



Students from Paraguay that visited Goodland were Juan Welko (above standing playing guitar), Marcelo Miranda (sitting on guitar) and Ismael Inverizzi. In back were Liz Rojas (from left), Fernanda Pereira and Krish Caballero. They performed at the Goodland School Board meeting on Monday night. Welko (right) tries to distract one of the girls dancing with a pot on her head.

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# Youth Ambassadors from Paraguay at schools

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Six Paraguayan high school and college students are spending three weeks in Goodland as Youth Ambassadors of the Partners of the Americas program.

The six are Juan Welko, 16, from Pedro Juan Caballero; Marcelo Miranda, 18, from Asuncion; Ismael Invernizzi, 18 of Paraguari, Krish Caballero, 17, from Ciudad del Este; Liz Rojas, 16, from Presidente Franco City; and Fernanda Pereira, 18, university freshman from Fernando de la Mora. Their mentor, Martin Burgos, is an English teacher from Asuncion. Welko, Miranda and Invernizzi are the male students.

Burgos said that students from Paraguay usually have gone to Manhattan, Riley and Newton and that this if the first time students have been to Goodland.

Each group of ambassadors does a project when they get home. This group is doing Green Care which will involve planting 5,000 native trees.

The students said that the differ-



Mentor Martin Burgos

ences that have stuck out the most to them is the fact that they were used to eating five times a day. Breakfast is usually around 6 a.m. and consists of coffee, cereal and bread. At 9:30 to 10 a.m. they have a snack. At lunch they eat mostly meat or chicken with a little pasta or rice. After lunch they take a break. At 5:30 there is a snack of sandwich and juice. Dinner is at 9:30 to 10 p.m. and is soup with small balls of corn. Supper is more informal and not eaten as a group.

They also said that milk is never drank with meat or chicken. Fruit is considered dessert and is not eaten with the rest of the meal. Manioc or cassava and maize or corn is eaten more than wheat or potatoes. Invernizzi said they typically think about what they are having for breakfast at supper the night before.

One thing they said that is really different is how people greet each other and how often they do it. When greeting each other the men shake hands with each other and women kiss or touch both cheeks with women and men. They also do that to say goodbye. If a person leaves the room and they see them elsewhere they will again greet them.

The family is a very important part of life in Paraguay.

Welko said that he wanted study medicine; Miranda wanted to study chemistry; Invernizzi engineering; Caballero journalism and English; Rojas accounting and fine arts; and Pereira accounting and fine arts.

All indicated that were going to go to a university. Kansas has an

agreement with Paraguay that college students from there pay in-state tuition here. They said they had been looking at coming to the U.S. for college.

Rojas said it depended on what you wanted to study if coming to the U.S. would be better than staying in Paraguay. Studying medicine, sciences and manufacturing is better in the U.S., she said. If one wanted to be a lawyer it would be better to go to a Paraguayan University.

In the Partners of the Americas, South American countries are partnered with similar states. Paraguay and Kansas are both land locked and agricultural. Other South American countries that have youth ambassadors are from Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, the U.S., Uruguay and Venezuela.

Mentor Burgos said that in Goodland a more detailed itinerary had been planned for the students than the case in Manhattan. They have been visiting with different classes and eating lunch at all the different schools. Visits have been planned for them at farms, the Goodland

Regional Medical Center, Klemm Buffalo Ranch, Goodland Board of Education meeting, High Plains Museum, Carnegie Arts Center, Van Gogh painting, Northwest Tech, Goodland City Commission, Fort Hays State University and a trip to Colorado Springs.

The students stayed with local host families.

The group has been also entertaining audiences with music, dance and a reading in Spanish, Guarani, French and English. Caballero, who did the reading, explained that Paraguay has two official languages, Guarani and Spanish. Guarani came from the native Indian language of the area. Most people feel more comfortable when speaking Guarani than Spanish, said Caballero. Speaking Guarani is a difference between Paraguay and the rest of South America.

Pereira said she had studied dance for 11 years, Rojas for seven and Welko for five. The girls wore the national dress with a type of embroidery that was hand made and had many circular areas representing

the spider webs.

Burgos said that garments made of that embroidery were very expensive.

He said that the competition to be a youth ambassador was very competitive. Last October these students applied. First they filled out an application and did an essay. Then they had an interview with three people from the American Embassy and three from the Partners of the Americas cutting the number down to 48. A final interview to see how fluent each of them was in English was at the Embassy. Twelve students were chosen. Six came to Kansas in March and this group to Goodland.

