



Ryleigh Paxton is Red Chief in the all-kids theater production of "The Ransom of Red Chief" at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Goodland High School Auditorium. There is no admission charge but donations will be accepted.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Kids theater to be on Sunday

By Pat Schiefen

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The all-kids theater production of "The Ransom of Red Chief" will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 22, at the Goodland High School Auditorium.

The play is about two drifters who decide to get rich quick by kidnapping the nephew of the richest man in town. The nephew, Red Chief, is the terror of the town. Red Chief is such a pain that the kidnappers can't wait to get rid of her. Her uncle

refuses to pay the ransom and in a note tell the kidnappers that they must pay him to take her back. The audience will see what the fate of Red Chief will be.

Thirteen kids from the third to the eighth grade make up the cast. They have been practicing since the middle of June. The play is adapted from an O. Henry short story.

The cast includes Ryleigh Paxton as Red Chief, Nolan Deeds as kidnapper Sam Blake, Alex Goodwin as kidnapper Bill Driscoll, Cienna

Brannick as Mrs. Miller and Jane Chandler, Grace Cole as Miss Russell, Henry Cole as Billy Hank, Dawson Ensign as Constable Jones, Elizabeth Fulcher as Miss Oliver, Grace Greene as Abigail, Colter Klemm as Mr. Rudge, Levi Klemm as Ebenezer Dorset, Demi Mitcheek as Ellie and Chelsea Phillips as Susan.

This is the 10th year from the Little City Theater Productions. The directors of the play are Tina Goodwin and Jessica Cole.

Historical society meets with county about budget

By Tom Betz

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Representatives from the Sherman County Historical Society met with the Sherman County commissioners on Tuesday to ask for a reconsideration on the major budget cut and got an agreement for a smaller cut for next year.

Curtis Hurd, Connie Hatcher and Marsha Smith were present to represent the historical society.

"We are here to plead our case," Hurd said. "The purpose of the historical society - in the boards view - is the gathering and preservation of the history of Sherman County.

"We have a historical house on Center Ave., and use that house as a tool in the gathering and preservation of the history. Your funding has been a big part of helping keep that open. County money has been used for maintenance.

"The house was bought back in 2001, for \$115,000 and we have paid it off."

Hurd said the most recent improvement was a new driveway for \$8,500, and that money came through donations and dues. He said the house brings people to town, and it is advertised on I-70 and in other magazines.

"We print many things that are for sale at the house," he said, "some cds and the Sherman County historical books. The money is from dues and donations.

"We need your money. We can live with less."

Smith handed the commissioners a list of the publications that are for sale.

"We get requests from other historical societies around the state and from people," she said.

Commissioner Cynthia Strnad said she has all three historical books.

"Have you got the fourth one?" Smith said.

"We feel we bring people to town," Hatcher said. "The museum and Van Gogh stop the people at the edge of the city, but we feel we bring people into town."

Smith said the historical house has been used for weddings, parties, club meetings and other events.

Hurd said most of the capital improvements have been completed on the house. He said the historical society has a research center located in the Davis building across from Rasure Lumber, and they pay \$200 a month for that.

"We feel these are important to the preservation of history," he said. "We would like to be included like we have been in the past. As I said we can live with less, but not down to \$1,000."

"At least with telling people we were going to cut we have heard from a lot of people who have sat there waiting for their check," Strnad said.

"I guess I should have come to a meeting and explain what we wanted," Hurd said. "We sent a letter, but probably should have come to a meeting. That is my fault. We are very visible in what we do."

Strnad asked about the school house and the Kidder Massacre site.

"The school house is a sore point," Hurd said.

He said the Historical Preservation Alliance, a branch of the historical society, is working on the Kidder site.

On the school house Hurd said the building was given to the county years ago and then deeded to the city.

"We do maintenance on that building," he said. "We painted it, put a new floor in the lobby and put in a ramp. We get no support from the city museum. We are working with the city to determine where we begin and where we end."

"I do not feel we should spend our money and not be reimbursed. The city did find the paperwork. We open it every morning and close it every night."

Strnad said she thought the school house was part of the museum.

Commissioner Chuck Thomas asked if the city runs the museum.

Hurd said the museum is the city operation.

"People tell me not to raise their taxes," Strnad said. "They do not want us to spend money on what they see as special interest groups that are not a function of government. We have to find this line where we don't raise taxes."

Hurd asked what is a special interest group.

