

# Task force recommends closing schools

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 A task force studying Goodland School District buildings recommended closing all but two or three of the existing schools, or even building a single new school to serve the county.  
 "USD 352 needs to operate with fewer buildings," said spokesman Stan Cebula, a Sherman County farmer. The group recommended closing and selling the junior high and one grade school, at the least.  
 Without estimates of costs, he said, the group could only make suggestions, add-

ing that another panel might tackle how much each alternative would cost. Those included:  
 • Building a new "K-12" school or expanding the current high school to house all grades.  
 • Building on to North Elementary, where there is room to expand, to handle kindergarten to sixth grade and to the high school to handle seventh to 12th.  
 • A three-school plan, where West Elementary would handle kindergarten to fifth grade, North would handle sixth to eighth, and nine to 12 would remain at the

high school.  
 The group figured that the most salable facility the district has would be the administration building. Offices could be moved to Central Elementary.  
 Grant Junior High needs the most work and would be a good candidate for closure, Cebula said, adding that they figured that it would take some time to sell the building.  
 "Was class size discussed?" asked school board President Dick Short.  
 "We wanted to maintain class size as now," Cebula replied.  
 Superintendent Shelley Angelos said

average class size is under 20 in the early grades.  
 Cebula said with the three-school plan, the district might not need to build any classrooms.  
 Board member Andrew House asked if there was discussion about the other buildings such as the tech building or storage sites. Cebula said there was some.  
 "It was rewarding and challenging to have been on the task force," said Steve West, president of Western State Bank.  
 "This is a community issue," said task force member and farmer Alan Townsend

Members of the task force had met with the site councils from each of the five district schools and had a community forum April 17 to get ideas.  
 Other members included Jessica Cole, a farmer; Tina Goodwin, marketing director at Goodland Regional Medical Center; Jerry Nemecek of Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates engineering; Sara Linton, a dietician at the hospital; and Doug Irvin, an area farmer and businessman.  
 President Short thanked the group.  
 "There are no easy answers," he said.

## Hazardous waste collected



Kenny Griffith (from left), Eric Berquist and Mike Jarmin wore the required protective suits as they opened and poured out cans of oil-based paint at a county household hazardous waste collection on April 19. Griffith handles the program for the county with the help of Daryl West, director of the noxious weed department. Griffith said more than 4,500 pounds of paint and other materials came in. He said the next collection will be from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 12.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

## Tennis program canceled

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 The Goodland School Board voted 4-2 to discontinue the girls and boys tennis program for the 2009-10 school year. Board members Dick Short and John Hendrich voted against the action.

The board did continue tennis for next year as events were already scheduled in the fall and some in the spring. The reason for the suggestion to discontinue of tennis was due to low participation numbers, said Superintendent Shelley Angelos. In the fall of 2003, 13 girls were out for tennis and last fall seven were out. Eight boys were out in the spring of 2004 and four were out this spring.  
 The board decided to look at individual sports as they ended their seasons next year.  
 Limiting the number of sports might make the other more competitive, said board member Chuck Wilkens.  
 The board approved the following coaching contracts for the next

school year for the high school. Head coaches will be Kent Teeter for football, Jerry McKee for volleyball, Wallace Hansen for girls tennis, Connie Livengood for girls golf, Richard Schwasinger for cross country, Brad Bergsma for boys basketball, Don Smith for girls basketball, Joe Sramek for wrestling, Devlin Mull for baseball, Katessa Smith for softball, Teeter for track, McKee for boys tennis and Terry Daise for boys golf. The head supervisor of summer weight training will be Teeter with Donald Raymer assisting.  
 Assistant coaches would be Sramek and Raymer for football, Emily Braxmeyer and Aimee Stoffel for volleyball, Ben Foust for cross country, Raymer for boys basketball, Daise for girls basketball, Steve Evert and Jonathan Whisman for wrestling, David Avila and Ryan Scheopner for baseball, Joy Braun for softball and Raymer, Schwasinger and Mark Hagerman for track.

In the junior high Denise White will be the head coach for eighth grade volleyball with Aileen Raymer assisting, Andy Scheopner will be the head coach for seventh grade volleyball with Anne Madorin assisting, Gregory Craig will be the head coach for eighth grade football with Gary Winter assisting, Travis Witman will be the head coach for seventh grade football with Whisnant assisting, Foust will coach cross country, Witman will be the head coach for eighth grade basketball with Mull assisting, Cleve Trachsel will be the head coach for seventh grade basketball with Char Avila assisting, Traci Waugh will coach cheerleading, Witman will be the eighth grade girls basketball. McKee will be the head coach for seventh grade girls basketball with Julie Dautel assisting, Crieg will be the head coach wrestling and Winter will assist. Craig will be the head coach for track with Foust, Livengood and Waugh assisting.

