

# Legislators have no quick fix

Senator Ralph Ostmeyer and Representative Jim Morrison were in town for a town hall meeting on Saturday at the Goodland High School Auditorium. Around 100 people attended the early morning event.

Ostmeyer and Morrison were not encouraged about how the state was going to make up a \$500 million shortfall in revenues.

With the census and the declining population in this part of the state, Ostmeier said he did not know what it would do to their seats. After the census the legislature is reapportioned according to population.

Ostmeyer said that with the current make up of the legislature, he has been able to fight off more consolidation. Consolidation that is being proposed is mostly for school districts in the eastern part of the state, he said. School districts in the area that might be on the list could include Brewster and Golden Plains.

Morrison said the state cuts are hurting the basic institutions of the community, namely the hospital and schools. On Monday, he said, Medicaid was taking a 21 percent cut.

"I don't want to cut people pro-

grams," said Morrison.

Ostmeyer said he was disappointed when the state closed the National Guard Armory in Goodland. He didn't think there was any possibility of its coming back.

He thinks the legislative session will be a long one.

"We don't know where the bottom of the shortfall is," he said. "Next year we will have another hole to fill. I think it will be a combination of taxes and cuts in spending."

Morrison said that the state must downsize. He said he would support an increase in the sales tax if money is put back into Medicare and Medicaid.

In the open forum, Ken Klemm of the Buffalo Guys asked the pair about the state employees retirement program. Ostmeier said there is no doubt that KPERS is in trouble. Perhaps, he said, people should not be able to retire as soon as they have been able to.

John Sanders asked if Ostmeier and Morrison knew the government is headed down the road of socialism. He wanted them to recognize the trend and try to help stop the snowball.

# Horsemen's day features Cambridge couple

The High Plains Horsemen's Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, at the Logan County Fairgrounds at Oakley. The featured clinicians are a husband and wife team from Cambridge, Neb., Steve and Jeanne Mueller. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. (Mountain Time).

Steve has been involved in horses from an early age. Early on he had an open mind on handling horses and studied the effectiveness of current methods. Always seeking better methods of horse handling, he quickly adapted to the natural horsemanship method. Steve has worked hard to earn many accomplishments in his lifetime including: qualifying for the Mid-States Rodeo Association Finals multiple times and winning an average award, he is the 2004 United States Calf Roping Association World Champion and the 2005 Reserve United States Calf Roping World Champion and he also teaches eager students in the colt starting class at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture-Curtis, Nebraska.

Jeanne has been running barrels

since early childhood. Although barrels and other speed events were her favorites growing up, she has shown and competed in all spectrums of the western horse world. She has been training her own horses since she started competing and has won many champion awards as well as placing at many of the top barrel futurities in the nation, including: The Speedhorse, BFA Futurities, The Lazy E Futurity, and the Nebraska Open Futurity.

Steve and Jeanne do not employ negativity in their training of horses or coaching of riders. They always find the positive and build upon that. The Muellers have a strong belief that "A Positive Attitude is what it takes to develop A Winning Attitude."

They show how to go through ground working basics with colts, how to effectively use your leg cues with the horse and how to achieve a finished horse.

For more information or to pre-register for this event contact Sunflower Extension Office at (785) 890-4880.

## No more film



Ryan Stauffer of Claco Equipment and Service of Salt Lake City put the final touches on installation of the new screen at The Sherman Theatre, 1203 Main. The theater has been closed most of the week to install a new digital system to show movies. That

update signals the end of movies on film. The theater will have its first movie in the new format on Friday evening.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

# Adults, students visit from Waterford, Wis.

By Elaine Felver

*Sponsor of AFS at Goodland High School*

To paraphrase Shakespeare: two communities, both alike in dignity, in northwest Kansas where we lay our scene, came together by way of an AFS short-term exchange program on Thursday through Sunday, Feb. 25 to 28, to discover, not ancient grudges, but rather what the towns have in common.

