

# 120 people attend opening for cattlemen's office

More than 120 people attended an open house for the Kansas Cattlemen's Association in Brewster. Along with celebrating their new office in downtown Brewster, the organization also honored the first recipient of its "Legacy Award."

Mike Callicrate, a St. Francis feedlot operator who was one of the founding members of the organization, received the award, honoring him for his time, expertise and commitment to the cattle industry, said Mike Schultz, the group's executive director.

Starting with fewer than 30 members in 1998, he said, the organization has expanded to some 1,600 stockmen across Kansas and in many other states, and Callicrate was a big part of that leap.

"Knowing the sacrifices and the hardships that it takes to make a difference, we really felt like it was important to honor someone who has made a huge commitment to this industry," Schultz said. "After five years of rapid growth, this is a chance to look back on all of the hard work leading up to this day and to appreciate what we've been able to accomplish."

"Mike is an exceptional leader in our in-

dustry, and he is also someone who has been an inspiration to me personally."

Callicrate is a St. Francis cattle feeder since 1978, who owns and manages a branded beef fabrication plant and retail store in Colorado Springs. He also is involved in other agribusiness enterprises.

Since 1996, Callicrate has been involved in political and social efforts to promote the interests of family farmers and ranchers, Schultz said. He has been a driving force behind organizations like the Kansas Cattlemen's Association that are fighting corporate concentration and monopoliza-

tion of the cattle industry.

In citing Callicrate for the award, Schultz also said he is a lead plaintiff in a class action lawsuit against meat packer IBP, now part of Tyson Foods, alleging unfair and discriminatory marketing practices. That case is scheduled to go to a jury trial in Montgomery, Ala., in January.

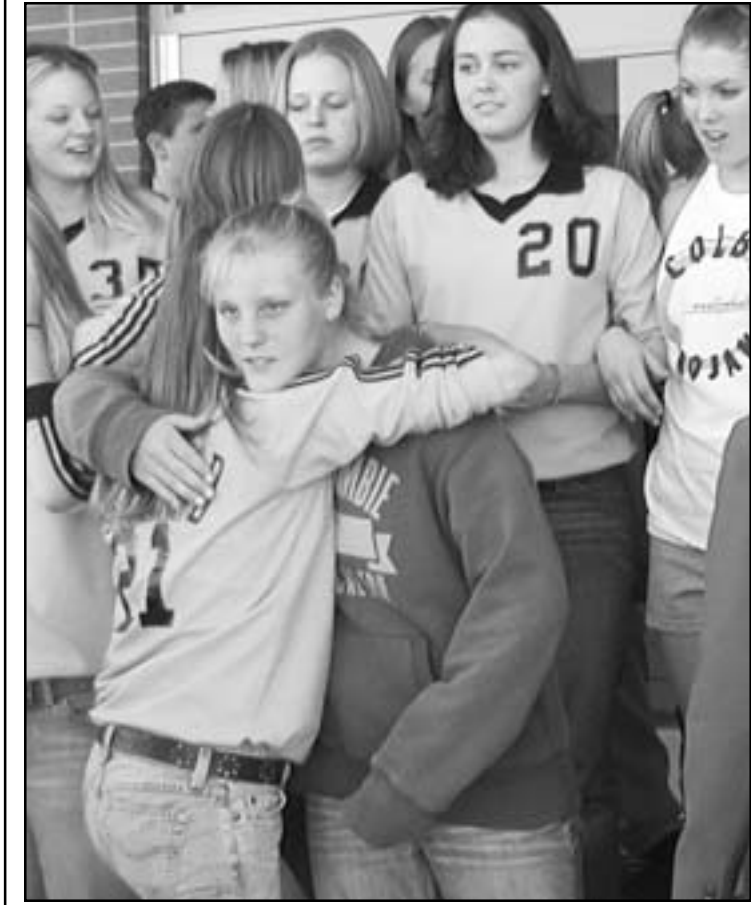
Mayor Mike Baughn of Brewster, and an association member, praised the group for its accomplishments in the face of rapid economic and social changes affecting agriculture during the open house Saturday. The event started with a hamburger feed

featured by Ranch Foods Direct, the company Callicrate is involved with in Colorado Springs.

"Our new office just proves the amount of growth we've had over the past five years," Schultz said. "It will allow us to have our records and information more readily available to the public. Even with the strides we've made, the association hasn't stopped growing, and that is very rewarding."

Schultz encourages anyone interested in learning more about the association to stop by the office or call (785) 694-2906.

## Off to state competition



Senior Jessica Osborn (front, left) got a send off Friday when she left for the state Class 1A-4A high school golf tournament. To her right is Goodland Ambassador Shelly Angelo. Osborn got a good-

luck hug from senior Kayla Rasure, who barely missed qualifying for state. The tournament was scheduled for today in Salina.

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# Golden Plains schools bucking enrollment trend

By Tisha Cox

Colby Free Press

Golden Plains School District in Rexford is bucking the trend in rural Kansas, with enrollment up the last couple of years on the strength of a successful economic development move.

Though the increase means more students in school, it has had a deeper affect. The student body is more diverse than ever, and that's caused some changes.

Superintendent Roger Baskerville said there are 15 Hispanic students in the school and a large percentage of their parents are employed at the McCarty Dairy a few miles west of town.

"The dairy has been a tremendous boon to our community," he

said.

Baskerville said the school was mostly Caucasian until the dairy came along in 2000. The dairy was recruited from Pennsylvania by Thomas County Economic Development, and has brought about a dozen jobs to Thomas County, plus the family that owns it.

