



Molly Hernandez (top left) tries to get couch potatoes Tavern Stockman and Tray Brown to go outside and get away from remote controls for games and shows. Peyton Fenner (above) and Nickole Snethen talk about how much work school is and how much they need a vacation. A group of girls (bottom left) that have been through the lunch line and gotten their pizza think the boys are looking at them instead of salivating over the pizza. In the group of girls are Demi Mitchek (far left), Josselin Hernandez, Layne Goodwin and Nicole Gerber.

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## Fourth grade sings, performs

Central Elementary School's fourth grade classes sang, danced and did short skits for family and friends at their program, "The Fabulous Fourth Singers," on Tuesday night at the Goodland High School Auditorium.

The kids sang about feeling good about themselves and how over-worked they were and how they needed a vacation.

In a skit, their teacher was giving them the run down on how many tests they had to take or work to be done. As a group was taking a social studies test the principal would make announcements with the answers imbedded in them.

The girls at the lunch line were so convinced that the boys were looking at them. The boys talking amongst themselves were talking about how hungry they were and how good the pizza looked with the sausage, cheese and thick crust and how worried they were that there would be no pizza left for them.

Students from Karen Loudon's class are Levi Archer, Kit Boyington, Tray Brown, Reyes Bustillos, Jesus Diaz, Dawson Ensign, Carrienne Farrow, Coda Gerber, Adriana Gonzales, Julio Hernandez, Elke Kernal, Demi Mitchek,

Parker Nemechek, Chelsea Phillips, Katie Purvis, Zane Shores, Danielle Snyder, Keaton Tesmer and Lucas Wood.

Members of Marilyn Sowers' class are Evin Bergquist, Devinee Borgmann, Rumello Bustillos, Fena Flores, Layne Goodwin, Nash Jarrett, Zachary Jones, Javier Marin, Jacob McClary, Ellee McDaniel, Kerri Moyerm, Brandt Mull, Morgan Pritchard, Betsua Santana, Darby Seeger, Shania Smith, Tavean Stockman and Emily Whisnant.

Jona Neufeld's class is made up of Katie Brighton, Hannah Eslinger, Renae Hageman, Tucker Harkins, Wence Hendrich, Josselyn Hernandez, Molly Hernandez, Devin Jipping, Luis Ledesma, Kayleigh McCombs, Elizabeth Mueller, Austin Neufeld, Evan Peter, Logan Ratcliff, Dawson Raymer, Michael Scott, Blaine Sederstrom and Powell Sieck.

Rachel Stasser's students are J.P. Armstrong, Drake Buchanan, Nickole Snethen, Peyton Fenner, Christopher Bamboa, Joshua Garcia, Shawna Goodman, Levi House, Brooke Keim, Gavin Linnell, Rafael Macias, Hailey Medrano, Hannah Mickelson, Saje Miller, Peyton Sieck, Emily Smith, Mikayla Stoffel, Kaitlyn Townsend and Skyler Warren.

The music teacher for the group was Char Avila and the principal Harvey Swager.

## Northwest Tech gets excellent review from commission

Northwest Kansas Technical College received an excellent final report Tuesday morning following a visit and review by the Higher Learning Commission, said Dr. Ed Mills, college president.

Dr. Mills was thrilled to make the announcement to the faculty and staff, telling the audience the college was given an excellent review by the Higher Learning Commission.

Northwest Tech completed their Focused Visit by the Commission Tuesday morning with great reviews.

"We will always have to work to stay on the path toward continuous improvement, it is evident the hard work our faculty and staff have done thus far has been solidly recognized," said Dr. Mills.

In the United States, schools and colleges voluntarily seek accreditation from nongovernmental bodies, Mills said. There are two types of education accreditation: Institutional and specialized. Institutional accreditation is provided by regional and national associations of schools and colleges.

There are six regional associa-

tions and Northwest Tech is part of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The North Central Association of Colleges was founded in 1895 for the purpose of establishing close relations between the colleges and secondary schools of the region, he said.

Throughout its history, the Association has been committed to

the improvement of education at all levels through evaluation and accreditation.

Accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission provides assurance to the public, in particular to prospective students, Dr. Mills said, that Northwest Kansas Technical College has been found to meet the agency's requirements and

criteria. The accreditation provides public certification of acceptable institutional quality. The commission reaches the conclusion that a college or university meets the criteria only after the organization opens itself to outside examination by experienced evaluators familiar with higher education accrediting requirements.

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The State of Kansas' \$400,000,000 budget deficit will be the focus of the town hall meeting. Questions will be generated from the health care, education, transportation and agriculture sectors of Sherman County.

PLAN ON ATTENDING TO VOICE YOUR CONCERN

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**Benefit Soup Supper and Dance for Blayze Bahe**

**March 6, 2010 at Goodland Elks Lodge**

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