

Laptops would upgrade school

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A slide show described a switch to more computers as “creating a new culture,” and said it changes the way students learn as well as the way information is taught.

Murray and Swager argued that students shouldn’t have to wait their turn with computers kept in labs down the hall. They said in the future, instead of applying for jobs, these students will most likely create their own.

Research shows, said Murray, post 1980 students learn in a completely different way through multiple media. She said the students multi-task and take in information quickly through video and sound along with text.

After the presentation, board President Jane Philbrick asked the million-dollar question: “How much?”

Swager said the school had received a quote of \$500,000 to \$700,000 from Apple Computer to

set the initiative up. He said the school could do a structured payment of \$150,000 a year. The total includes teacher training, he said, and a computer for each student in grades 9 through 12 and every teacher.

Along with the cost of the computers, he said, the district would need to insure them. Swager said the Omaha school charges a fee for insurance which would cover 70 percent of the cost to fix one if broken.

In the year since the school put in the computers, Swager said, only one went missing and one was stolen. He said 25 suffered broken screens.

Board member Mike Campbell cautioned the board against spending money they don’t have.

“I think it’s a wonderful idea,” Campbell said, “but half of all the homes on my street are occupied by widows who can’t afford any more property taxes.”

He said the district would have to

raise the tax rate or make changes in the budget to afford the program “I think if we go to this expense,” he said, “we’ll have to find other places to cut. You have to integrate your finances, too. You can’t spend on one thing unless you shut down another thing.”

He said the board should be realistic about the project.

“I think we need to get a grasp on our reality bootstraps,” he said. “You don’t write checks you can’t cash.”

Campbell added the elementary schools and junior high will not benefit at all.

The board discussed looking for grants or other ways to pay for the program.

“When they saw this, they knew it was the right thing to do for the kids,” Swager said about the school in Omaha.

The board agreed to put together a task force of administrators and teachers to look into the project.

“A task force won’t cost us any-

thing,” Philbrick said. “We’re a long way from doing this.”

Swager said the school might put together a five-year plan to implement the project. He will bring the names of potential committee members to the next meeting.

“I’m pretty excited about this,” said board member Ron Schilling. “These kids are different now than they used to be. I think this program has a lot of benefits to it. I think we’ve got to keep up with these kids.”

“I’d like to see our district lead the way in this part of the state,” Melia said.

Murray said the project will involve a lot of teacher preparation. She said the training will work to change the way teachers think about teaching and learning.

Swager said at the school they visited, some teachers were really on board for the project while others seemed to drag their feet.

He said the computers will allow teachers to

Kids speak against issuing computers

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have the advantage having a teacher nearby to help.

Mason talked about his computer at home. He said the four-year-old machine is sometimes too slow to use for his homework. In the four years a student will use the new laptops, he said, they will become obsolete.

“It’s just an expense that isn’t available,” he said.

Both students agreed if the school

does buy the laptops, they should buy fast machines.

Smith said the school has more important priorities. The FCCLA and DECA clubs could go on their state trips for 50 years with the \$500,000 proposed for the computers.

He added the textbooks in his English class cannot be taken home by students because there aren’t enough to go around.

“Why not fund vocational activities?” he said. “Why not fund the academics?”

Candidates cause primary, vote March 1 to cut field

ELECTION, from Page 1a

Nora Clements, Deb Fahey, Linda Handle, Frank Hernandez and Greg Pettibone are the five running for Kanorado council.

All voting in both elections will be done at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Goodland; under county policy, there will be no polling place in Kanorado.

“I have filed with the secretary of state that we have one polling place in Sherman County,” Rumpel said Monday. “The primary election will

be held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Goodland.”

Voters must be registered by Monday, Feb. 14. Voters may register from 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the courthouse, 813 Broadway, and from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday at the city clerk’s office in the City Administration Building, 204 W. 11th.

Voters must be U.S. citizens age 18 or over by election day. They need to register if this is their first election or if they have moved or changed their names.

Judge sets hearing in Kanorado case

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Officers searched the basement and ground floor of the shop, collecting the most evidence underground.

“I observed a number of glass containers with substances in them,” he said adding lab results from the bureau of investigations revealed that all chemicals necessary for the manufacture of meth had been present in the lab. “Through the course of the investigation, I found that the defendant had “cooked” methamphetamines on Dec. 8.”

Murphy testified that a number of weapons and gun cases were found along with books on chemistry and the manufacture of methamphetamines. He said one of the weapons was an illegal shotgun with a 13 and three-fourths inch barrel.

Holland asked Murphy if he had seen Baumfalk at the residence on the day of the search or the days before. Murphy said he was in Kanorado on Dec. 17, and witnessed the defendant in the shop, but had not observed the shop again on the day before the search.