Judy McCarty, wife of Tom McCarty, who runs the dairy with their three sons, said they chose Rexford and Thomas County because there was no place back east to expand the business when their two oldest sons decided they wanted to get involved with the dairy.

In 1995, they looked west and found ground in Kansas for the dairy and farm ground to support it.

McCarty said through the Western Kansas Regional Economic Development Association and Vic Van Camp of Thomas County Economic Development, they found what they were looking for.

The dairy opened in April 2000 with 10 employees and has expanded to 12.

McCarty said Rexford has been open and accepted the dairy's Hispanic employees and they appear happy to be living there.

The school district is a lot more diversified now, and the superintendent says he's proud of that. Baskerville says he's also proud of how the kids are learning to accept differences and treat others with respect.

He is also the grade school prin-

icipal at Selden, Baskerville said, and he's been able to watch the change in the make up of the kindergarten class.

"What a fantastic rainbow coalition," he said.

The diversity, Baskerville said, reflects growth, and the multiculturalism is helping the students and staff grow as well.

He said they're promoting the unity of the Golden Plains family and a warm environment for education. That doesn't mean everything is perfect; they do still have the occasional squabble.

"For the most part, we're all pulling together for the common good," Baskerville said. "We try to improve on that every day."

The faculty made adjustments

with the influx of immigrant families, he said.

Since some parents don't speak English well, Baskerville said, letters are sent home in Spanish and the student handbook was translated to Spanish this summer.

Melody Leach, the school's English as a Second Language coordinator, did the translation. English as a Second Language certification is a goal for the teachers.

Baskerville said four elementary teachers are already certified.

The middle and high schools are next. That task is easier now, thanks to a grant that Golden Plains and 14 other districts received.

Baskerville said the teachers can be certified through Emporia State University for free through the Edu-

cational Service Center at Oakley, over the Internet or interactive television. Books and tuition are free and fees are waived so teachers can get their certification.

They also have a choice of receiving \$1,000 or they can forgo the cash and receive it at the beginning of their course work for a new laptop computer.

Baskerville said the teachers aren't learning Spanish but instead learn to compensate for a student's lack of English fluency.

They modify the curriculum to bring them into the mainstream slowly.

"It's not one of those things where you force a child to learn English," he said.

# Former college dean found dead at home

By Tisha Cox

Colby Free Press

A former dean of community services and instruction at Colby Community College was remembered by a friend Thursday.

Dr. James Grote, president of Seward County Community College since 1994, was found dead at his home in Liberal on Tuesday by his wife, Linda, with a gunshot wound to the head.

Joe Mildrexler, dean of community services at Colby College was a friend of Grote's while Grote was at Colby College and kept in touch after he left. He said Grote first came to the college here in 1977 as dean of community services and later became dean for advancement of instruction.

"We were good friends and worked on several projects," Mildrexler said.

He described Grote as a well-liked, respected man who was always upbeat and positive.

He said Grote helped work on the outreach program in Colby and also

helped the efforts for adult basic education at the college and across the state.

"I think he had a desire to see people attain their life-long learning goals as adults," Mildrexler said. "He was very positive, a good mentor. He was a born leader."

Mildrexler said Grote also spent a lot of time trying to get things done at the school.

"Jim was a very hard worker, almost a workaholic," he said.

Mildrexler added that when Grote became a college president, he also became a leader of community college efforts in the state. Grote, he said, also had a high regard for family, his wife Linda, son Curtis and daughter Stephanie, who survive him.

# Elementary schools holding book fair

Goodland elementary schools will be holding a book fair from Friday through Oct. 31 to raise money for their libraries.

The Scholastic Book Fair, with the theme, "Hats Off to Reading," will be open from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. each day, except Friday, Oct. 31, when it will be from 7:30-10 a.m. The book fair will available at night from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28.

The schools are required to pay 6.55 percent sales tax. Checks can be made payable to North School, Central School or West School.

Books will be available for preschool children through young adults, and the books at each school will be appropriate to the

age and grade levels of their students. Headstart, preschool, kindergarten, first and second grades attend West, third and fourth grades Central and fifth and sixth grades North.

Books will include such familiar characters as Harry Potter, SpongeBob, Clifford and Hello Kitty.

Others include a book of National Football League superstars with facts, stats and photos, an atlas of the United States and a book of lists.

There will also be posters, bookmarks, crayons, journals and diaries, erasers, pens and pencils for sale.

# Trial set in drug case

A Garden City youth stopped by a state trooper on K-27 last month faces a January trial for drug possession and consumption of alcohol by a minor.

Lt. Kevin Winston stopped Douglas B. Smith, 18, of Garden City on Sept. 27, records at the Sherman County District Court show.

The file says Smith was driving a 1974 Dodge and had a blood alcohol content of .02 or more, and thus was charged with the consumption of alcohol by a minor.

Smith had in his possession 91 grams of a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana, the file says, in a plastic bag in his left rear pocket.

The file says a trial has been scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27. Winston and Amy Jo Breininger, a Kansas Bureau of Investigation lab employee, are listed as witnesses.

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## Come join us



Annual meeting & update on  
Sherman County Economic Development  
**Tuesday, October 21,**  
**5:30p.m., Elks**  
*Where do we go from here?*  
Goals, plans, ideas for the future.

## Open House

Rural Health Ventures, 106 Willow Road  
will be have Open House featuring  
**flu and pneumonia shots**  
**Thursday, Oct. 23, 2003**  
**5 - 7 p.m.**

Come meet **Dr. Travis Daise** and other members of the medical staff.

Refreshments will be served.


  
 Tonight 7:00 p.m.  
**The Rundown**  
 (PG-13)  
 Starts Friday 7:00 & 9:00  
 Secondhand Lions (PG)