

# Service salutes volunteers

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said, noting that Goodland elementary students raised more than \$600 for the Red Cross.

A couple of the speakers tried to transport the audience to the disaster sites and bring them closer to the people who were killed.

Janet Hernandez, pastor of the United Methodist Church, read off a few names of people who died in the attacks.

Ages ranged from mid-20s to mid-50s, and occupations ranged from a police officer to the president of a com-

pany. She said the names represent everyone who was killed.

John Garcia, owner of Garcia's Home Furnishings, said tragedy is a part of life and there's no point in asking why, because only God can answer that question.

"As long as we continue to have men with hearts filled with evil," he said, "and who have no purpose in life, there will be evil."

And there's no way to prepare for every tragedy, he said, because life won't ask you if you're ready before it throws you a curve ball. Garcia said it's better to accept that God has control.

"The great creator knows all things," he said.

The purpose of his speech, Garcia said, was to anchor the question of why with hope. America survived the attacks because the country is strong and willing to fight for its way of life, he said.

Jeff Krall, director of emergency medical technicians at Goodland Regional Medical Center, said the bravery of emergency workers helped some attack victims in New York survive.

He said he's heard survivors say, "As we were running out, they were running in."



# Officials question cost of repairs

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McKnight contact other public entities in the city to see who they use for elevator maintenance that might be cheaper or quicker in responding.

Rasure asked Snethen and McKnight to look at all the county maintenance contracts and determine their renewal dates and costs.

In other business, David Griffith, a high school student, asked the commissioners about having the county pay for emergency medical technician classes, and how many years of service it took to pay it back.

Griffith said he wants to pursue a professional track in the emergency medical field after graduating from high school.

The commissioners gave him a copy

of the emergency medical technician agreement and suggested he read it over and then come back.

Steve Duell, head of the fairboard, said they thought it was a very good fair this year and that the new lights helped in the arena.

He said the fairboard would like to pour concrete in the corner of the building where they have the show arena and the sale. He said the concrete would be for the tables for the sale.

Another suggestion Duell said he got was to have a handrail in the bleachers, and said he would contact the technical college about building one.

He said the facie boards of the agriculture building need to be wrapped in aluminum, and there needs to be more painting done.

Duell asked for a closed door session

to discuss a personnel matter. The commissioners approved a motion for a 10-minute closed door session with Duell.

They extended the session another 10 by another motion. No action was taken when the commissioners returned to open session.

The commissioners reviewed the claims vouchers and approved them totaling \$96,939.

At 11 a.m. the commissioners voted to go into closed session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters with McKnight.

No action was taken when they returned to open session.

The next commissioner meeting will be 8 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 17, in the commission room on the main floor of the Sherman County courthouse, 813 Broadway Ave.



Directed by Randy Berls, members of the X-Pressos (top) sang patriotic songs during the Sept. 11 service. Michael Smith (above) sang "America the Beautiful" and Bud Chester (right) read a poem.

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# Board hires coaches

The Goodland School Board accepted a resignation on Monday from a teacher's aide who was hired last month and hired two coaches, an athletic sponsor, a teacher's aide and a bus driver.

The board hired Bonnie Holm as a teacher's aide at Grant Junior High last month, but then accepted her resignation at Monday's meeting.

Members hired Dana Murray as assistant seventh grade volleyball coach and Barb Bedore as assistant high

school volleyball coach. Deb Winter was hired as the Girls Athletic Association sponsor, Ardith Showalter as a high school teacher's aide and Rick Murray as a bus driver.

The board will meet next on Sept. 23 at Grant Junior High. During the school year, the board reserves its second meeting of each month to checking out new programs and technology at each of the district's five schools. Grant is usually first.

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