Burgos said all the students are A plus students and leaders. They had to be fluent in English.

Grant Junior High Principal Steve Raymer said the students were great and that they showed extreme pride in their culture at the school board meeting on Monday night. The Youth Ambassadors had been at the junior high on Monday.

## Accident near state line

A road construction worker was injured just inside the east-bound lane of I-70 at the Kansas Colorado border at 8:15 p.m. on Monday according to the Kansas Highway Patrol Crash Log.

Kimberly Reeves, 47, of Burlington was riding on a trailer picking up signage and cones when the trailer broke loose and went into the south ditch, went through a Kansas Department of Transportation fence, went up and down an embankment and back through the

fence. The trailer came to rest on its wheels.

Reeves was taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center by ambulance and released.

Russell Malone, 51, of Vona was also riding on the trailer. He was not injured.

Shawn Perryman, 38 or Calhan was driving the pickup that was pulling the trailer. A passenger of the pickup was Casey Pale, 26, of Stratton. They were not injured.

## Dancers, musicians in Colby

The Cultural Arts Center at Colby Community College will be the venue at 6:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Monday for the dancers and musicians of the Rhythm and Passion Show sponsored by Western Plains Arts Association.

The show was founded by dancers Gloria and Claudio Otero from Argentina. The 10 dancers and musicians have been featured in numerous television shows, films,

commercial and headquarter out of Los Angeles. The troupe showcases the uniqueness of combining tango, salsa and gauchos in one show.

The performance, which is presented in two acts, lures us back in time to origins of tango in the seedy bars of 1920's Buenos Aires, then whisks us to the streets and nightclubs of the 1950's Caribbean to experience the vibrant celebration of love and life that is salsa. The

mood then changes, bringing us to the Argentine countryside of the late 1800's where the gauchos sing and dance amidst danger and conflict.

The second act conveys the contemporary interpretations of the dances. We feel the pulsing rhythms of the salsa and tango, with each dance telling a story of love or heartbreak. In addition, we revel in the energy of the gauchos with the explosive rhythms of the drums,

the swirling ponchos of the dancers and the speed and intensity of the boleadoras. The scenery is period, recreating the settings where these passionate and sensual dances were born.

Admission is by Western Plains Arts Association season ticket or at the door, adults \$15 and students, kindergarten kindergarten through 12th, \$7.

## matters of record

### Sherman County Bastille

The following people were booked into the Sherman County Bastille:

Sept. 3 – Craig Hillman, 41, Goodland, arrest and detain by sheriff's deputy for probation violation.

Sept. 5 – Benjamin Ramirez, 37, Goodland, arrested by sheriff's deputy for domestic battery.

Sept. 8 – Kraig Tagtmeyer, 18,

Colby, arrested by sheriff's deputy for minor in possession.

Sept. 9 – Zebulim Baylie, 18, Colby, arrested by sheriff's deputy for driving under influence.

Sept. 10 – Jeffrey Neely, 24, Sharon Springs, arrested by Wallace County Sheriff's office for interfere with parent custody.

Sept. 13 – Brad Cramer, 40, Goodland, Journal Entry Sherman County Sheriff's office.

## corrections

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## Talk About Literature in Kansas

### "Farewell to Manzanar"

#### Discussion leader:

William Clyde Brown  
Goodland Public Library  
6:30 PM

Thursday, September 23, 2010



## Congratulations!

The winner of the Sunflower Contest was Casey Mullins of Grainfield, KS.

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Lisa Unruh, M.D., Pediatrician • Jackie Jorgensen, ARNP

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(785) 890-6075

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## City Wide Clean Up October 4th-October 8th, 2010

Residents may place any unwanted items in alleys and front yards during this week only. City Crews will be picking up any discarded items throughout the week. **Any items that residents DO NOT wish to be discarded need to be removed from these locations prior to the CITY WIDE CLEAN UP.**

Items such as tree limbs, leaves, grass clippings, furniture, appliances, metal, plastics, tires, etc. need to be separated out to allow faster and more efficient pickup by City crews. There is no need to phone in your pickup,

just place the items in the designated places during that week.

The City Commission's goal is to beautify the City and with your help and cooperation, we can obtain that goal!

