

Aw, sweet sweet music



Nick Parker played a piece by Chopin this week with instruction from Dr. Junghwa Lee, assistant professor of piano at Fort Hays State University. The son of Lauren and GERALYN Parker of Goodland and a senior piano major, he will give his senior recital at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Goodland United Methodist Church.

Play draws 300 fans to support arts center

By Sharon Corcoran
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Over 300 people turned out for the Goodland Arts Council's production of "45 Minutes From Broadway" Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and the event raised more than \$2,000 for the council.

Last year, the theater raised about 15 percent of the Carnegie Arts Center's budget, said Director Tina Goodwin, and it will be more this year.

The event was successful as a fund raiser, Goodwin said, and as a performance. More people attended, she said, than ever before. There were 284 tickets sold for dinner and dessert, Goodwin said, and about 40 for just the show.

"I think everyone enjoyed it a lot," Goodwin said.

There was tremendous support, she said, from individuals and businesses. First National Bank was a sponsor, she said, and Wal-Mart has a grant that matched the money raised at the event up to \$1,000.

The event easily raised over \$1,000, she said, so Wal-Mart gave a check for \$1,000. The Elks Lodge charged a very minimal amount for the use of their facility, she said, for six weeks of rehearsals and the performances.

The actors and directors volunteered their time, she said, to rehearse for six weeks and for the performances.

Safari Steakhouse catered the performances, Goodwin said, and students from Family, Career and Community Leaders of America at Goodland High School served.

The arts council pays the club members for serving as one of their fund raisers, she said, but they are a very professional crew. Students from the technical college helped move tables, she said, and several people loaned equipment.

Janet Redlin, an actress in the performance, provided the sound system, she said, and Martha Bishop from the puppet factory loaned a spotlight. All of the equipment was loaned, she said, volunteers operated it, and the costumes were donated.

This was a community effort, Goodwin said, and something everyone can be proud of participating in. The council has held the theater for eight years, she said, and has a good system for pulling the performance together.

Board will review loans

Sherman County commissioners appointed seven people to a micro loan review committee at their meeting Tuesday, and approved a revised resolution for the Sherman County Economic Development Council.

The committee will handle the applications for the \$90,000 the county is trying to loan to small businesses either to expand existing or start up, creating new jobs.

Carolyn Applegate, county economic development director, said there are 16 applications out, and that there is one ready to be reviewed next week.

Appointed were Tim Rath of Farm Bureau Insurance, Bill Mehling of First National Bank, Kevin Rasure as the county commission

representative, Applegate, Merlin Stasser of Western State Bank, Roxann Klinge of The Insurance Agency and Jon Yost of Yost Farm Supply.

On a related matter, the commissioners approved a revised resolution expanding the economic development council to 11 members and appointed John Pope of People's State Bank, Stephen West of Western State Bank, Cara Daise of Bankwest and Larry McCants of First National Bank to the new positions.

The commissioners changed the wording of the resolution to make it more flexible by saying the new positions "may" be representative of a financial institution serving Sherman County. The new council members will serve staggered terms to match those of the original seven board members with Pope and West serving three years, Daise two and McCants one.

In other business, commissioners approved grant renewal requests for Dorendo Harrel of the county Health Department, and ap-

proved her forms for the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and designated her as the privacy officer for the health department.

• Received bids for a new van for the Health Department, but decided to review them for the next meeting Tuesday morning.

• Renewed the road mowing contract with Darrell Schroeder at the same rate as last year. Schroeder said he hopes the roads look better, and that he would be interested in hearing any suggestions from the commissioners.

• Heard an update from Applegate about the work she has been doing since opening the economic development office 86 days ago. She said she has met with 215 business owners or managers, and continues to do this so she can have a face-to-face discussion about what the office can do. She said she is working on a wind energy possibility with a California company which is looking at sites.

The next commission meeting will be at 8 a.m. on Tuesday.

County approves revised trash plan

By Tom Betz
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Transfer of Goodland's trash collection to Sherman County took another step forward Tuesday when the county commissioners approved revisions to the proposal that were working out with the city.