"It is a group that has supporters and is not directly operated from the government," Strnad said. "We see cuts from the feds and state and now down to us. We have to decide what becomes a special interest group."

"If we cannot keep the funding the house would have to go up for sale," Hatcher said.

Hurd said he thought the state law on historical society funding says "shall."

Thomas said the state laws says the county "may" fund a historical society.

"All we can ask is to get what we can," Hurd said.

Strnad asked what the historical society feels they can get by with.

Hurd said he had given the commissioners a list showing the proposed budget and asking the county for about \$11,000.

The commissioners thanked Hurd, Hatcher and Smith for coming.

Later in the budget work session the commissioners decided to give the historical society about \$9,400 for next year a cut of about 33 percent from the \$14,000 they got this year.

Solar energy expert to speak at Colby College class

Wind farms and small wind turbines are increasingly the alternative energy source of choice for Kansas residents, but a solar expert will talk about that option during a class session in Colby on Tuesday, Aug. 24.

Colby Community College instructor Tom Moorhous will present other alternative energy sources in his Introduction to Energy Technologies course scheduled to begin on Monday, Aug. 23. The class AE 276 will meet for one week from 5:30-9:00 p.m. (Mountain Time) in room 710 in the Bedker building located on the southwest corner of the Colby campus.

"I am pleased Chris Fox, one of the area's premiere experts in the solar photovoltaic industry will be speaking to the class on Tuesday, Aug. 24," said Moorhous. "He will have a mini hands-on solar lab for

those in the class. He will be bringing the basic parts to demonstrate solar systems and how they can be utilized by residential and commercial customers."

Fox is co-owner and community education director of Namaste Solar located in Denver. He began working in the solar industry in California prior to joining the Namaste team in early 2007. He was a system installer in California and now works as a system designer. During the installation phase of his career, Fox installed more than 100 photovoltaic systems on homes and businesses.

Namaste is a community values-based company that places a great deal of emphasis on community education. Fox shares his depth of experience by helping solar system owners understand the "nuts and bolts" of the installation process. He

completed a three-day workshop on solar at the University of Colorado in Boulder earlier this month.

"Fox will demonstrate solar equipment including the basic parts and how they work," said Moorhous. "He will answer questions regarding costs and potential rebates and incentives for solar power. This will be a very hands-on lab with one of the leading experts in the industry. Community members are welcome to attend."

To enroll in the one credit-hour class call the Colby Community College admissions department at (785) 460-4690.

For information about this one-week class or the alternative energy program call Tom Moorhous at (785) 460-5534.

corrections

In the story "Board hears from college" on Page 3 of Friday, Aug. 13, edition of *The Goodland Star-News* the number of students enrolled at Northwest Tech should have been 352 instead of 235. This

was due to a reporting error.

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District Traffic

The following fines have been paid in the Sherman County District Court.

June 6: Jennifer L. Linne, speed-

ing, \$153.50; no child seat belt, \$60.

June 7: Steven L. Oiler, unlawful parking, \$147.50.

June 8: Vanessa Rodriguez,

speeding, \$153.50.

June 10: Phillip D. Minks, over weight limits on wheels and axles, \$141.50.

Veala Shae Reeverts, speeding,

\$153.50.

Roderica L. Rodriguez, speeding, \$153.00.

June 11: Michael A. Dome, speeding, \$210.50.

Public Hearing for Variance Request

To Whom It May Concern and to all persons interested:

Notice is hereby given that at 7:00 p.m. on September 8, 2010, the City of Goodland Board of Zoning Appeals, at City Hall, 204 W. 11th Street, Goodland Kansas, will consider a request for a variance to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Said variance request relates to the Church sign board on the church lawn. The property to which the application applies, Case No. 07152010, is legally described and generally located as follows,

Southwest corner of 13th Street and Sherman (Church Address-307 W. 13th)

As provided in the Goodland Zoning Regulations, the above variance will be discussed and considered by the City of Goodland Board of Zoning Appeals and all persons interested in said matter will be heard at this time concerning their views and wishes.

CERTIFIED, this 13th day of August, 2010.

Brian James, Building Official

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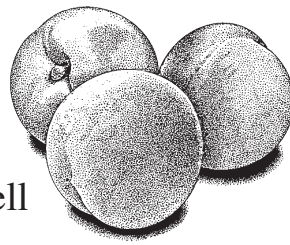
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