

First graders sing about garden

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Weeds are invading the garden and a bunny is feasting on the vegetables. First grade students from North Elementary School sang about their dilemma on Tuesday night at the Goodland High School Auditorium.

The little girls in their brightly colored spring dresses played the flowers, while the boys were the rappin' weeds threatening the garden.

Herb (without the H) pondered the problems of the garden. Scarecrows had solved his problems with crows, but not too much helped with the bunny. Herb decided the way to deal with the weeds was with a hoe down.

A strategy for handling the weeds was in place and the flowers and vegetables of the garden were happy.

Students from Emily Baxmeyer's class were Joel Alanis, Leona Anderson, Dalton Belshe, Ashley Brown, Aracely Bustillos, Logan Cross, Katelynn Frazier, Kaylee Gil-Shaw, Luke Hamilton, Hunter Helton, Garin Ihrig, Veronica Morris, Elipe Olivas, Eddie Perez, Jordan Raby, Caiden Showalter and Ryan Volk.

Students from Janet Davis' class were Zekke Beringer, Oura Chester, Jaquelin Diaz, Shaylena Dudley, Jessi Duell, Noah Fahey, Grace Greene, Austin Hahn, Mikenna Hanevik, Duncan Kroskey, Robert Lawson, Isabell Magana, Mardy Rodgers, Crystal Sharon, Joseph Tompkins and Britanie Weber.

Students from Shelley Kirk's class were Keyli Allen, Jade Artzer, Christopher Berls, Aaron Doyle, Ella Ihrig, Taitem Ketter, Ryan Lallicker, Desmond Purvis, Bryce Raby, Josue Renteria, Rosa Sandoval, Madison Studer, Anthony Urban, Jayden Vallejo, Tavis Vrbka and Bryson West.

Students from Pat Tompson's class were Danielle Black, Michael Gensheer, Zachary Hunter, Chase Johnson, Zachary Lange, Lorena Loomis, Montana Noffsinger, Talon Noffsinger, Talon Poulosom, Kayla Pyle, Landon Reicks, Benjamin Roeder, Teresa Schaffer, Peri Sieck, Jaleigh Smith, Kaitlin Thompson and Toni Villarreal.

Students from Sandra Timm's class were Charizma Black, Alexia Carson, Jalyne Chatmon, Maria Flores, Isaiah Galindo, Cameron Gillen, Marvin Hankins, Katlynn Koel, Antonia Ledesma, Britney Pummer, Benjamin Ramirez, Abigail Rascon-Hernandez, Johana Rodriguez, Miguel Santibanez and Sierra Vandiver.



West Elementary School first grader Duncan Krosky (above) played a weed in the music program on Monday night at the Goodland High School auditorium. The first-graders sang about their garden, and the "weed" boys did a rappin' number with dancing. Peri Sieck (right photo, left) played a flower in the first graders' garden Monday night. A bunny (Katelynn Frazier, right) was eating goodies out of the garden.

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Honor society inducts students

Seventeen students, including three from Goodland and two from St. Francis, have been inducted into the National Technical Honor Society at Northwest Kansas Technical College.

The students, all graduating this year, were chosen by their grade average of 3.0 or above, good attendance and faculty recommendation. Qualifications also include a desire to pursue a career in their field, dependability and leadership qualities. The induction was Tuesday, April 15, at the Student Union.

Goodland students are Juan Miguel Hernandez in electrical technology, Sharona Lander in medical assistant and Cynthia Salmons in business technology.

Students from St. Francis are Mindy Cooper in medical assistant and Jonathan Hawkins in engineering technology.

Handbell choir to perform

The Handbell Ensemble from Bethany College will give a concert at 2 p.m. (Mountain Time) Sunday at the Quinter High School Auditorium, sponsored by Western Plains Arts Association.

Handbells have gathered increasing respect and appreciation in the last decade, moving from the church choir loft into the symphony house. They provide a unique listening experience and an opportunity to observe the coordination the ringers display.

This will be the final event of the association's season. Admission will be by season pass or \$7 for adults and \$3 for children at the door.

State opens call center

The state of Kansas has opened a call center with a toll free number to answer questions people have about their child support cases.

The center opened last September in Halstead, with service implemented by regions, said officials of the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. All of the regions are now finished and the center is ready to handle calls.

Operators should be able to answer most questions the call-

ers have, leaving child support enforcement case workers more time to look for missing parents, establish paternity, and get and enforce child support orders, they said.

The department partnered with USA 800, an employee-owned, inbound customer service firm, to manage the center. The contract required the company to locate the center in a rural Kansas community. The center has hired and trained 35

employees in Halsted.

"The establishment of the call center in Halstead has been a great success," said State Sen. Carolyn McGinn, R-Sedgewick, "creating new jobs within the community and also increasing both access to and efficiency of a valuable state service for all Kansans."

The number (888) 7-KS-CHILD, or (888) 757-2445, or TTY, (888) 688-1666. See the center's website at www.kschild.com.

Tantrums tough to deal with

Children can be tough to deal with when they're unhappy. It's often easier to prevent tantrums than to deal with them once they get going.

Try these tips from the Child Welfare Information Gateway website (www.childwelfare.gov):

- Direct the child's attention to something else.
- Give the child a choice in small matters.
- Stick to a daily routine that balances fun activities with enough rest and healthy food.
- Anticipate when the child will be disappointed.
- Praise the child when he or she shows self-control and expresses feelings with words.

If you cannot prevent a tantrum, here are some tips for dealing with it:

- Say what you expect from the child and have confidence that the child will behave.
- Remain calm. You are a role model for the child.
- Holding a younger child during a tantrum may help him or her feel more secure and calm down more quickly.
- Take the child to a quiet place where he or she can calm down safely. Speak softly or play soft music.

Some children throw tantrums to seek attention. Try ignoring the tantrum, but pay attention to the child after he or she calms down.

Resist overreacting to tantrums and try to keep your sense of humor.

When a child is having a floor-thumping tantrum, the most important thing you can do is remain calm and wait it out. Do not let the child's behavior cause you to lose control, too.

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