

## Junior high to start program for girls only

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During the principals' reports at the regular school board meeting last Monday Junior High Principal Steve Raymer talked about the Girls Night Out program being started for high school and junior high girls by Brenda Linin.

The program is designed with fun activities to help girls with their self esteem. It hopes to counter the messages that women need to look and dress a certain way. Pressures can

lead to cutting and eating disorders. The program also encourages girls to stay in school and go into math and sciences. The group of sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls hope to meet every other week on Saturdays.

Raymer said he and Linin are starting a study hall before and after school three days a week.

Goodland High School Principal Mike Hubka reported there were 84 students on the second nine weeks honor roll. Nine had 4.0s. He also

said 60 students failed at least one class and 40 of those failed more than one class.

There are six students interviewing for Dane Hansen Scholarships, he said.

He is also working on the schedule for next year.

Hubka said the new attendance policy was making an impact on students being gone.

Central Elementary Principal Harvey Swager said they will have a student teacher, Melissa Baird from

Brewster, in Tara Mull's class.

The teachers were very excited about getting their iPads before winter break.

School board President Gary Slough was gone and Vice President Mike Cochran chaired the meeting.

Superintendent Bill Biermann said the Backpack for Kids will be starting up with four kids. There will be three coordinators, one for Central Elementary, West Elementary and Grant Junior High. Backpack

for Kids will provide nutritional support for students who may not have food on the weekends. The backpacks will be ordered on a monthly basis in the middle of the month.

The next school board meeting will be 6 p.m. on Monday at the Administration Building, 1312 Main. The earlier time Superintendent Biermann said will be to hear the results of the energy audit.

In other business, the school board:

- Paid \$248,157 in bills.
- Accepted the resignation of Brad Bergsma as assistant technology director for the district and Mary Solomon as paraprofessional at Grant Junior High.
- Hired Emily Burkett as a paraprofessional at Grant Junior High, Joy Braun as a paraprofessional at Central Elementary School and James Myers as the assistant eighth grade basketball coach.



The Brass in Blue, the Air Force Heartland of America Band's ensemble will play at Colby High School Auditorium on Thursday, Jan. 26.

## Air Force brass ensemble to play at Colby school

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The Air Force Heartland of America Band's ensemble, Brass in Blue, will land in Colby later this month to perform "Once Heard, Never Forgotten...."

The free concert, sponsored by the Colby Free Press and Western Plains Arts Association, will be Thursday, Jan. 26, at the Colby High School auditorium. Guests can begin arriving as early as 5:30

p.m. (Mountain Time) and need to be seated at least 10 minutes before the 6:30 p.m. start.

Free tickets, required for admission, may be obtained by contacting Pat Ziegelmeier of the arts group at Colby Community College. Mail a self-addressed, stamped envelope to her at the college, 1255 S. Range Ave., with a note saying how many tickets you are requesting.

The 12-member symphonic brass ensemble will accompany a vocalist, a special treat.

Guests can expect a combination of brass and percussion as the orchestra presents a repertoire featuring patriotic favorites, jazz standards, new compositions and other arrangements.

The Brass in Blue features precision performances in every concert, the Air Force says. Debuting in 2007, the group has graced stages from the Grand Teton Music Festival in Jackson, Wyo., to the Organ Vesper Series in Omaha.

It is one unit of 45 that make up the

Heartland of America Band, which represents more than 325,000 Air Force service personnel. The full band performed in Colby several years ago.

"The squadron of musical professionals come from advanced degrees ... who have continually proven a broad mastery of musical styles from classic to contemporary, jazz to country, and pop to rock," said SSgt Carl Eitzen, tour director and trumpet player.

Eitzen said components of the

Heartland band do more than 450 concerts a year throughout eight states that cover about 680,000 square miles. They perform for more than a million people through live, radio and television appearances.

Guest artists who have accompanied the band include John Denver, Frank Mantooth, Kevin Mahogany, Frederick Fennell, Chip Davis, Crystal Gayle, Wycliffe Gordon and Joseph Alessi, he said.

"It was the greatest pleasure and

honor to work with the USAF Brass in Blue," said Alessi, the principal trombonist of the New York Philharmonic after an October 2008 performance.

"They are a first-class brass ensemble with superb musicians and most of all, wonderful individuals."

"It was one of the highlights of my life to spend time with them and make music together. This is a group you must see and hear."

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On Saturday, Feb. 18, the class will be painting "Old Cream Cans" and Sunday, Feb. 19, "Wheel Barrel Full of Flowers." The classes run 8 to 11 a.m. and noon to 2 p.m. (Mountain Time).

The program is offered at a reduced rate to the public. For information call (785) 689-4846 or go to the website at www.hansenmuseum.org. Participants only need to bring a roll of paper towels, all other supplies are provided.

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