

## Helping out while on holiday break



Two former Cowboys Tanner Oharah (far right on trombone) and Devin Mangus (second from left on trumpet) were home on holiday vacation from college and showed up Friday night to play

with the Cowboys Pep Band at the Cowgirls and Cowboys basketball games with Lakin. Mangus said he would probably play a few songs, and ended up playing for most of the games.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

## Supplemental farm program announced

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has implemented the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments program through the 2008 Farm Bill, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said recently.

He encouraged farmers to visit their Farm Service Agency county office beginning on Jan. 4, to participate in the program if they suffered crop production losses during the 2008 crop year.

"This program is an important component of the farm safety net and will provide financial assistance to farmers who have suffered crop losses due to natural disasters,"

Vilsack said. "Farmers will receive payments beginning in January, in time to help them with planning for next year's crop."

Supplemental Revenue Assistance provides crop disaster assistance payments to eligible farmers on farms that have incurred crop production or crop quality losses. For more information on the new supplement payment program, visit your local Farm Service Agency office at 210 W. 10th, phone (785) 699-3070, or check out information on the web at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

## Commissioners keep chairman

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Nemecheck said St. Francis and Colby have buildings, and admits it would be more labor intensive than what the county is doing now. However, the additional items being held out of the landfill would reduce the county costs, he said.

He said the county would have to have a baler to handle the plastic and cardboard. He said a small baler could be leased for \$1 a year.

Thomas suggested the commissioners take a look at the building in Colby.

Way said he was planning to pay off two motor graders to help his

budget. He said it would save some interest by paying them off.

Strnad said it sounded reasonable to pay these off rather than do a purchase.

"Your budget has been well managed," she said.

Thomas asked about the chip seal on old U.S. 24.

Way said he would have to look at getting a company in here to handle that.

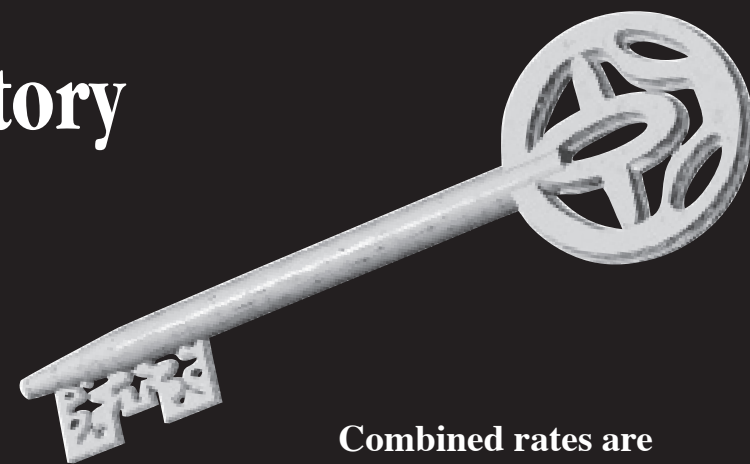
The commissioners approved a change in the mileage reimbursement rate lowering it from 55 cents a mile to 50 cents a mile as recommended by the Internal Revenue Service.

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