

# New school could cost up to \$20 million

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Superintendent Shelly Angelos told the Goodland School Board it might cost between \$10 million and \$20 million to build a new school.  
Board members said at the meeting Monday, June 9, that they weren't sure that that would work.  
The board discussed a study on moving the junior high students to the high school, adding that the structural soundness of the high school should be checked. Board member Andrew House said he would like

to see a design and cost proposal.  
Angelos said it would save around \$100,000 a year to move the junior high students and close the building, the oldest in the district.  
Board President Dick Short asked the board members if they wanted to continue to study the move. Each of the board member agreed that if the move was going to be done, the preliminary work needs to be started so decisions can be made.  
Angelos told the board that the staff had decided to till up a bad spot on the football field and put down sod.

She said that 4,500 square feet of blue grass had been laid at a cost of \$1,344. The grass is a type that is used for golf courses.  
Goodland High School Principal Sharon Gregory reported on the schedule at the high school for next year. She said that the activity period would be moved to the end of the day except for Wednesday. She said upper-level classes, labs and hands-on classes would be on more of a block schedule.  
"I don't have a final schedule and not every teacher knows for sure what they will be teaching," Gregory said. "The schedule will add 52 minutes per class time with an

instructor over the school year."  
She said there would be no Channel One with current events and no reading time and the seminar period will be used for activities.  
In other business, the board:  
• Heard a report that there had been vandalism on the west side of Max Jones Fieldhouse, where graffiti had been spray painted on the brick. It was cleaned up as fast as possible, Superintendent Angelos said.  
• Paid \$147,106 in bills.  
• Heard that the district is still looking for a high school industrial arts teacher and a

combination fifth- and sixth-grade teacher at North Elementary.  
• Approved a Head Start agreement, which was the same as last year. The agreement allows the preschool program to use the cafeteria at North Elementary School.  
• Had a five-minute closed-door session to discuss personnel matters.  
• Hired Katie Fulwider as a first-grade teacher at West Elementary and Calli McDaniel as special education secretary.  
The board will meet to organize for the year and elect officers at 7 p.m. on Monday at the Administration Building, 1312 Main Ave.

## Truck rolls over, blocks eastbound traffic



Donna Howard, driving a 2006 Kenworth for John Christner Trucking of Oklahoma, was hauling frozen foods Thursday, when she rolled her truck on I-70 8 miles west of Goodland, blocking both eastbound lanes, forcing traffic to be diverted to the median. She ran off the road and then overcorrected, said Sheriff Kevin

Butts; the accident happened at 1:10 p.m., and it took a couple of hours to get the lanes open again. Howard refused medical care at the scene, Butts said, but was later taken to the hospital in a private vehicle. Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

## Goodland billboard hit by Salina tornado

**By Sharon Corcoran**  
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One of the Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau's billboards was destroyed by a tornado Wednesday, June 11, but the firm that owns the sign should pay for the repairs.  
The bureau's board found out at its regular meeting last Tuesday, when Director Donna Price told them she had gotten several calls about the billboard near Salina. Price said she hasn't seen it, but people who have called and told her the tornado

knocked it down.  
The bureau leases the board from Lamar Advertising, she said, and they are responsible for repairs. They will fix the billboard and replace the vinyl, she said, and it will hopefully be back up in a month to six weeks.  
It could take awhile, she added, since they had a lot of billboards damaged in the storms.  
Finger on the Weather, a Wichita Eagle website, said the EF3 tornado touched down just west of I-135 and just south of the Salina Airport about 9:40 p.m. Central Time.

## School gets technology for less than last year

Karla Murray, head of technology for the Goodland School District, told the school board her proposed budget of \$220,000 for next year was \$35,000 less than last year because she should be able to get what she needs for next year with less money.  
The top of her list for next year is a network rebuild, she said at a meeting June 9. The switches that connect computer stations and the servers will be replaced. It will increase speed between buildings for data and five times more data can be moved within the high school to the technology building, allowing students to do video.  
She said she plans to buy two "smart boards," electronic devices that replace blackboards, one for North Elementary and one for West, at a cost of \$1,500 each, and 16 interactive whiteboards, which work like an electronic blackboard, at a cost of \$500 each to use in fourth to 12th grade. On smart boards, she said, kids can use their hand as pointers instead of using a pointer.  
Murray said that students in the 21st Century Technology class will need to buy insurance for \$21 each

on their laptops. The district will need 12 desktop computers for the computer graphics class and \$6,700 worth of software. The software would be good for several years.  
They also need projectors for last year's teachers and the new teachers who take the laptop initiative.  
The board voted to seek bids for the network switching technology, and on 38 computers for students and 17 for staff.  
The bid review committee of Andrew House and John Hendrich was to open the bids at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, June 18, and will announce the winner at the next meeting of the school board, at 7 p.m. Monday at the administration building.

