

# Goodland guardsmen ship out

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Family and friends of three soldiers of the Kansas Army National Guard said good-bye to them at a farewell get-together Sunday afternoon at the Goodland Howard Johnson Motel.

Sergeant Joe Buster of Downs, Specialist Derrick Lutters of Burlington and Specialist Bryan Varney of Goodland each have or will soon report for an 18-month tour of active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The three men are members of Detachment 1, 170th Maintenance Company in Goodland.

Sgt Buster joined the national guard in March 1999. He completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., that October then attended advanced individual training as a welder at Ab-



Buster



Lutters



Varney

erdeen Proving Grounds, Md., the following February.

Buster was to report this week to Fort Devens, Mass., to complete transition training as a wheeled-vehicle repairer before he joins Company A, 891st Engineer Battalion in Pittsburg for group movement to Fort Sill, Okla.

Buster said he volunteered for active duty because he needed the experience and was "tired of being

around here."

He and his wife Patricia have a 2-year-old daughter Jami Jo Marie.

Spc Lutters joined the national in January 1999.

After graduating from Good-land High that May he attended both basic and advanced individual training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Lutters, a crane operator, said he volunteered for active duty because of a deal he made with his friend, Spc Varney, where if one was activated the other would volunteer to go with him.

"I live life for the experiences," Lutters said.

Lutters said the tense situations he experienced from working at Kit Carson Correctional Facility for three and a half years and at the recent prison riot in Fowler, Colo., will help make his adjustment to a potential hostile environment easier. Lutters will report next week to Pittsburg.

Spc Varney was ordered to active duty with Headquarters Company of the 891st Engineer Battalion, in Iola, to fill a vacancy for a machinist. He reported Tuesday.

Varney served in the regular from July 1984 to July 1987 as a combat engineer spending most of his time in Germany. He then served two years in the national guard. He rejoined the national guard in April 2003.

Varney's wife Lisa gave all three men a small coin-shaped token containing a soldier's prayer and asked all three to come home safe.

# School board ends coach's contract

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who was killed in an automobile accident on June 11.

Williams was one of the originators of the idea for a greenhouse.

All the principals reported that the first weeks of school went well.

High school principal Harvey Swager told the board the 2004 yearbooks are expected in mid-October.

In his report, Superintendent Marvin Selby said enrollment was down about 30 students from last year but that estimate was without the numbers from the downtown learning center.

He said he expects the official student population, based on Monday's enrollment figures, to be down about 15 from last year.

Selby told the board the high school has 63 seniors, 73 juniors and 91 sophomores currently enrolled.

He said the district should know by noon Monday, Sept. 27, whether Goodland will remain a Class 4A school for athletics or drop down to 3A.

In other business, the board:

- Unanimously voted to hire Tara Mull as the assistant eighth-grade volleyball coach, Stacie Cooper as a teacher's aide at West Elementary and Veronica Gomez as a bilingual/at-risk tutor at the high school and junior high schools.
- Tabled the board's oral evaluation of the school superintendent again until next meeting so that all the board members can be present.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next meeting is at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27 at the district office, 1312 Main Avenue.

# County approves 1.3 mill budget increase

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into the crawl space.

"It won't stop all the blockage problems," Reeser said, "but it would make it more obvious and we will have to shut things down until the plumber can get there on an emergency basis.

Reeser said he was hoping to have the permanent fix in place in the next few weeks.

He said the center is applying for a Kansas Healthcare Validation Grant of \$25,000 which would be used to upgrade the rehabilitation equipment. The grant it will include a part-time aide, and he said if they get it the position will be put in the budget next year.

Amy Griffey, grant writer from Northwest Kansas Planning and Development, was at the meeting to handle a performance hearing to close out the Kanorado bridge project that the county got \$99,000 in grant money to help pay the county's portion.

The total cost of the new bridge was \$401,060 with the Kansas Department of Transportation picking up \$302,060 of the total.

The commissioners approved the final report and payment of the final \$850 for administrative services

to Northwest Planning and Development.

Larry Ihrig was at the meeting to ask the commissioners to consider improving the county road that leads to the Sugar Hills Golf Club. He said there are 350-375 members and that over the year about 27,650 trips are made up and down the road.

"We have several major tournaments," Ihrig said, and about 40 percent of those who come spend one to two nights and helps our economy.

"We have 15 employees, and it is a problem especially when the road gets muddy. We would ask for your consideration in improving the road."

