## Accident changes travel plans



During a move from Florida to Colorado Springs Thursday, Oct. caravan with her mother, Vicky White, who was driving a moving 7, Mindy Lee, 27, lost control of her red Dodge pickup in the westbound lane of I-70 near mile marker 35 and rolled into the north and stayed to help pick up the mess on the side of the road. The ditch. Finding only one hood impression, Trooper B.L. Wilson said pair planned to stay the night in Goodland before continuing on he suspected the truck only rolled once. Lee was wearing a seat to Colorado. belt and escaped the wreck uninjured. She was traveling in a

truck. White stopped when she saw the vehicle go out of control

Photo by Kathryn Gurfinkel/The Goodland Star-News

# **County health** needs new doctor

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## sioners

 Approved buying a new motor grader from Martin Tractor of Colby for \$143.663 with trade-in. Public Works chief Curt Way told the commissioners he would hope to pay \$43,000 the first of the year, and then pay the \$100,000 over the next few years. He will be asking the four banks in Goodland to consider financing the balance, and will present the information at an upcoming meeting. The grader is to be delivered in about 30 days, and Way said it will help keep the equipment in rotation.

• Approved the purchase of an oil and gas program to be added to the assessor's computer system. Assessor Terry Ballard said over the past three years, the number of oil and gas parcels has grown from 138 to 391, and it is now taking more than six weeks to put the information in the computer system. Infinitec has a program that will work with the existing county computer system and would cost about \$7,800, he said

Ballard said he could wait until January for the program so it could be paid for next year, and he would get a proposal from the software company based on that plan.

He then asked the commissioners to approve the purchase of a com-

puter to replace one of the old ones in the assessor's office. The commissioners approved the purchase of a computer through a local vendor at an estimated cost of \$1,500.

 Held a closed-door session with Ballard for five minutes to discuss a personnel issue.

 Held a 10-minute closed session with County Clerk Janet Rumpel and Crystal Wright on a personnel matter.

· Held a five-minute closed session with only the three commissioners in the room on a personnel matter.

 Commissioner Mitch Tiede reported on the prairie dog control seminar held Oct. 6, which drew about 55 people. He also said that the county's prairie dog committee wants to come to the Nov. 9 commission meeting.

 Building Maintenance Supervisor William McKnight told commissioners he is having problems with the Grasshopper lawn mowing machine. He said it is a 2000 model, and there appears to be bits of aluminum showing up in the hydrostatic fluid. The commissioners asked McKnight to baby the mower through the rest of this season, and then they will try to buy a new one before the end of the year.

· Approved claims vouchers for the first half of the month totaling \$130,618.

## Three take EMT class with county, hospital help

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be understaffed, but that they will be better off than many of the others in the 22-county area.

"I appreciate your support for this program," Gleason said. "Many ambulance services in the 22county area do not have this support, and they are struggling."

He said the Sherman County am- about \$25,000 for all the radios.

## Annual meeting to be Tuesday

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dates must be residents of Sherman County.

The nominations are forwarded to the county commissioners for appointment.

bulance service has over 500 calls a year, and that the number of long transfers is up this year.

Tiede asked if there are any longterm needs of the ambulance service, and Gleason said they will need to update the radios because ambulance services are changing radio frequencies in the next few years. He said it will probably cost

The annual meeting is open to the public, Daniels said, and will provide an opportunity for people to ask questions about the economic future of the county. People also have the chance to present ideas and make suggestions to the board.

# School board votes to extend capital tax levy

## By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News The Goodland School Board voted last Thursday to extend the 4mill capital outlay levy for the next five years, which will bring in about a quarter million dollars per year for school building and equipment needs.

The resolution, which appeared on page 6 in Tuesday's Goodland *Star-News*, is similar to the one passed in 1999, which also authorized a 4-mill levy for five years. Unless a petition signed by at least 10 percent of district voters is filed before Nov. 29, the resolution will become effective in January. It will be published in next Tuesday's newspaper as well.

