

Wheat field catches fire



A Sherman County rural fire crew finished putting out the embers of a fire Thursday in Darrell Owens' wheat field near Edson. The call came in about 3:30 p.m. and firemen from Brewster were at the field about 10 minutes later. The fire destroyed

nearly 30 acres of wheat. The cause is unknown, but a Brewster fireman said the field had been cut, and they did not feel the combine had caused the fire.

Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

Historic barn gets lift for foundation

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Trust Fund grant from the state. The grants focus mainly on stabilizing historic buildings, Linus Schamber said; they don't do a lot of cosmetic work. Competition for the grants is tough, Len Schamber said; 50 organizations applied this year, and 16 to 18 got money. There are many hoops to jump through, he said.

"Sometimes it's 10 years by the time we get there," he said. "People are really glad to see us."

It takes months to go through the application process, he said, and longer for bidding. Then, he said, since they have to match the grant with 20 percent of their own money, some organizations have to raise that money selling cookies and having fund raisers before they can start the work.

"We've been in heritage projects a number of years," Len Schamber said. "We met with Diana and Brent a year ago last January. We were impressed with them and the project right away. We can tell in the initial visit whether or not it's a project we want to do and can do, and this one was."

"This is all we do, my brother and I," Linus Schamber said. "Ninety-nine percent of our work is historic."

He said this is the third project they have worked on with Leon Ball, whose company also works mostly on historic buildings.

"We work statewide," Ball said, "mostly doing historic preservation."

They all said they enjoy their work environment at Kuhrt Ranch; the two sets of brothers are having fun working together again, and they like working for the Flanders.

"Brent and Diana are absolutely fabulous to work for," Linus said. "They are fourth generation on the ranch — it's in their blood."

The barn was lifted with a unified set on eight jacks so it would come straight up, Leon Ball said. Only three movers in the state have unified machines, he said. The barn is stabilized on 30 sets of main beams and 50 sets of cross beams, he said. It takes five minutes to lift a building one foot, he added, and the lift measures its weight. A typical house weighs 45 to 50 tons, he said, but houses have more inside finishing, including plaster and sheet rock, solid walls dividing the rooms.

The Schambers have been on the job two months, and said it will probably be six or seven weeks until they are done. They will leave to do other jobs while the concrete cures and come back to finish, said Len Schamber. The Balls have lifts on other jobs and will travel between them, working on the various stages.

Some of Ball and Sons Movers' jobs have included moving the SR-71 aircraft to the Kansas Cosmo-sphere site in Hutchinson:

"We moved it and they built around it," Leon Ball said.

He said they moved a church built in 1860 from Beloit to Abilene, and that made him nervous when he realized the stained-glass windows were worth \$100,000 apiece.

District budget remains tight

By Tom Betz

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The Goodland School District's year-end financials will balance, board members heard last Monday, but not until the district receives a final check from the state next week.

Superintendent Shelly Angelos told the board last week that balances in the activity funds can all be carried over except for the lunch fund, which has been zeroed out.

She said the general fund is in the red because the district will not receive full payment from the state until Monday. She said the district got a partial payment the middle of June, and that when the rest of the money comes in, it will be credited to June to balance the books.

She said there will be some carryover in the local option budget, food service, at risk and capital outlay funds. She said the miscellaneous gifts and grant fund, money the district received from people and businesses, will carry over.

"I am pleased where we are at the end of the year," Angelos said. "We are running a tight ship and taking care of the taxpayers' money."

Looking at the budget for next year, she said the district will lose about \$52,000 from a drop in enrollment from 942 last year to about 933 this fall.

She said bilingual enrollment is staying steady, but the vocational enrollment appears to down a little for the coming year; those categories draw extra money from the state. She said five or six students will attend technical college, and that should help.

The free lunch program will have about five fewer students than this year's 303, she said, so that category will be down.

State aid base has gone up \$587 per student and that will add \$54,000 to the budget, she said.

The superintendent said the district should get \$283,000 in new money for the next year, \$155,000 for special education plus \$72,000 for at risk students and students not

considered proficient by the state.

At the same time, she said, the district faces a \$72,000 increase in insurance and an estimated \$267,000 for salaries.

"Things are tight," Mrs. Angelos said, "but we have a little room to breathe."

She said she has been working on the local option budget and capital outlay.

Mrs. Angelos said she was thinking about raising the property tax .38 of a mill for the local option budget, and moving one mill back to capital outlay to help handle some of the projects the district is facing.

In other business, the board:

- Suggested 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 21, for a board training and goal-setting session. Angelos suggested the board combine any board business and hold the second meeting of July that day.

Board member Andrew House asked if the training and goal setting would be an open meeting. Angelos said it is. The date was to be set after someone talks to new board members Chuck Wilkens and John Hendrich.

- Approved holding parent-teacher conferences on March 19 and 20 because they otherwise would fall on Good Friday and the next week is spring break. Angelos recommended doing the conferences on Wednesday evening, then part of the day on Thursday.

House asked why the board was being asked to approve the change. Angelos said it was because it is out of the ordinary, and the district doesn't usually do anything on Wednesday evenings.

- Approved supporting the Western Plains Art Association at a cost of \$160. Board member Marty Melia made the motion, saying it might be the last one of his term.

