

Cub Scouts learn about printing



Members of the Cub Scout Tiger Den toured *The Goodland Daily News* recently and Editor Tom Betz explained the process of manufacturing the newspaper.
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Kansas farmers plant slightly more white wheat

WICHITA (AP) — Kansas farmers planted slightly more than 1 percent of their wheat acres into hard white winter wheat for the 2002 crop, Kansas Agricultural Statistics reported.

The agency said the 1.1 percent of Kansas wheat acres were seeded into hard white varieties — up from the .8 percent planted a year earlier.

"I am encouraged it is an increase," said Ron Madl, director of Kansas State University's Wheat Research Center. "Every year, it seems there is an issue that pops up that undermines grower confidence in planting white wheat."

White wheat was plagued with sprouting problems during the unusually wet spring the first season the new varieties were made available for com-

mercial growers. Then last harvest, weather conditions so darkened Kansas white wheat varieties that federal grain inspectors graded the crop as red wheat before reversing themselves under pressure.

Company consolidations and changes in contract programs last fall also caused uncertainty about premiums paid for planting white wheat.

Madl said Tuesday he expected the shift from red to white varieties to go quick.

"Looking forward, I think white wheat still has a very bright future in Kansas," he said, "and part of that might be because I have the opportunity to interact with the markets and also with wheat grower organizations in other states."

County delays phone decision

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to see if it will be separated by access codes as Southwestern Bell now does it.

Another question was on the rate for the incoming "800" calls, which Don Newell said would be 12 cents a minute compared to the 10¢ from Southwestern Bell. Snethen told the commissioners Newell said he could not change that rate, but may be able to make up for that in other ways.

The commissioners reviewed the existing emergency vehicle designation list from the city and rural fire departments. They added Neal Norman and Mike Rubio while removing eight names of people who have either quit the volunteer force or moved away.

The commissioners approved paying the \$250 dues for Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development, and \$5,686 in dues for the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said he thought the development dues were a bit pricey, but Commissioner Kevin Rasure said the dues were based on the county's assessed valuation. Both were approved unanimously.

Frankenfeld reported on a trip to Colby he had made with County Clerk Janet Rumpel and Way to see how Thomas County handles cardboard recycling.

Rumple said Lynette Koon, manager of the Thomas County recycling district, told her about three grants they have received.

Frankenfeld said they had looked at the recycling program and the two buildings that have been erected near

the city water tank in the southwest part of Colby.

Rumple said they have a 50-by-60-foot building and a 50-by-100 building which they use for the recycling operation and house the bailer for both cardboard and plastic.

The household hazardous waste operation is not at the same location because of the proximity of the city water system.

Rumple said she had talked to a lady from Energy One about the city of Goodland's request for help in purchasing a bailer, and was told the company would have a decision by Feb. 27. Rumple said any money they get from Energy One would help with the grant, and can be counted as part of the local match.

Crystal Linsner reported on a similar trip she made to Colby to learn about the household hazardous waste program. She had received some material from Sandi Swob, who said she is willing to assist Sherman County in establishing a similar program here. Linsner said she would be attending a state health department training session in April.

The commissioners will have a phone conference with Cathy Colglazier of the state on Thursday, Feb. 28, to talk about household hazardous waste requirements.

The next regular commissioner meeting will be 8 a.m. Tuesday, at the Sherman County courthouse, 813 Broadway Avenue.

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Board presents awards to outstanding students

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the college's board.

"Ron's been a good representative for you and has made good contributions," Clouse said.

After Clouse's talk, the board presented awards to outstanding students and employees.

Bobby Miller, an eighth grader at Grant Junior High, received an award for placing fourth in the 12-13 year old boys division at the National Punt, Pass and Kick competition in Pittsburgh last month.

The 13-year-old won the regional competition in Kansas City and was one of 64 youngsters from across the country to advance to nationals. Miller signed a football that will be displayed in the board's meeting room.

Amanda Hoffman, a junior at Goodland High School, read the speech that won her the state Veterans of Foreign Wars annual Voice of Democracy contest. Afterwards, she received an award from the board.

Hoffman's speech, "Reaching out to America's Future," focused on ways one ordinary person can make a difference.

The board presented awards to high school custodians Steve Zeigler, Kenny Grieve and John Cozadd for their help on the remodeling project at the high school. Superintendent

Marvin Selby said contractors told him they really appreciated all of the custodians' help.

In other business, the board:

- Heard from Schyler Goodwin, president of the Goodland Development Corp., about plans to build a \$50 million Sherman County Community Foundation Permanent Endowment Fund. Goodwin said the corporation has so far raised \$3,000. He said they want to form a 25-member board to oversee the fund. Schilling and Jane Philbrick agreed to sit on the board, which Goodwin said will meet later this month.
- Heard reports from principals.

Harvey Swager, high school principal, said on Thursday, Feb. 21, the school will hold an assembly for Hispanic students. He said Janet Murguia, executive vice chancellor for university relations at the University of Kansas, will speak. He said the assembly is part of the school's effort to reach out to Hispanic students.

Steve Raymer, North Elementary School principal, said students are researching different Olympic events and the school will hold its annual Spelling Bee today.

Gerald Burkett, West Elementary School principal, said second grade students are writing letters to veterans and the first-grade music program was

successful.

Sharon Gregory, Central Elementary School principal, said the school raised \$1,577 during a soup supper held last month. She said the money will be used to buy playground equipment.

Jim Mull, Grant Junior High principal, said students are now taking state writing assessments and will soon move on to math. He said many students have been ill and one day, 57 students were missing from school.

- Hired C.T. Lindley as a custodian at North Elementary School.
- Approved a calendar for the 2002-2003 school year. The calendar in-

cludes 171 classroom days, eight teacher training days and two parent-teacher conferences. School will start on Aug. 26 and end May 29.

- Approved a district mission statement and goals. The district's mission is to prepare each student to be successful and responsible in an ever-changing world. The three goals include improving reading, writing and math skills for all students.
- Paid \$112,142 in monthly bills.
- Approved the monthly Professional Development Council report. The council keeps track of teacher training hours and how teachers use the information in the classroom.

Historians fill first lecture series

LAWRENCE (AP) — The director of Kansas University's Dole Institute of Politics looked no farther than fellow historians and TV analysts for the speakers at the institute's first lecture series.

Presidential historians Doris Kearns Goodwin, Michael Beschloss and David McCullough will speak on three consecutive Sundays in November, said Richard Norton Smith, the institute's director.

"It's our first big programming announcement and in many ways a prototype for what we want to do, combining scholarship with popular participation," Smith said in announcing the speakers Monday.

Like Smith, himself a presidential historian, all three speakers are regulars on PBS' "NewsHour with Jim Lehrer." The speeches at the university's Lied Center will be free and open to the public.

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