansas Parole Board, Landon State

Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson, Room 452 S, Topeka 66612-1220, or faxed to 785-296-7949. Include the prisoner's name and inmate number if you have it.

Schlicher's inmate number is 24626.

A parole board clerk said letters can be sent at anytime, as there is no deadline, but it's best if comments arrive by Monday, Jan. 7. Schlicher's hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 16. The clerk said the board can change its decision after the hearing if they feel it's warranted.

Court upholds slamming law

TOPEKA (AP) — The state's highest court has rejected a legal challenge to a 1998 Kansas law prohibiting "slamming," or changing a consumer's long-distance telephone service provider without permission.

The Supreme Court's decision came in the case of Jules V. Doty, who sued Frontier Communications Inc. last year. His long-distance service was switched from Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. to another company, International Exchange Communications Inc., through Frontier.

In Franklin County District Court, Frontier was fined \$12,500 and ordered to pay Doty's legal expenses, calculated at \$3,349.

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