- Heard from board member Jane Philbrick that the district and teachers are still negotiating. The board went into closed session for 10 minutes to discuss the negotiations. No action was taken when the meeting reopened.

- Held a 20-minute closed session to discuss personnel. When the board returned to open meeting, they had a long list of people to be hired and reassigned, including hiring Terry Daise as head golf coach.

Others hired or reassigned include Lindsey Emig, sixth grade teacher at North; Kim Artzer, kindergarten teacher at North; reassign Stephanie Grippin to fifth grade at North; reassign Steve McCall to teach math lab seventh grade and

technology eighth grade; reassign Jonathan Whisnant to social studies seventh grade and technology seventh grade; reassign Deb Winter to fill combined position of high school registrar and activities director secretary; hire Sandra Timm as Title I teacher at West; reassign Shelley Kirk to first grade at West; reassign Ctaci Slovack to fourth grade at Central; and hire Joy Boyington for third grade at Central.

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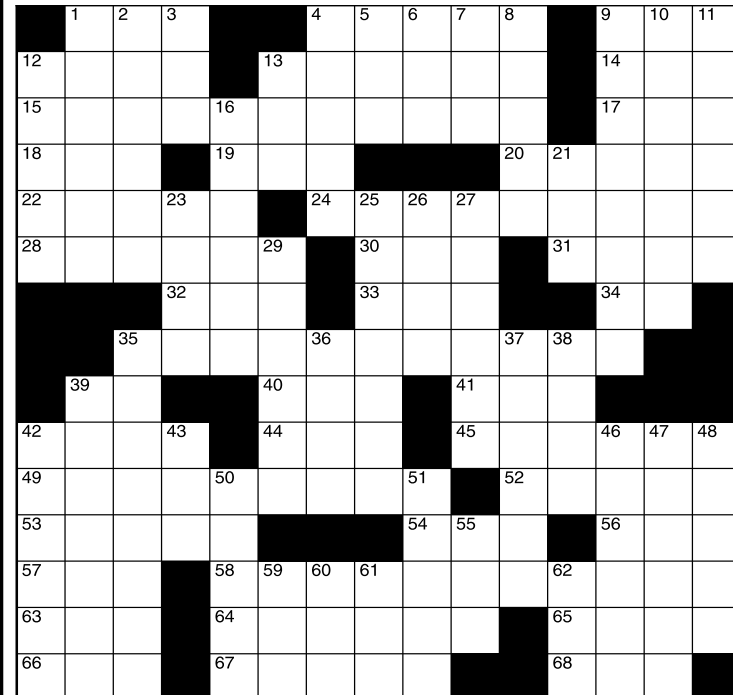
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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- Computer tape measurement
- Chinese province
- A game of marbles
- ____ing Park: Fresno Zoo
- Charters
- Linear scale for film speed
- Redford & Streep movie
- ____ de Janiero
- TV program recorder
- A parcel of land
- Enrich soil
- Gum from the elephant tree
- Caused by inhaling particles of silica
- Counts on
- Veterans' battleground
- A range horse of the western U.S.
- Denotes three
- Young women's association
- Of I
- Mix
- Delaware
- By way of
- Indicates near
- ____al: Post product
- An immature newt
- Pulled vehicle mounted on runners
- A very light white
- Salix viminalis
- Disagreeable sound
- Electronic countermeasures
- Local area network
- A passage with access only at one end
- U. Cal. teams
- Midway between E and SE
- Role model
- ____son hat
- Conducted
- Stalks of tall grasses
- ____ student, learns healing

CLUES DOWN

- Knobby woven fabric
- Tube-nosed sea bird
- Japanese coastal city
- Weightiness
- Paddle
- The 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet
- Former Common Market (abbr.)
- Sir ____ Newton
- Tedious
- Inanely foolish
- Tree filled
- Space exploration vehicle
- ____tian: of the country of Laos
- Aviators
- Absorbent material fastened to a handle
- Very small arachnid
- Thankless person
- Emit coherent radiation
- Pictures of people
- Screens out
- Ran off the tracks
- Present
- Composure
- Neckwear
- Remove lice
- Invalidate
- One point south of due east
- Enlarge or expand
- Adapted something to someone
- Max ____, Dadaist painter
- Norse god of the sea
- Bobbins
- Central nervous system
- A lyric poem
- Side sheltered from the wind
- Father
- Warfare support measures

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Dispatch to add lines

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Deputy Clerk Mary Ann Snethen said the most recent motel room bill she had seen was for \$87 for a room in Wichita. She said when a county employee is reserving a room, they need to tell the motel they are looking for a government rate.

Decided to meet with area contractors on the Kanorad ambulance building project. Tiede said he went over and looked at the building again to check on the drainage. He said there is no extra room in the present building, and because of the design the firemen have to park a couple of the trucks at an angle. The commissioners each agreed to call

a couple of contractors and invite them to the meeting at 8:15 a.m. next Tuesday.

- Commissioner Kevin Rasure asked about the design work on County Road 16, and if Jerol DeBoer, owner of Penco Engineering of Plainville, could update the commissioners on his progress. Commissioner Chuck Thomas suggested meeting with DeBoer out at the site to talk about what needs to be done.

"My concern is we are not getting the discussion from the engineer on the situation," Rasure said.

"I know he is busy, but we can see if we can get him here," Tiede said.

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