

Enrollment declines

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has the lowest numbers, she said. They have 371, or 382 with pre-school students, and that is half the number of kids who were in the grade school nine years ago.

The middle school and high school are down, she added, but not to that extent.

In the Rawlins County School District, which includes Atwood and Herndon schools, Superintendent Lee Tarrant said the district head count is at 391 students, compared to 425 last year. That means a decrease of 34.

Tarrant said he doesn't know when the district will level off. He said when he looks at the enrollment, there are 19 kindergartners and 46 seniors, though that is the largest class the district has.

The next year, they will graduate 28 students and there will be a class of 20 or so kindergartners.

The district should be leveling off soon, he said, or at least the decrease will be slowing down. That is a contrast to the last four or five years, said Tarrant, when there has been a quick loss of students.

This is the first year Rawlins County has run as a consolidated district after the Herndon and Atwood schools combined because of decreasing numbers in Herndon. Next year, the high school in Herndon will close, although the elementary school will stay open.

West of there in St. Francis, Superintendent Carl Werner said the head count was 365 for the district, down 40 from last year.

Last year, Werner said, St. Francis gained two or three students. Enrollment actually increased by 28 students over the year, he said, but by the end of the year, several of those had moved out of the district.

The increase was because several new families moved into the county last summer before school started.

Werner said they have been graduating 35 to 40 seniors each year while only bringing in around 21 kindergartners.

The high school classes are still from 33 to 37 students, he said, but

the district continues to bring in kindergarten classes in the range of 22 to 25 students.

Eventually, said Werner, the classes will be about 25 students in kindergarten through 12th grade, considerably smaller than the district has ever had before.

Werner said the district has two sections of each class in the grade school, but it is clear with the trend this will have to change in the next few years because the district won't be able to afford two teachers for each class.

Jennings Superintendent Lee Stieben said they have 61 kids this year in kindergarten through 12th grade. Last year, the district had 79, for a drop of 18.

The trend is that the district will keep decreasing, he said, and next year the enrollment may be under 50.

This year, he said, there is a big graduating class of 12 students and only one kindergartner is expected next fall.

Stieben said he thinks the district can hold on for a few years, but it will get to a point where they won't have enough kids or money. Then, he said, he doesn't know what they will do. All the nearby schools are over 20 miles away. The district could consolidate with another, but he said, he can't guarantee any district that all the kids would go to that school.

matters of record

Goodland Police

The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

October 14 — Joseph Fisher, Wal-Mart, Peoples State Bank, Goodland Sinclair, the City of Goodland, Kabredlos, Access Development Services and Marlene Fisher were the victims of forgery due to invalid checks written, totaling \$1,164.67. Reported by First National Bank, 202 E. 11th St.

October 19 — Chantel D. Thornburg reported an incident of burglary at 600 E. 12th and the theft of a CD player, valued at \$50, from a vehicle.

October 20 — Samantha R. Lamb reported the theft of a bicycle, valued at \$50, taken from 1209 Cherry Ave. .

The City of Goodland reported the theft of hub caps, valued at \$200, taken from a city vehicle at 1717 Cherry Ave.

October 21 — Rosalinda M. Martinez was the victim of an estimated \$20 in criminal damage to a window screen at 318 W. 15th St.

Kristi J. Corder was the victim of kidnapping, battery and disorderly conduct at 313 W. 12 St. Nolan M. Brown was arrested. Charges pending in district court.

Musical presentation begins Friday



Milly (Megan McCall) talks to Adam (Ian Scherling) while his brothers listen through the door in the play "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." The brothers are Daniel (Daniel Blake), Gideon (Preston Lambrecht), Ben (Mike Zimmerman), Ephraim (Michael Smith), Frank (Josef Felver) and Caleb (Matt Hurst)

The play will be presented at the Goodland High School auditorium at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are available through the school office at \$3 for students and \$5 for adults.

