



Central Elementary School third graders Jordan Raby (from left), Ryan Lalicher and Christopher Berls checked out the new dictionaries they received from the Goodland Elks Lodge.

Photo by Zona Price

Third graders get dictionaries

For the seventh year the Goodland Elks Lodge provided "Webster Student Dictionaries" to 63 third graders at Central Elementary School.

During this time the lodge has given students more than 496 dic-

tionaries.

This project was started by March French in South Carolina and has branched out so that many organizations in the country have begun to give dictionaries to students. More than 2.3 million dictionaries have

been distributed.

The goal is to help students become good writers, active readers and creative thinkers by having their own dictionary. This is just one more effort to improve literacy within our community and country.

With the students' own personal dictionary, they will benefit from the "power of words" and become more self-reliant and have more self-esteem.

Committee wins award

The Goodland Chapter of Ducks Unlimited received the "Canada Goose Flight" award at the state convention of Kansas Ducks Unlimited held recently at Hutchinson. Each year outstanding chapter committees are recognized for their fund raising and activity. Area chair Bill Jenkins received the carved wood decoy representing achievement of a 15 percent increase in funds raised for the 2009 event year.

The award is given to those chapters attaining a growth in dollars and adult members from 15 percent or greater for the hosted events in three consecutive years.

Additionally the Goodland chapter was recognized as a Top 100 Ducks Unlimited chapter nationally. There are over 3,500 chapters throughout the U.S. Kansas placed three chapters in the Top 100. Joining Goodland were the Wichita and Johnson County chapters.

The Goodland chapter has been operating since 2005 with 243 members and 15 active committee

members.

Ducks Unlimited is a world leader in wetland habitat restoration, preservation and management impacting over 11 million acres across North America. Wetlands are critical for clean water, flood mitigation and as habitat for waterfowl and over 600 species of wildlife. Donations are tax deductible.

"Ducks Unlimited chapters throughout Kansas are showing that the future of waterfowl populations and wetlands that filter our drinking water are important to them and their communities," Ducks Unlimited State Chairman Roger Zettl said during the convention.

"The stronger the efforts to raise money to conserve and preserve our wetlands, the closer we are to preserving our waterfowl hunting heritage. I would like to personally thank all our Kansas chapters for their hard work and dedication in a volunteer effort to support the Ducks Unlimited goals."

Historic site invites hikers

With spring encouraging more outdoor activities, Fort Larned National Historic Site invites anyone who enjoys walking or jogging in a natural setting to consider doing these activities on the park's history and nature trail.

The trail winds its way along the Pawnee River woodland and on through the restored prairie. Superintendent Kevin McMurry encourages everyone who wants to blend nature and history with their physical fitness program to stop by the Visitor Center after 7:30 a.m. for directions and a trail brochure.

If you enjoy bird watching, ask for the bird check list. Shorter routes between the Fort and picnic area or

around the Fort's parade ground are available for walkers.

Fort Larned visitor hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) everyday, trail users are welcome at 6:30 a.m. when gates are opened. Visitor parking is available at the marked gravel lot before crossing the bridge. Park gates are locked at 4:00 p.m.

Fort Larned National Historic Site is located six miles west of Larned on Kansas Highway 156. Admission is free.

Information on visiting Fort Larned is on the internet at www.nps.gov/fols, or by calling (620) 285-6911, or email to fols_superintendent@nps.gov.

corrections

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DCI Digital Cinema Sherman 1203 Main - Phone 899-5103

Nightly 7 p.m.. Ends Thursday

Percy Jackson (PG)

Starts Friday 7 PM:

Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG)

Dinner theater raises money for center



The butler Marty Melia polishes glasses while Linda Rummel (front left) and Crystal Hernandez chat as part of their characters in the dinner theater put on by the Arts Council to raise money to support the Carnegie Arts Center on Saturday and Sunday at the Goodland Elks.

Photo by Tom Betz
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CONTRACT MOWER WANTED

The City of Goodland is accepting bids for contract mowing services for the 2010 season. Interested individuals must be at least 18 years of age and carry a minimum of \$1,000,000 in liability insurance. The individual must be able to work on an "as needed" basis with the City when contracted to mow specific properties. Bid Specifications can be picked up at City Hall at 204 West 11th Street. Please submit your bid to the Planning Director/Building Official's Office at City Hall by March 25, 2010 at 10:00 AM. Bids should be based on an hourly rate. Bids will be opened on March 25, 2010 at 11:00 AM. Bid award will take place at the following Commission Meeting, April 5, 2010. The City of Goodland is an E.O.E.



Relay For Life Benefit Dance

Saturday, April 3 at the ELKS.
6 p.m.-12 a.m. MT

\$10 tickets are available at Kears or at the door the night of.

Scott King- DJ

Door Prizes given away every hour!
Bar will be open.



All proceeds go to The Relay For Life.



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Sunday, March 28 from 1-4 p.m. MDT

1555 West Hwy 24, (3 1/2 miles west of Goodland)
Property to be sold at auction on April 24th. For complete sale bill go to our web site: www.goodlandhomestead.com or contact

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