School solution evades officials

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getting so mad. If it continues, the government is going to take it over."

He has pinned some hope on the actions taken by federal government to attempt to curb class-action lawsuits to cut down on cost to pa-

Morrison reviewed the situation with wind energy, too.

"We have the best wind energy out here but no way to distribute it," he said. The area needs more electric transmission lines if it hopes to generate much wind power.

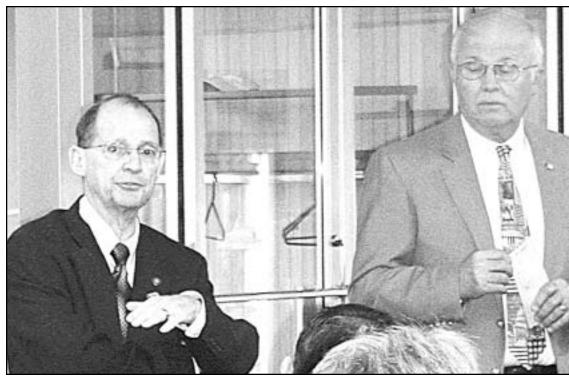
He said Midwest Energy and Sunflower Electric Power Corp. don't want to beef up their lines because they won't make enough money on wind energy to cover the costs. The alternative, he said, is to allow the government to come in and upgrade the lines.

"If Midwest doesn't build it," he said, "the state will."

The power, he said, doesn't have to be sold to the energy firms here, but it can be can sent on to other markets back east. The local companies can, he said, charge an access fee for tapping into their lines.

Morrison encouraged his constituents to go to www.accesskansas.com or kslegislature.org to get information on the bills he sees.

"I'm forcing you to hold us accountable," he said, adding that and wind energy.



State Rep. Jim Morrison (left) of Colby and Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer visited Goodland on Saturday to talk with voters. The two gave separate talks and then teamed up to take questions from the audi-Photo by Kathryn Burke/The Goodland Star-News

people can even instant message

After the discussions, the legislators took questions from the audience, who asked for more in-depth

a lot of interest in wind energy and asked Morrison and Ostmeyer about government regulations.

enne, Decatur, Gove, Graham, ham counties.

The group, made up largely of Greeley, Lane, Logan, Ness, him with more information while he Farm Bureau members, expressed Norton, Rawlins, Rooks, Scott, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas, Trego, Wallace and Wichita counties.

Rep. Morrison represents the Sen. Ostmeyer represents the 121st District, which includes Sherinformation on the health care bills 40th District, which includes Chey- man, Thomas, Sheridan and Gra-

accused of embezzlement CLERK, from Page 1a

Former Dighton clerk

Pettay was Lane County district magistrate judge from 1993 to 1997.

In 2001, he joined Farm Bureau Insurance in Jetmore, moving here last summer. He de- in Brewster schools. clined to comment on allegations against his wife Monday morn-

In the same interview last year, Pettay said his wife was office manager for Western Plains Energy, an alcohol plant east of Oakley. The plant manager did not return calls from a reporter.

David Brown, Colby Farm Bureau agent, who sometimes works cases," he said.

with Kevin Pettay, said he hadn't heard about the accusations, but

was shocked by the news. "I certainly couldn't comment on something I know nothing

about," he said. The Pettays have four children

Linda Pettay made her first appearance in Lane County District Court on Thursday, Feb. 3. She was to appear in court in Dighton on Jan. 26, but a scheduling conflict moved the hearing back.

Pettay's attorney, Larry Tittel, Ness City, declined to comment on the case Monday.

"I don't comment on pending

Chamber hears update

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to work together to come up with creative directions to take Goodland. She stressed working not only with people in town, but with surrounding communities, on projects to benefit everyone.

passed out plaques to new Chamber going to stay the same."

members and stickers to existing

Swager recognized two Wheat She advised Chamber members Ridge employees and John Garcia, city commissioner, economic development council chairman and owner of Garcia's Home Furnishings, closed the meeting with recognitions.

"We are constantly under construction," he said about the city and After Siemens' speech, Warden the Chamber. "We're not always

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Goodland district wants to cool off school buildings Campbell asked for an estimate

adding insulation to the buildings.

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condensation issue would need at-

Campbell also asked which option would cost less to install and less to operate.

Although the numbers are preliminary, Strait said the chillers normally cost \$1,000 per ton. That mean for 31,000 to 32,000 square feet, using 300 square feet per ton, the unit would cost around \$100,000 for each school.

run around \$4,000 each, but with in 1968. installation and seven units per school, the cost would come up to a said, "and it's still plugging away." least \$30,000 for each school. Strait would probably be closer to

of the units, and Strait said the rooftops last around 15 years and the chillers about 25 years. He said the water-based heating systems at The rooftop units, he said, would going since the schools were built conditioning.

"It's been going 37 years," he on the price of new windows and

The chiller unit would just hook said after the work, cutting into the into the existing heating system, he roof and installing the units, it said, but would require an outside tower to dissipate heat.

Strait said he is expecting an en-Campbell asked about longevity gineer from Denver to come out and go through the buildings for the project. Selby said the group will look North, too.

The board asked Strait to con-North and West schools have been tinue investigating the cost of air

District considers using online calendar service

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News

Touting easy access and greater flexibility, Steve Raymer, activities director and vice principal for the high school, presented an online calendar service to the school board last Monday.

"It's a better way to communicate with the public, teachers and community," Raymer said.

For just \$200 per year, he said, the changes almost immediately." nline calendar could be set up He said with a shared passw Star, billed on their web site as "the athletic director's silent assistant." Raymer said the money could come out of the athletic fund.

the board that showed a mock calendar on a projector screen. He date." went into detail outlining how the schedule is updated and events are

The online calendar would even for junior high sports. help set up transportation for events, Raymer said, making sure features an e-mail service, too. Para bus or activity van would be avail- ents, teachers, students, community able at specific times on specific

rent paper calendar, he said, is that it is constantly changing.

"Every time we put out a school tling, basketball or football events. calendar," he said, "there are

through a company called Schedule the online calendar can be used by benefits. He said Karla Murray, all of the schools to put in different technology coordinator for the disactivities.

school activities," he said, adding ing site. He had a presentation ready for he hopes everyone will get involved. "Hopefully it will stay up to mented Superintendent Marvin

Jim Mull, principal of North Elementary and Grant Junior High, said the calendar would be useful

Raymer said the online calendar members and even the newspaper could get updates on changes to the One of the problems with the curcalendar via e-mail. People could get sport-specific updates, he said, if they were only interested in wres-

Although the school web site already has a calendar, Raymer said, the Schedule Star has many more trict, said they could set up a link to "There's enough room to add the calendar on the school's exist-

"That's really pretty neat," com-

"It is neat," agreed board member Danny Whalen.

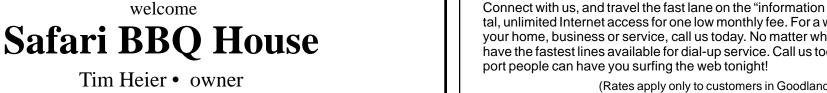
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chicken, beef, pork, turkey and slabs of ribs. Dine in or carry out.

Tim has plans to offer delivery services, seafood night, prime rib night and maybe even a waffle night.

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