

Bowlers raise over \$2000 for kids

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cheered when they found out the games were "nine-pin no tap," which means if the nine-pin is knocked down on the first ball, the roll counts as a strike.

Hayden and Ryan Scheopner handed out the door prizes to smiling winners, and Hayden joked with the crowd.

"I feel like a game show host up here," she said, "you know, like the guy on the Price is Right, Bob Barker."

A couple of teams came in about 8:30 p.m., Hayden said, which brought the total up to 12.

"We had a pretty good turnout," she said, "especially for this being our first time doing it."

The fund raiser was a trial run, Hayden said, to find out how smoothly a bigger bowl-a-thon will go in March. Bowl for Kids is the group's biggest fund raiser of the year, Hayden said.

"We've tentatively scheduled the big event for Saturday, March 8," she said. "We are trying to recruit 100 teams for it. We hope that the community will rally around us if we have one big event each year."

The money raised will go to help pay for the group's operating expenses, Hayden said, including the salary of a



Michelle Hayden, president of Sherman County Big Brothers/Big Sisters, read off the winners to door prizes at the Bowl for Kids fund raiser Wednesday night at Bowladium Lanes.

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director when one is hired, and running background checks on prospective mentors.

Hayden said there are over 300 kids which might benefit from the program in Sherman County, and kids will start being paired with mentors soon after a director is hired. The group's board may hire a director within the month,

she said.

"We won't be going from business to business asking for donations," Hayden said. "We just want to do this once-a-year thing. We want people to come out here, enjoy the food, enjoy the door prizes, have a good time and raise some money for a group which has a good purpose."

Numbers down at technical college

The Goodland School Board heard on Tuesday that enrollment is down at the Northwest Kansas Technical College because of a slump in the communications technology industry.

Member Ron Schilling, district representative on the technical college board, reported fall enrollment at the college was 509 this year, down from 593 students last year.

He said the drop is mainly due to fewer students in the communications technology program, which was booming just a couple of years ago.

Companies were hiring like crazy a few years ago, and pretty much every student in the program was guaranteed a job.

That changed when the economy slipped into a recession last year and communications companies started laying-off workers.

Schilling noted that college administrators say the field looks like it's making a recovery and more students are interviewing for jobs.

The college board evaluated President Ken Clouse during a recent meeting, Schilling said, and members agreed he has done an excellent job this year. Clouse took over for long-time director Larry Keirns last July.

Schilling also said the college is still looking for someone to buy the house carpentry students built last year. The carpentry program builds a house ev-

ery year and then auctions it off in July.

There was an auction in July, Schilling said, but no one reached the minimum bid, which is around \$90,000.

In other business, the board:

- Picked a \$12,008 bid from Goodland Sheet Metal to install new heating and air conditioning systems at the district administration building on Main Avenue. The other bid was from Bowman's Heating and Air Conditioning for about \$19,000.
- Gave high school senior Tarren Martin permission to graduate early.
- Decided to renew subscriptions to the American School Board Journal at \$54 per subscription.

Rough terrain stops woman

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fill in the blanks once she got there. As the women drove up and down Road 6, a farmer stopped and showed them a trail to the house, about one mile south of the interstate, but said he didn't think that her car wouldn't make it over the rough land.

The homestead was three miles over an old path overgrown in spots with grass, the farmer said, and even if her car didn't get stuck, the grass was so dry that the heat would probably start a fire. He said it would be better not to try.

The women were disappointed, but they took the man's advice. Melody Scott said she was sorry she could not see the old house.

"It's not very often you get the opportunity to see firsthand how your ancestors lived," she said. "It would have been quite an experience."

Her ancestors were Ida and Benjamin Chellew of Missouri, Williams' maternal grandparents.

On March 23, 1883, they drew a deed for a homestead about 14 miles west of Goodland.

They put up a sod house as close to their friends, Dehlia and Andy Richer, as they could.

The Chellew's house had worn away and was torn down sometime in the late 1970s or early 1980s.

Williams had only seen the Chellew's homestead on her first trip in 1977.

Although the house now standing is

not her grandparents', Williams said the Richters and her family were so close she considers their home a part of her family's history.

The families did not stay in Sherman County long, Williams said.

They moved back to Missouri after about 10 years, but Kansas figures strongly in stories Williams was told when she was growing up.

"My grandmother used to tell me stories about Kansas all the time," she said, "both the hard times and the good. Even though she left, I think some of the best times of her life were here, in western Kansas."

Williams said she was just happy she made the effort.

"I know it's still there, and that's enough for me," she said.

County deals with voting rules

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voter leaves," Rumpel said. "This will require the county to have additional machines, and the new regulations include a requirement for a handicapped accessible machine to be available."

"If we continued with the voting as we have done with the site in Kanorado, the Methodist Fellowship Hall, the city building and at the courthouse it would require four of the special handicapped machines, but by everyone voting in one location one would do."

"These changes are being planned

across the country to head off the type of voting fiasco in the 2000 presidential election," she said. "With all the voting in one place it will also make it more convenient for the voter if they have moved because we can refer them to another table rather than having them drive across the county."

"I know the Kanorado voters may be upset, but at the high cost of these new machines, it will be better if all the voting is in one location," Rumpel said.

The new machines will take a voter's ballot once they have voted and count it on the spot, but Rumpel said the machine will kick the ballot out if there

is any kind of problem such as voting for more than the right number or a question about the "intent" of the voters

Once the machine accepts the voter's ballot they are done and their vote has been properly recorded.

"This will make it easier for the election workers, too, and make sure everyone's vote is properly counted," she said.

While the new equipment will not be available for this year's general election, Rumpel said she felt having a consolidated voting location would be good.

Board to let bank use parking spaces

The Goodland School Board on Tuesday agreed to let Peoples State Bank use two parking spaces at the district administration building for a drive-through window in exchange for three parking spots in front of the bank. Peoples is remodeling the old gas station building on 13th and Main just north of the district office and wants to install a drive-through window on the west side of the new bank. The problem is that the district owns land to the west of the bank and uses it for parking, so cars would have to drive across the district's parking lot to access the

window.

Jon Pope, Peoples president, asked the board at its last meeting if the district would let him use about six parking spaces if Peoples agreed to pave a lot south of St. Pauls Episcopal Church and allow school employees to park there. St. Pauls is just west of the bank and district building.

Pope said the church board would discuss at its next meeting whether to let Peoples pave the lot. The school board agreed to let the bank use the parking spots as long as the lot next to the church was paved.

Superintendent Marvin Selby told the board on Tuesday that the church board decided it didn't want the lot paved, leaving Pope to look for another solution.

Selby said Pope has now decided to square off the back of the bank building to make room for a drive-through window and will only need to use two of the district's parking spaces. In exchange, he said, Peoples is going to let school employees have three parking spots in front of the new bank.

Selby said signs will be put up designating the spaces.

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