

By Tom Betz
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The Sherman County commissioners Tuesday approved appointment of 20 members for the county's Local Emergency Planning Committee which had been presented at the previous meeting. Commission Chairman Mitch Tiede, who serves on the committee, said he had talked to the emergency management coordinator, county communications director Mary Messamore, and thought that the names were OK as submitted. Tim Renner was named the new chairman. He works with Sherman

County communications and emergency management. Vice chair is Kevin Sanderson of Helena Chemical, who is helping reactivate this committee. Other members are Messamore; LeAnn Taylor, Goodland municipal court; Ray Smee, city police chief; Doug Whitson, county sheriff; Lt. Kevin Winston, Kansas Highway Patrol; Ken Griffith, county rural fire chief; Dean Jensen, city fire chief; Bruce Gleason, ambulance service; Dorrendo Harrel, county health department; Butch VanDiver, county road and bridge; Steve Criswell, city code enforce-

ment and building inspector; Dennis Taylor, Frontier Equity Co-op; Dana Belshe, county extension agent; John Wellmann, Northern Sun Industries; Sgt. Mark Reasoner, national guard; and Scott Mentzer and David Floyd, national weather service. The commissioners approved the appointments, which will be sent to the state. The committee is working on a plan to handle all type of terrorist threats, and is supposed to have it to the state by March. Tiede said he did not expect the plan to be ready, and thought the committee will ask for an extension.

Talking about the emergency medical council, Rasure said Steve Evert is willing to serve another term, and that he is waiting for an answer from Karen Hooker or Bruce Gleason for the other position. County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the medical council changed their bylaws to make the board members two-year terms rather than three, and that is why the county was being asked to reappoint the two representatives. A third name, Greg Nemecheck, was mentioned as a possible member. Rasure said the Evert and

Nemecheck were taking classes to become emergency medical instructors. These appointments will be on the agenda for the next meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesday. In other business, the commissioners: • Approved paying Kansas Counties Association dues of \$234. • Approved signing a corrected warranty deed and contract with ADM for the sale of land at Caruso. • Delayed discussion of replacing a water meter at the fairgrounds. Tiede said he would talk to William McKnight, building and grounds supervisor, about this and that they

may delay the work, especially if the Sherman County Racing Association does not have a full schedule of races this year. • Held a closed-door session on personnel matters with Sheriff Whitson, jailer Irma Benevides and County Attorney Bonnie Selby. The session lasted 20 minutes before the sheriff and jailer were excused. The commissioners and county attorney held another closed session for 15 minutes. No action was taken when the meeting reopened. The commissioners spent another 15 minutes in closed session to discuss employee evaluations.

Enterprise week proclaimed

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Two DECA students appeared at Monday's city commission meeting to ask Mayor Rick Billinger to proclaim the week of Feb. 16-20 as Free Enterprise Week in Goodland. Seniors Nicole Titus and Deanna Thompson gave a computer presentation about free enterprise and what the students planned to observe the week in Goodland. The girls said there are five prin-

ciples upon which the American free enterprise system is based: • Freedom for consumers to choose products or services that meet their individual needs. • Ability to change and grow, which allows retailers the right to alter or expand their operations to meet customers needs. • Both the retailers and customers have the right to hold legal title to what they purchased. • The profit motive gives retail-

ers the right to make money on the time and money they invest in their business. • Competition, the principle that the retailers have the right to compete with other businesses based on price and other factors. The girls said they plan to place signs in downtown businesses, ads on the cable television and radio stations and a story in *The Goodland Star-News*.

Grain facility gets new manager

By Greg Stover
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Stan Remington, formerly of Palco, is the new manager at the Goodland facility of Archer Daniels Midland-Collingwood Grain, 17th St. and Wyoming Ave. Remington started here Jan. 2 after working for more than 14 years as the manager of the plant in Palco, about 25 miles northwest of Hays. In addition to the Goodland facility, he is responsible for elevators in

Kanorado and Brewster. All three serve as distribution points for farmers to send in their grain for transportation to processing plants and from which they get some of their fertilizers and chemicals. Remington graduated from Fort Hays State University in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science in agriculture business and went to work for Smoot Grain, a subsidiary of ADM, in Park for six months training and experi-

ence before moving to Palco. Remington and his wife Tina have four boys: Chance, 13; twins Cole and Cody, 10; and Cadon 3. Remington said the family will move to Goodland sometime after Chance graduates from Palco Middle School at the end of the school year. He said his hobbies include hunting, roping and spending time with his family. "I look forward to the opportunity to serve the public and the community," he said.



Remington

Boys State applications available

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Applications are available for the 2004 American Legion Boys' State of Kansas being held June 13-19 at Kansas State University in Manhattan. To apply, boys must be high school juniors in the upper half of their class, be a self starter and be involved in extra-curricular activities. The fee is \$250, of which the boy or his family pays \$30 and his sponsor pays the rest. Sponsors can be individuals, including parents or other relatives, or organizations. The Goodland American Legion post is willing to sponsor any boy from Sherman County wanting to attend. Boys' State provides a realistic

learning-by-doing process of exploring government at the state and local level. The program is designed to help the delegates begin to question their own political beliefs by dealing with other delegates. Each delegate will be assigned to a fictitious political party and to one of three cities within one of 10 counties used in the scenario. They learn about the actions of a democracy by conducting government business in their assigned city. They learn about the responsibilities that accompany freedom as a result of the decision-making process. "This is a tremendous opportunity for young people to learn about how government works and have fun at the same time," Ken Baum, Goodland post commander, said. "I encourage any boy who might be

interested to apply." Other activities at Boys' State include the marching band and a variety of organized athletics. Last year 610 boys attended Boys' State. Applications must be received at the state office in Topeka by April 30 to be guaranteed a reservation. Those received after that date will be processed on a space available basis. Baum said the Goodland post has already received one application. Delegates can earn a college credit for attending Boys' State and can apply one of 12 Samsung American Legion Scholarships. For an application, contact Baum at (785) 890-7364. For information about Boys' State go to www.ksbstate.org.



Students in Judy Hayden's sixth-grade class at North Elementary lounged in the library during R&R, Read and Relax, last Friday. The readers are (front to back) Lexi David, Marisa Lopez, Alyssa Brady and Robbyn Julesen. Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

Students enjoy books

By Sharon Corcoran
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Goodland elementary students are showing how much they love their library in February as part of a "Library Lovers' Month" that is tied in with Valentine's Day. Fifth and sixth graders at North Elementary have R&R, Read and Relax, a time to come to the library and lounge on a pillow anywhere they choose to read. Marie Elias, librarian at North, said she keeps track of how many pages the kids read. They are expected to read 8-10 pages in 20 minutes, she said, and to improve their scores.

The librarian said she sometimes quizzes them to make sure they are reading. Elias said she started the program with some classes on Sept. 5 and is hoping to bring up the students' reading scores on their Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) test. Third and fourth graders at Central Elementary are doing "Blast Off for Reading," counting down how many books they can read by May 1. Their goal is to read 1,400 books to receive a reward. Head Start, preschool, kindergarten, first and second graders at West Elementary are receiving heart-shaped suckers and bookmarks with hearts on them that say, "I love my library."

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