## Forty KU professors, staff tour Kansas, have dinner near Edson

**By Sharon Corcoran**  
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 Forty University of Kansas staff members tour of Kansas will include a dinner with alumni Tuesday, at the Prairie Castle/Kuhrt Ranch north of Edson.

The dinner is part of the university's 11th annual whirlwind tour of Kansas that covers more than 1,000 miles in five days, and will include professors, deans and other staff members, many of whom are new to the state, from the Lawrence campus, KU Medical Center in Kansas City, KU School of Medicine in Wichita and the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center, a division of KU Continuing Education.  
 Hosted with help from the KU Alumni Association, the dinner will be a chance for alumni in the area to meet with tour participants.  
 Faculty associated with the KU Medical Center and KU Cancer Center will give an update on the university's work to support and improve health care in rural Kansas and efforts to achieve National Cancer Institute designation, through the Midwest Cancer Alliance, which includes Goodland Regional Medical Center.  
 The Northwest Chapter of the KU Alumni Association is led by Jeff Mason, a Goodland attorney with two degrees from KU, a Bachelor

of Arts in political science in 1980 and a Juris Doctorate in 1983. On past tours, similar alumni dinners have been in Liberal, Hutchinson, Concordia, Dodge City and Colby.  
 There is a cost for the dinner, Mason said, and reservations have to be made through Sarah Blaney at (785) 864-9767.  
 The Wheat State Whirlwind Tour will hit the road Monday, visiting more than 20 communities and passing through 30 counties while covering in excess of 1,000 miles of roadway. Stops include Topeka, Barnes, Marysville, Concordia, Lucas, Palco, Goodland, Oakley, Ness City, Hudson, Dodge City,

Spearville, Hutchinson, Inman, Yoder and Cottonwood Falls.  
 Chancellor Robert Hemenway, who started the Wheat State Whirlwind Tour, said the annual trip is an invaluable experience for the participants.  
 "Year after year, the tour has proven to be an outstanding way for KU faculty and staff to get out and learn firsthand what makes this great state tick," he said. "They not only learn about its history, landscape and economy, they get a better understanding of where KU's students come from and meet some great people along the way."  
 It was organized several years

ago, Mason said, to acquaint the professors and associate professors with where their students come from and what those towns are like, and they try to get to all four corners of the state each year.  
 Margey Frederick, director of special events and visitor services, said the tour is an opportunity for KU employees to discover Kansas' hidden treasures and enhance their knowledge while having fun.  
 "Anyone who has gotten off the beaten path and really explored Kansas can tell you there is enough beauty and history in this state to supply a lifetime of traveling," she said.  
 The third day of the trip will begin from Goodland and head to the bronze buffalo in Oakley. The larger-than-life statue, on west Sec-

ond St. near the U.S. Highway 83 bypass, was created by artist Charlie Norton of Leoti. It depicts Buffalo Bill Cody atop his horse pursuing a bull buffalo.  
 The bus will wander off Highway 83 to give riders a look at the Monument Rocks in Gove County. Recently named one of the Eight Wonders of Kansas, the rocks were the first natural formation chosen by the Department of the Interior as a National Natural Landmark.  
 To view daily itineraries, maps of this year's route and photos of previous tours, visit [www.wheat-state.ku.edu](http://www.wheat-state.ku.edu). During the tour, visit [www.ku.edu](http://www.ku.edu) for a blog detailing the experiences of this year's tour participants, photos from stops and updates on the tour.

## Having cake, ice cream can help arts council

Have your cake and ice cream, too, along with chicken enchiladas and mini corn dogs, and help raise money for the Goodland Arts Council this month.  
 During May, you can place an order from a special Schwan's Foods catalog, said Kay Younger, Carnegie Arts Center director, and 30 percent of the proceeds will help support the arts in Goodland.  
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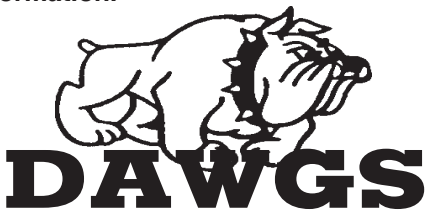
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