

# Art Center, Little City give kids a creative outlet

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Productions" last year to give kids in Sherman County a creative outlet.

"Our hope is that they'll continue to be with us for a few years," she said, "and then take what they learned from us on to high school and college."

While Little City isn't part of the art center, Goodwin said, the two work together. She said the arts council allows them to hold practices in the basement of the center and provides programs and advertising.

Goodwin said the center is preparing once again to hold the "Day in the Life of Sherman County" photography contest during the Flatlander Festival. The contest started a couple of years ago, she said, when the center received a grant to put it on.

The center no longer has grant money, Goodwin said, but is still holding the contest. The only rules, she said, are that people take a picture of something in Sherman County, enlarge it to an 8- by 10-inch photo and frame it.

She said the center is accepting en-

tries until Sept. 23, and will display the photos between then and Sept. 30. Center visitors are allowed to vote for their favorite photo, she said, and the winner will receive a prize.

Goodwin said the center is trying to spruce up its exterior, too.

She said Evie Stout gave the center a new sign a few years ago as a memorial to her husband Willis, who was the president of First National Bank for many years. The sign included a message box, Goodwin said, and the frame was made by welding students at the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

The letters spelling out Carnegie Arts Center started falling off, Goodwin said, so the arts council decided it was time to replace the sign. When Evie found out, she said, she decided to pay for the repairs. The sign still has its original frame and message board, but the Plexiglas in the front has been replaced.

Goodwin said the new sign was finished last week and it looks great.

"It reflects the building's architecture," she said.

# County applies for grant to assist with Kanorado bridge

Sherman County commissioners on Tuesday approved a grant application to seek \$89,000 to assist in the Kanorado bridge replacement project.

Amy Griffey, of the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission in Hill City, will handle the grant application and told the commissioners it was her estimate the bridge would cost about \$430,000 and the county's portion would be about \$89,000.

She said the final figure will be coming from the Kansas Department of Transportation, and she hopes to have it in the next two weeks.

As part of the application process, the people who are affected by the bridge, which is on old U.S. 24 about

14.5 miles west of Goodland, will be surveyed, and the people in the Kanorado area will be surveyed as well.

Most of the money will come through the Kansas Department of Transportation and is part of a federal bridge replacement program.

The county is requesting a Community Development Block Grant from the state, and administration of the grant is included in the total, Griffey said.

She said the application must be in by Oct. 1, and hoped to have the documents for the commissioners to sign before the end of the month.

Curt Way, county public works director, said the bridge is included in the next five-year plan, and is expected to be let to bid in May of 2003.

# GOP candidate Phill Kline fined

HUTCHINSON (AP)—Phill Kline, the Republican nominee for Kansas attorney general, paid an \$8,100 federal fine for failing to report contributions in the days leading up to his unsuccessful congressional bid in 2000.

The fine was paid July 17, three weeks before Kline won the Aug. 4 primary for attorney general.

Candidates for federal office have 48 hours to report contribution received between two and 20 days before an election.

In 2000, Kline waited until the regular reporting period after the election.

# Ready for Saturday's collection



Crystal Linsner, head of the Sherman County Household Hazardous Waste program, examined the barrels which are part of the special trailer brought to Goodland from Hays to haul away the household hazardous waste to be collected Saturday. Linsner expects to get a lot of paint, and other materials in the collection beginning at 7 a.m. and running to 1 p.m. The collection site is at 1820 Cherry which is across the street from Pizza Hut. The building got an OK from the city building inspector Jerry Nemechek and fire chief Dean Jensen today.

Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

# S and T hits snag at county health office

Gary Slough and Don Newell of S&T Telephone appeared before the Sherman County commissioners on Tuesday to appeal for help in accessing the county health department building at 1622 Broadway Ave.

Brewster-based S&T is expanding into Goodland and is in the process of installing fiber-optic cable underground.

Slough said they had been told to get a utility easement by the building's owner Mike Miller, but were asking the commissioners to get permission for installation of the new phone lines without the need of filing for an easement.

The commissioners, who lease the building for the county health department, said they would discuss the matter with County Attorney Bonnie Selby, and hoped to work out a solution.

Slough said there would not be any cost if the lines could be installed this week.

"We are here because we feel the county would like to have the opportunity and choice to use our service," Slough said. "It would seem wrong that one part of the county would not be able to be part of a networked communications system."

When Selby arrived she said she

would contact Scott Showalter, who is Miller's attorney. Later in the meeting she reported that in talking to Showalter he told her he would talk to his client about the situation.

Wednesday Selby said that she had informed Slough that Miller was insisting on an easement for the property.

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# Social Security ad withdrawn by GOP group

WASHINGTON (AP)—Republicans yanked a radio ad Thursday that was aimed at black voters in Kansas and Missouri comparing Social Security benefits to slavery reparations—except paid to whites by blacks.

It was the latest skirmish in a multistate war over Social Security ads pegged to November's congressional elections.

The commercial was paid for by a Republican interest group and aired in the Kansas City area on an urban contemporary station whose listeners are predominantly black. GOPAC, which is headed by Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating, said the ad was a mistake and withdrew it Thursday after calls from reporters and protests from an anti-privatization group.

"You've heard about reparations, you know, where whites compensate blacks for enslaving us," the ad says. "Well guess what we've got now. Reverse reparations." The commercial says blacks earn thousands of dollars less in retirement benefits than whites because they have shorter life spans.

"So the next time some Democrat says he won't touch Social Security, ask why he thinks blacks owe reparations to whites," the ad says.

GOPAC spokesman Mike Tuffin said his committee is working with a local media company, Access Communications, which mistakenly gave the ad to KPRS-FM as one of several targeting black voters.

"We disavow it and have seen to it that it was immediately pulled," Tuffin said. "We did not know it was going to be run and never intended it to be run."

NAACP Chairman Julian Bond said, "To believe that broadcasting these falsehoods in such a racially colored way aimed at African American voters, obviously thinking they'd buy it hook, line and sinker, is insulting."

Terry McAuliffe, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, called the ad "reprehensible race baiting."

"Is this the Republicans' idea of African American outreach?" he said in a statement. "It's fine that the GOPAC has pulled this ad; the question is why was it even considered, let alone produced, in the first place?"

Former Kansas City Mayor Emanuel Cleaver said Keating should apologize for his organization.

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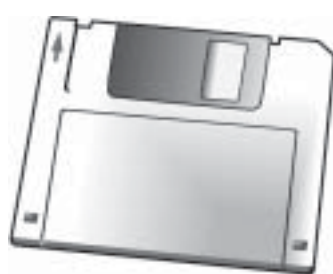
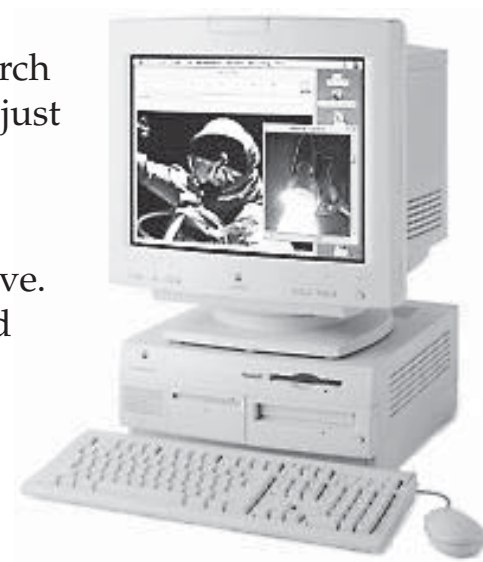
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