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Day 1

Hats: Stetson-71/4", (2) not marked, 1950's kids straw hats. **Boots:** Approximately 50 pair of high top boots by Honda, Tony Lama, Justin and others, Justin-10B, Lactase-10B (like new), Mason-8B, Tony Lama patchwork. **Stirrups:** 1950's trapdoors boot toe covers w/wood stirrup, assorted steel stirrups, assorted wood stirrups, Leather tooled stirrup covers. **Bridles / Bits:** 1940's bridle stand, Colorado bit & spur, Croquet hacker bit, Hereford bridle w/croquet bit, Bridle w/rosette of English riding woman; assorted head stalls, heavily tooled w/bits; assorted unmarked, heavily: 14" nylon bullwhip-Colorado Saddlery, (2) 6' nylon bullwhips-Colorado Saddlery, assorted leather braided bullwhips, (4) cinch straps-like new, assorted breast collars, Belgian draft horse show harness, heavily tooled breast collar, lariat ropes, red latigo rope, lead ropes-new, Halters-new, Saddle blankets-new, Riding crops. **Spurs:** BB, Colorado, Ricardo, U.S. Cavalry, Kelly (stamped w/no.), North & Judd (stamped); Montana spur straps; JG, Crockett, Rodeo, Winchester. **Paintings/Pictures/Art:** oil painting of Miner & Mule-Rochard Attkens, Western Christmas Eve-CO. Senator George Bake - Robinson Printing Co., Denver Co.; 1920's pictures (a) Campfire by the Lake-Grunderson (b) Smithy by Road-Glatthoar; 1920 bubble glass picture frame; John Wayne wall plaque, Set of 3 Southwest prints, Pewter stagecoach statue "The Holdup," Indian squaw doll -Richard Roberts (Longsalt #11 of 75); Frank & Jesse James movie poster (Johnny Cash, Kris Kristofferson & Willie Nelson). **Misc.:** W.W.I bayonet w/sheath; Wrangler jeans-new 42x30, 48x30, 34x30; U.S. shot-shells in wooden box; Turquoise rings, watch & belt buckles; Sword cane; Steel hames wall mirror; Skull w/horns-2'9" spread; Texas Lonrockingghorns-6'1" spread; Miniature decorative saddles; Small horse collar mirror; Set of saddlebags-new; Santa Clause cowboy; Prop shirts from western movies; Schott (NYC) brown western ladies jacket w/fringe; Corn knife w/sheath-new; Neck yokes; Mini saddles; Leather studded back support; Leather purse, clipboard & billfolds; Horse/cow sling; Hay hooks; Pair of hanging powder horns; Child's handmade walnut rocking horse; Handcuffs; Gold mining pan; Frost Cutlery-several bowie w/custom sheaths; Flat top trunk w/Wells Fargo labels; Feed/water buckets; Cow poke; Cow hobbles; Cow head wall hanging; Cow bells; Covered wagon TV light; Celluloid spreaders; Browns Mule tobacco cutter; Bib overalls; Barn lanterns; Assorted knives; Crazy quilts; Set of horse collars & hames

Day 2

Saddles: 1950's big horn roping saddle-wide pad -ed seat (16.5"), low back, little wear on pad, square aluminum stirrups; 1930's high back roping saddle-15" seat, brass horn & round aluminum stirrups; 1930's high back roping saddle-14" seat, rawhide saddle horn, wooden stirrups; 1930's high back roping saddle-16" seat, brass horn, wooden stirrups, medium tooled, needs work; 1940's high back roping saddle (SC Gallosaddlery Makers, Pueblo)-14" seat, brass horn, wooden stirrups, leather staple bag; 1940's high back roping saddle-14" seat, seat & horn trimmed in rawhide, square aluminum stirrups; 1940's high back roping saddle (Fred Mueller, Denver)-13" seat heavily tooled, wooden stirrups; 1940's high back roping saddle-15" seat, large horn; 1930's high back roping saddle (Heiser, Denver)-14" seat, brass horn, wooden stirrups; 1940's low back roping saddle-15" seat round rawhide wrapped stirrups; 1940's high back roping saddle (Harpham, Lincoln, Ne)-14" seat, heavily tooled, wooden stirrups; 1940's low back roping saddle (Powder River, Denver Dry Goods CO.)-leather horn, wooden stirrups; Strohn saddle; Hereford saddle-15" seat; McPherson saddle (Los Angeles, Ca.)-15" seat, heavily tooled; Montgomery Ward saddle (Mexico)-14" seat, padded seat, heavily tooled; Bona Allen saddle-14" seat; high back Bona Allen saddle-14"