## Economic development vacancy filled

**By Tom Betz**  
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Three candidates were nominated to fill a vacancy on the Sherman County Economic Development Council, and Tuesday the council interviewed two of the three and chose one to recommend to the county commissioners for approval.  
Larry Keirns, retired president of the Northwest Technical College, was elected from the three candidates. The other two were Pete Paholek, a retired plumber, and Bill Finley, an instructor at the college.  
Paholek and Keirns were at the meeting, and each talked about why they would be a good council member.  
Paholek said he has been in Goodland for about five years, and that he retired here from Colorado by way of Nebraska.  
"I am the last of my breed," he said. "I am a full-fledged contract builder. I think I am a guy who can get things done. My biggest problem

is I jump in and get it done without a lot of discussing. You name it, I have done it."  
"I have been all over the country. I think I would be an asset."  
Council member Don Newell of S&T Communications asked Paholek what had attracted him to Goodland.  
"I had been in Colorado and been through Goodland in the '60s," Paholek said. "I might have been here earlier, but spent some time in Nebraska."  
"We got too many people leaving, and I want to help turn that around. The kids need something to do. We need to get people to come here, and we need to give them a place to work and places to do business."  
He said he was glad to see the new skate park taking shape, and he thinks that a business should take advantage of things like the skate park.  
"We need to tell people they can come to Goodland and it doesn't flood," he said.

Paholek said he has played the violin since he was a kid, and that he does not want to sit and do nothing.  
"I want to help and get out and do what I can do to help."  
Keirns said he has been in Goodland since 1960. He taught business courses and DECA at Goodland High School and moved to the vocational technical school in 1964. As director and later president, he oversaw the expansion of the school from 1966 to 2001, when he retired after 37 years.  
"We started with two buildings," he said. "Now the school has 23, and we got approved as a technical college during my last year. I am pleased with that."  
Keirns said he helped organize an economic development group back in 1970. He said the banks pledged \$10,000 each for five years and that is how the industrial park west of K-27 was purchased.  
"I want to be of benefit and get something done in the industrial

park," he said. "We tried to pass a one-quarter-percent sales tax to building a building at that time. I am sorry it did not pass. I think it should have been done. I think it (industrial park) would be filled today."  
Chuck Wilkens, council chairman, said the council would do a vote and get back to the candidates.  
Danny Archer, a council member from Finley Motor, said he knew Bill Finley, who is an instructor at the Technical College, and said he knew he was a good man and he would be an asset.  
"He is still in the tech college," Archer said, "and an area we do not want to ignore."  
The council conducted a written ballot vote, and Keirns was declared the winner. The vote was 7 for Keirns and 1 for Finley.  
Keirns will fill the vacancy created with the resignation of Darwin McClung, who moved to Wichita.

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### student of the week



**Name:** Kaitlin Fugleberg  
**Parents:** Brian and Nancy Fugleberg  
**Grade:** 11  
**Age:** 16

various club activities. My favorite memories from GHS will be all the fun tennis trips.  
**Activities involved in at school:** Tennis, band, X-Pressos, AFS, NHS, FCS, GAA, and the Musical.  
**My choice of movies, books, and games:** My favorite movies are "Pirates of the Caribbean" and "Princess Bride". I like listening to Casting Crowns, and my favorite games are Cranium and Pit.  
**After I leave Goodland High School I intend to ...:** go to college.  
**And 10 years from now, I think I'll be ...:** happy and successful.  
**Favorite Quote:** "Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life." Proverbs 4:23

**We've nominated this student because:** She is always prepared, excels in the classroom, and is a good citizen and quiet leader.  
**Student Comment:** My favorite classes at GHS have been Math and Spanish. I've enjoyed participating in the Musicals and

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