# Storr-news **Goodland** The Star-News / Tuesday, January 17, 2 Junior high to start program for girls only The Star-News / Tuesday, January 17, 2012 $\,3$

#### By Pat Schiefen

pjschiefen@nwkansas.com 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. said 60 students failed at least one Brewster, in Tara Mull's class. The program also encourages girls class and 40 of those failed more to stay in school and go into math than one class. 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 ule for next year. starting a study hall before and after school three days a week.

Goodland High School Principal Mike Hubka reported there were 84

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

He is also working on the sched-

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

Central Elementary Principal students on the second nine weeks Harvey Swager said they will have a tral Elementary, West Elementary honor roll. Nine had 4.0s. He also student teacher, Melissa Baird from and Grant Junior High. Backpack

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 Cen-

for Kids will provide nutritional support for students who may not have food on the weekends. The Brad Bergsma as assistant technolbackpacks will be ordered on a ogy director for the district and monthly basis in the middle of the Mary Solomon as paraprofessional month.

The next school board meeting will be 6 p.m. on Monday at the Administration Building, 1312 Main. Joy Braun as a paraprofessional The earlier time Superintendent at Central Elementary School and Biermann said will be to hear the James Myers as the assistant eighth results of the energy audit.

In other business, the school board:

• Paid \$248,157 in bills.

• Accepted the resignation of at Grant Junior High.

· Hired Emily Burkett as a paraprofessional at Grant Junior High 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

#### By Christina Beringer

Colby Free Press colby.society@nwkansas.com 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 can begin arriving as early as 5:30 ist, a special treat.

p.m. (Mountain Time) and need to the6:30 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 High School auditorium. Guests ensemble will accompany a vocal-

be seated at least 10 minutes before tion 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

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

Guests can expect a combina- Heartland of America Band, which Heartland band do more than 450 honor to work with the USAF Brass concerts a year throughout eight in Blue," said Alessi, the principal 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, make music together. This is a group Crystal Gayle, Wycliffe Gordon and Joseph Alessi, he said.

"It was the greatest pleasure and

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 you must see and hear."

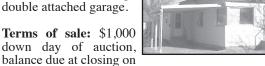


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On Saturday, Feb. 18, the class will be painting "Old Cream Cans" and Sunday, Feb. 19, "Wheel Bar-

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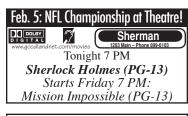
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