Hosted by AFS Goodland, the 12 students and two adults from Waterford, Wis., who ate potluck and then went home with their host families also participated in outings to help acquaint them with aspects of the community. Waterford AFS sponsor Lou Ann Brandstetter noted, "These short-term exchanges allow those of us who can't go abroad to see a different part of our own country's culture and heritage. They also give exchange students a more accurate picture of the U.S. not just what

they see every day in the area in which they're placed." Included in the group from Wisconsin were two from Germany, Veronika Fehmann and Linda Holler, and Robert Schibli from Switzerland.

On Friday, Goodland High School Activities Director Don Smith, himself a host father several times over, welcomed the group. Student Council President Ismael Garcia greeted and released them to attend morning classes at the high school. Later, Brady Philbrick and Jeannie Irvin, motored the visitors to Farris Custom Cutting, Scoular, and the Van Gogh Sunflower. They all got a chance to mix when Jeannie and Doug Irvin opened their doors for a social. Saturday brought a visit to the museum, photo scavenger hunts around town, tag in the park and line dancing conducted by Linda Enfield, Toni Becker, Bert Carr, Steve McCall and Regi Woodard. The mini lock-in at the high school

concluded the planned events and prizes were awarded to the teams who discovered the historical data uncovered during the scavenger hunt.

Goodlanders Carly McCracken and Chantel Coates observed, "Playing tag in the park was just great!" while Trace Waugh stated, "I've had a blast with it all." Stephen Buller, Jacquelyn Gulley, Abby Jolly, Carmen Meeder, Adam Myers, J.L. Pourin, Savanna Short, and Nicolette Wallis also participated.

Coates hosted Emma Wishau and Amada Borkowski. Other AFS members who provided hospitality included J.J. Farris, Caleb Fugleberg, Jed Gray, Ben, Day

and Trace Waugh, Hiroki Sakurai, Jon and Elaine Felver. The adults Lou Ann Brandstetter and Terrie Morrical who overnighted with Mary and Cliff Porterfield said. "People in Goodland have been very friendly."

## corrections

In the front page story "Winners honored at annual event" on the Friday, Feb. 19 edition of the *The Goodland Star-News* it said the Conservation Banquet was served by the ladies of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Connie Waldman and Regina Woodard of WW Catering served the meal. The error was due to incorrect information given to the reporter.

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Quarterly Water sample results collected 10/13/09 showed nitrate levels of 13 mg/L. This is above the federal nitrate standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL). Nitrate in drinking water is a serious health concern for infants less than six months old. **DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS UNDER SIX MONTHS OLD OR USE IT TO MAKE INFANT FORMULA**

**What should I do?**

- DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS.** Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome. Blue baby syndrome is indicated by blueness of the skin. Symptoms in infants can develop rapidly, with health deteriorating over a period of days. If symptoms occur, seek medical attention immediately.
- Water, juice, and formula for children under six months of age should not be prepared with tap water. Bottled water or other water low in nitrates should be used for infants until further notice.
- DO NOT BOIL THE WATER.** Boiling, freezing, filtering, or letting water stand does not reduce the nitrate level. Excessive boiling can make the nitrates more concentrated, because nitrates remain behind when the water evaporates.
- Adults and children older than six months can drink the tap water (nitrate is a concern for infants because they can't process nitrates in the same way adults can.) However, if you are pregnant or have specific health concerns, you may wish to consult your doctor.

**What happened? What is being done?**

- Nitrate in drinking water can come from natural, industrial, or agricultural sources (including septic systems and run-off). Levels of nitrate in drinking water can vary throughout the year. We'll let you know when the amount of nitrate is again below the limit.
- You were initially notified of high nitrate levels on 12/23/08. Since that time we have been monitoring the nitrate concentration every three months. Seasonal fluctuations in nitrate concentrations have been observed, it appears that high nitrates occur during the later summer and fall. We are investigating water treatment and other options at this time.

For more information, please contact Doug Gerber, City Manager or Rich Simon, Superintendent of Public Works by phone at 785-890-4500 or by mail at 204 W. 11th, PO Box 59, Goodland, KS 67735.

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