The prosecution, called in Sherman County Sheriff Kevin Butts

who described a visit with Baumfalk while he was in jail. Butts asked the defendant, an old friend, asked for him while in the Bastille. Butts was serving as undersheriff for the county,

He said the familiarity between the two started in 2000 when Baumfalk worked for Virgil Baumfalk at McB’s Motor Company. Butts took his vehicles to Scotty’s Motor company in Kanorado for work.

“I considered him a friend,” Butts said.

He visited the jail after Baumfalk sent him a note asking to talk. Butts said it seemed Baumfalk was trying to justify manufacturing drugs.

“I said that meth kills,” Butts said he wrote in the incident report he filed after talking with the defendant. “He said, ‘not the stuff I make, it’s the best and the safest around.’”

Butts testified he was patrolling in Kanorado on Dec. 14, 2002, when he noticed smoke coming from Baumfalk’s shop. He said the smoke moved along the ground instead of lifting in the air and it had an unusual odor.

“I really can’t describe what it smelled like,” he said. “It was an odor I was unfamiliar with.”

The prosecution brought bureau of investigations Special Agent Chris Baumgartner up for testimony next.

Baumgartner was one of the agents on the scene when the warrant was executed.

As a special agent, he told the court he was trained to process a methamphetamine crime scene.

The prosecution took Baumgartner through a series of photographs taken at the scene and described the items.

He said they found several liquids in jars including an orangish pink liquid with a white funnel lined in a coffee filter on top. He told he court officers found white chunky powder he feels is consistent with binder material, starches or sugar in pills to keep them together that is extracted when making methamphetamines.

Although the agents did register evidence of ammonia in the air, upon cross examination by Holland, Baumgartner said they can’t test for the presence of anhydrous ammonia, a chemical necessary for some processes of making meth.

Another bureau special agent, Robert Conde, told the court al-

Crossword Puzzle

Crackers

ACROSS

- Enthusiastic, plus
- Picked up the tab
- Beavers' creations
- Like sheep
- Folksy Guthrie
- "Wanna bet ___?"
- Recyclable item, perhaps
- Songstress Turner
- Traps
- Thighbone
- Kayo count
- Hot-air balloon stabilizer
- Pueblo brick
- Brewer's sphere
- New York's Koch, Giuliani et al.
- Bit of residue
- Newton fruit
- ___-bitsy
- Debra of "The Ten Commandments"
- Shoppers' haven
- NYPD officer
- Mile or marathon
- Thinly spread
- Prefix with dynamic or static
- Arthur Miller's Willy
- Document copyists
- CEO deg., often
- Playbill listings
- Therapeutic rubdowns
- Poker stake
- "Woodstock" quartet member
- Busy one
- Hebrides isle
- Author Loos
- Hems, say
- MTV viewer, most likely
- Koufax in Cooperstown

DOWN

- Wine selection
- Bell-ringing cosmetics company
- Auction offers
- ___ uproar
- Lincoln or Douglas, in 1858
- One of Edison's 1000+
- Part of B.A.
- Under the weather
- Buck's mate
- "Is that a fact!"
- George Orwell classic
- Grade diminisher
- Kick off
- Smelter stuff
- Marker on a golf green
- Like Hubbard's cupboard
- Assists, criminally
- In the center of
- See socially
- Shellfish dish
- Baby in blue
- Lawn care tool
- Seattle's ___ Needle
- Rick's "Casablanca" love
- Secluded valley
- Play parts
- ___ Zedong
- Lee's men, for short
- Blood bank collections
- Cola quantities
- Certain Nebraska native
- A whole slew
- Lake rental
- "Be prepared" org.
- Leonine locks
- Kournikova of the court
- Yardage pickup
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Land Location: From Kanorado, Kan. go 11.5 miles South. Land is located on the East side of the road. Signs will be posted.

Tract 1: Legal Description: SW/4 of Section 22-10-42 • 100± acres cropland • 60 ± acres grassland • 83.5 ± acres growing wheat. Soil Classifications: Ua-46.2, Cb-8.6, Ub-48.3, Uk-42.4, Ud-12.6. 2004 Taxes: \$160.

Tract 2: Legal Description: E/4 of Section 21-10-42 • 205± acres cropland • 114 ± acres grassland • 50.5 ± acres growing wheat. Soil Classifications: Ua-136.4, Uk-17.2, Rc-37.5, Go-52.6, Ub-70.1, Ud-6.9. 2004 Taxes: \$351.72.

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Auctioneers Notes: The NRCS office has indicated that an additional 50-88 acres could be broken out.

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