Money from the levy, around \$250,000 a year, will go to the building. He said the buyer assumes search shows that school buildings school district's Capital Outlay responsibility for the insurance that are either too small or too big for

nish buildings and equipment. The money can be used for repairs or new construction, and buy school buses and other equipment.

In his report, Superintendent Marvin Selby told the board the district's weighted enrollment had increased because 15 more students at the downtown learning center had been each of the regional meetings. designated as "at-risk", and three more students were riding buses. Both categories add to a district's weighted enrollment. He said this will bring the district an addition ties Association is responsive when \$8,000 this school year under the schools want to cooperate on or state school finance formula.

Selby said the buyer of the Edson gym, Carrol Clark of Glendale, Ariz., is working with an insurance to districts dealing with issues recompany to get a policy on the lated to school building size? Re-Fund and can be used only to pur- once a contract is signed, and he the student population have a nega-

chase, construct, maintain and fur- expects to hear from Clark sometime today.

Selby said the Region IX meeting of the Kansas Association of School Boards last Wednesday in Hoxie had a better format than last year. He said the group divided into three committees to consider and discuss one of three questions being addressed at

The questions were:

• What could the association and school officials do to ensure that the Kansas State High School Activiconsolidate activity programs?

 Should the association consider legislative action or staff assistance

tive effect on their achievement. • What should the association do

to respond to the Supreme Court decision in the Montoy school finance case? Information from the regional meetings will be consolidated by

the association in a report to be published later, he said.

In other business, the board: • Voted unanimously to hire Tonya Gray as the Scholar Bowl sponsor at Grant Junior High, Kathy Bahe as the assistant sponsor for the high school cheerleaders and Maria Lazo as a six-hour-a-day custodian at Grant. The board voted to accept

the resignation of Connie Carson as a six-hour custodian at Grant. The meeting, scheduled for Monday, was moved up because of Columbus Day. The next meeting will

be at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25, at

North Elementary School.

## Chamber to ask city for increase in fireworks money

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other organizations for larger donations also.

The Freedom Fest lost money this year when money-making events were rained out, and they ended up \$3,500 in the red.

The city gave the Chamber \$250 the past two years. The county gave \$350 this year.

Pickman said he wants to discuss the Aircraft Seal and Gasket Corp. lease on the Ed Wolak building.

"I think the commission should look at the lease and what was promised over a year ago," Pickman said. "I hope they do begin production and there are employees working there, but if they are not, the commission should consider

someone else to bring a company to property on the northeast edge of north. the city."

The city spent over half a million dollars last year to get the old IGA building at 10th and Center ready to date no production has been done.

In a letter to The Goodland Star-News last Friday Herb Menold, Aircraft Seal and Gasket company founder, said he expects to begin production here the week of Oct. 25.

The commission will consider a to Armory Road. resolution to approve refunding of street improvement bonds which way is established, they will create could save the city about \$18,000. Pickman said the bonds are from 1995-96, and come due in 2006 and 2007.

ending the lease so we can find drainage remediation of the Easton Eustis from about Eighth Street sion.

the city. Pickman said they will present the commission with the price of a grassed waterway which is the first part of the plan to drain for the aircraft parts company, but the water off the Easton family's property.

> Cost of the waterway will be shared by the city, the Eastons and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The waterway will run along the east side of the Easton property near Eustis Avenue north

Pickman said that once the watera diversion ditch to take water off the city streets and route it through the waterway instead of through the middle of the Easton property. The Another step may be taken in the ditch will take water from Cherry to In other business, the commis-

sion will: • Accept a library contract with Sherman County for \$15,000 for the next year.

• Get an explanation of the increased assessed valuation and how it will lower the city property tax levy for next year.

• Hear about a Kansas League of Municipalities regional supper in Oberlin on Wednesday, Oct. 27, to discuss issues which are expected to be raised in the upcoming Legislature.

• Hold a closed-door session to consider negotiations on the acquisition of real property for new water rights and a well.

• Evaluate the city manager and review his contract in closed ses-

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