seat; unmarked saddle-14" seat; (2) unmarked saddles-15" seat; roping saddle (Powder River); high back saddle (Heiser); SC Gallup (Pueblo) saddle; youth saddle (Dakota Handcrafted Saddlery)-13" seat basket weave tooling, tapadaro stirrups, conchos, latigo, excellent condition; youth saddle (Alamo Saddlery)-double "D" rigged leather latigo, very good condition; Youth saddle-14" seat, wooden stirrups, heavily tooled; Colton indian print blanket; Hudson Bay blanket (4pt); Paint horse hide; Horse hair lap robe by Cownie Tanning Co.; Fiber-glass saddle tree; Wooden saddle stands. **Crocks/Churns:** 2 gallon Red Wing (cracked), 1 gallon crock, 5 gallon Red Wing water cooler, 2 gallon Marshall Pottery water cooler, 5 gallon Ruckless crock w/lid, 4 quart butter churn, #40 Dazey churn. **Chaps:** Brown & black leather w/fringe, Brown & maroon leather-new, Tan & white leather w/fringe, (2) fringed leather-rough, Red & black leather-heavily padded, Tan leather-boardwalk, Mini show chaps w/leather buttons, Rodeo show chaps-Colorado Saddlery, Custom made chaps. **Wagons, Buggies & Accessories:** 2 seated delivery wagon/buggy-excellent condition; (2) oak storage boxes-w/stagecoach, w/bull elk; (5) wooden wagon bows; Buerkens narrow tire wagon-36" grain side & end, spreader attachment, wooden tongue, all original paint, always kept inside; buggy seat; buggy steps; homemade chuck wagon food storage box, Doctor's buggy, complete & excellent condition; Steel wagon w/rubber tires & steel tongue; Wagon seat; Coffee grinder; Granite ware pot; Granite ware coffee pot. **Collectibles:** Roy Rogers books "Riders of the Range," "Ghost of Mystery Rancho," "The Gopher Creek Gunman" & tokens; Dale Evans book "Danger in Crooked Canyon," Lone Ranger book "The Silver Bullet," Gene Autry book "Thief River Outlaws," Annie Oakley puzzle; Buffalo Bill (2) books; Hopalong Cassidy tokens; Wild Bill Hickock pin from Post Raisin Bran cereal box. Toy Guns: (2) Hubley Texan junior w/holster set; American West double holster set; Cody Colt cap gun; Dick Tracy cap gun; Hubley cap guns; Daisy #840 BB gun; Daisy #964 BB gun-white stock; Daisy #105-B buck BB gun; Daisy #1105 BB gun; Daisy #26 BB gun; Daisy #95 BB gun; Daisy Red Rider BB gun in original box, special edition #866 os 1000. **Guns & Accessories:** .32 Colt police positive handgun; .44 black powder handgun w/holster; .44 black powder (FLLI PIETTA) handgun w/ decorative holster-new; 44.4 Colt lighting, medium frame, hexagon barrel, serial #182, made from 1885-1902 (hard to find); .45 handguns-a) 7 1/2" barrel serial #8567735 b) 4 5/8" barrel, both have black mother of pearl "Ajax" grips & polished stainless steel barrels; .22 Ruger Bear Cat handgun-4" blue barrel & holster-never been fired; .22 magnum Ruger single 6 3-screw handgun w/white ivory "Ajax" grips; .357 magnum Ruger Vaquero-polished stainless steel 4 5/8" barrel, stag like "Ajax" grips; .44 Smith & Wesson handgun-3" barrel w/ custom finger groove grips, limited edition w/custom made presentation case; .22 long or long rifle Winchester model 90; 1852 Belgium double barrel pin fire; 12 gauge LC Smith double barrel shotgun .22 limited edition Marlin .22 long rifle only; (5) mini replica pistols; miniature pewter gun collection on leather; miniature replica steel "Peace Maker" hand guns custom made w/miniature holster on wooden plaque; miniature replica set brass "Peace Maker" handguns w/custom holster (mounted); Tandy shoulder holster; (3) gun belts w/holsters; 1931 rifle scabbard; Beonli custom made holster-4" barrel; custom made leather holster-left handed 1/2" barrel; custom made simulated alligator holster right handed w/belt for 4 5/8" barrel; holster sets; heavily tooled double barrel holster; heavily tooled holster w/belt RO.22; pair of Eastern Diamond Back holsters w/ rattles -4 5/8" barrel; brass Winchester gun plate; custom made presentation case w/white velvet interior for Ruger Vaquero; hanging wooden gun cabinet; replica single action pistols wall decor piece; replica Winchester lever action rifle wall decor piece.

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Secondhand smoke comes from two places: smoke breathed out by the person who smokes, and smoke from the end of a burning cigarette. Secondhand smoke causes or exacerbates a wide range of adverse health effects, including cancer, respiratory infections and asthma.

•Secondhand smoke contains over 4,000 chemicals; 200 are poisons; 43 cause cancer. Secondhand smoke has been classified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a known cause of cancer in humans (Group A carcinogen).

•Secondhand smoke causes lung cancer and other health problems. The EPA estimates that secondhand smoke causes approximately 3,000 lung cancer deaths and 35,000 heart disease deaths in nonsmokers each year.

•Secondhand smoke is especially harmful to young children. EPA estimates that respiratory tract infections in infants and children under 18 months of age annually, resulting in between 7,500 and 15,000 hospitalizations each year.

•Secondhand smoke is harmful to children with asthma. The EPA estimates that for between 200,000 and one million asthmatic children, exposure to secondhand smoke worsens their condition.

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