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said the commissioners would look at some options, but said it might be something that will have to be done next spring.

Tiede said the problem is that they would need some rain to be able to work on the road before it gets colder.

"Rain packs a road," he said, "but snow softens a road."

Tiede said the problem with snow is that it stays on the road because the temperatures are colder. He said another option the county has tried is

putting pulverized concrete on a road.

"We put concrete millings on the section of Caldwell that goes past the Paxton Addition," he said. "It did well for a while, but then a dust problem has developed from the increased traffic."

"We need a better road," Ihrig said.

Rasure said the micro loan committee has approved loans for Captain's Place and Topside Office Supply. This will bring the total to \$85,000 given out, and he said there is a possibility that the final \$5,000 loan will be approved before the end of the month deadline.

"When the money comes back in we can loan it out again," Rasure said. "The loan committee may have some suggestions about how to improve the application process."

In other business the commissioners:

- Approved the lease of the fairgrounds for a demolition derby to be held on Sunday with J.J. Howard and Jake Congers as the organizers.
- Approved a motion that emergency vehicle designations are valid as long as the person continues to be a volunteer, but are invalid if they quit.
- Approved first half month bills totaling \$128,715.

The next commissioner meeting will be 8 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 30.

# Human error causes power outage in Goodland

Goodland went dark Tuesday morning shortly after seven thirty putting computers, radio transmitters and stop lights out of commission for nearly half an hour.

Steve Miller, senior manager of external affairs with Sunflower Electric Power Corporation, said the blackout was caused by an error at the plant in Garden City.

While turning off power on a line from Goodland to Brewster to replace a pole, the flow was actually

shut down on the wrong line.

The Garden City plant uses a computer system along with workers in the field to shut down power. Because the power failed, so did communication devices used by field workers which made it difficult to relay the mistake and fix it immediately.

Garden City technicians coordinating with the field workers made the changes and power was restored to town and cut for the pole repairs.

Miller said, from his reports, Goodland was the only town to suffer from the outage.

He apologized on behalf of the power company.

In an unrelated shortage, power was cut to Goodland again around 10 p.m.

Rod Blake, Goodland electricity production superintendent, said the city suffered from a "bump" that was probably caused by lightning.

"It jarred the system," he said.

# Crossword Puzzle

Power Up

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ACROSS

1. Envelope closer

6. It's not poetry

11. "\_\_\_ about time!"

14. Have a testimonial dinner for, say

15. Chill out

16. Tolkien beast

17. Long-running soap

19. \_\_\_ Paulo, Brazil

20. Philosopher Lao-\_\_\_

21. It may be applied to a cue ball

23. Actress Meyers

26. Center X

28. Art lover

29. Sign of summer

30. Autumn shade

32. Bard's before

33. Love personified

35. Sculler's need

36. Nike competitor

39. Deli spread

40. Adjustable lenses

42. River of Spain

43. For all to see

45. "I" completer

46. Ceramist's oven

47. "Without further \_\_\_ ..."

48. "Werewolves of London" singer Warren

50. Frat party beer order

51. Miserly McDuck

54. Mound stat

55. Tricky turn

56. Traveler's document

58. Ill temper

60. Ore diggers' org.

61. Earnest plea for forgiveness

66. Stephen of "Michael Collins"

67. Perfect places

68. Lustful looker

69. Hide \_\_\_ hair

70. Bowling alley button

71. Garden invaders

3. Singer DiFranco

4. Easily molded

5. Magician's word

6. Paid player

7. Pull up stakes, in Realtor-speak

8. Fictional Twist

9. Relief pitchers' successes

10. Applied, as pressure

11. English racer, perhaps

12. Genetic attribute

13. Bakery goodie

18. It'll keep a pot hot

22. Horror film sound

23. Crockett's last stand

24. Update, as a road atlas

25. England-France conflict of 1337-1453

27. Elaine of the George W. Bush cabinet

31. Wear away

34. Sonata movements

36. New York's Waldorf-\_\_\_

37. Van Gogh painted here

38. Top 40 entries

41. Turn in chess

44. More offbeat

48. Abysmal test scores

49. Like AAA shoes

51. Give the cold shoulder to

52. Small role for a big star

53. Berry's Johnny B.

57. Vocal quality

59. Beat by a nose

62. LA clock setting

63. Corrida cheer

64. Beatty or Buntline

65. Alums-to-be: Abbr.

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