Commission Chairman Kevin Rasure said he had talked with Mayor Tom Rohr on the changes the county had requested after Friday's special work session, and said that they had been accepted with a few minor changes.

The main change was to allow the county to "sell, trade, and or upgrade" the vehicles and equipment that would be transferred from the city. This was a point that had been brought up at the work session.

On the question of commercial billing, Rasure said the city did not believe they could handle the monthly billing because the rates

are different. This means the county will have to arrange for the commercial billing. Rasure said there are about 500 commercial accounts.

He said, in response to the question of the power of the city to collect trash bills, Rohr said the city does have the power to cut off utilities if a customer does not pay the trash fee.

The city has agreed to store extra trash carts for a year along and transfer three collection trucks to the county. After the first year, rent and utilities will be negotiated between the city and county or a subcontractor.

The county added the word special to make it clear that the county would be handling all special billing, fees and collections involved with any projects for which the city issues a building permit.

An additional point was added that says the county will take over

collection within 90 days after approval.

At the end of the discussion, Curt Way, county public works director, asked to have another point added concerning the liquid leachate from the transfer station that needs to be disposed of through the city sewer system. Way said the county has to establish a system that would be approved by the state health department.

"This is a question that has to be dealt with, no matter who has the trash system," Way said.

The commissioners asked the audience for their comments.

Lois Cossman of Ruleton asked if the county was going to guarantee that the rates would not increase, and Commissioner Mitch Tiede said there was no way to do that. Rasure said he felt the rates could be held down under the county plan, but felt that as operations change, there might be a need for an increase in the future.

"We will be trying to hold the costs down," Rasure said, "and I think with the expanded recycling efforts we can reduce the amount of trash we haul to the landfill which will extend the life of the cell."

Todd Quenzer of Brewster asked about how much it was going to cost the county. Rasure said there cannot be any cost to the county. Any cost increases will be passed onto the city customers.

Rasure said the county will look at subcontracting the labor.

"We will let private enterprise do

what it does best," he said, "and that is handle the daily operation. We will let the county do its work as the over all setter of the ruled and handling the operation of the landfill."

"We will have to go to the bid process, and I have had several people approach me about handling the collection."

Lloyd Harden, a farmer from north of Goodland, asked about handling tires and if the county could drop the charges for bringing tires to the transfer station.

Way said the county used to accept tires and had a machine for chopping them up, but they do not have the machine any more. He said they are allowed to hold 250 tires before they call in a company to dispose of them, and the fees charged are the cost the county has to pay for the disposal.

Someone asked if the county could handle the transfer within the 90 days, and Rasure said yes.

Rasure made the motion to approve the revised agreement with its 19 points, and it was seconded by Commissioner Chuck Thomas.

The commissioners were asked if they were comfortable with the agreement as it stood.

"It is the best we can get," Tiede said.

When Rasure called for the vote it passed 2-1 with Rasure and Thomas voting in favor and Tiede voting against, as he has in the past. The city commission is expected to review and vote on the agreement at their meeting at 5 p.m. on Monday.

Open wide



A young customer enjoyed her soup with a little help from Mom at Boy Scout Troop 142's chili feed Saturday. Photos by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

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City agenda

Sherman County's proposal to take over trash hauling will be the main topic at Monday's Goodland City Commission meeting.

Also on the agenda, the commission will consider two requests for payment for engineering on two projects. Evans, Bierly, and Hutchison and Associates of Goodland did engineering studies on airport prop-

erty acquisition and a runway safety project.

The commission also has a closed session scheduled to discuss acquisition of property.

The commission meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. Monday in the commission room of the City Administration Building, 11th and Center.

Two new listings... one nice neighborhood...



318 Broadway...Looking to downsize or just starting out? This ranch style home may just fit your needs. It offers a nice living room, eat-in kitchen with stove & refrigerator, 2 bedrooms, bath, attached heated garage with utility area and door opener, fenced backyard, covered front porch all for only \$29,000. Please contact listing agent Donna Moore for your private showing.



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