# Star-news lland goodland Primary will cut candidates

Tuesday is the cut-down day for the candidates for Goodland school board, the city commission and Kanorado Mayor.

Voting for all offices will be held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars with the polls opening at 7 a.m. and closing at 7 p.m.

Sherman County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the primary for the city commission and school board to cut the field down to the top six for each, and the Kanorado mayor to cut the field to two candidates. There will not be a primary for the Kanorado city council because the number of candidates did not exceed the number of seats open with two people running for each open seat.

Eight people — a veterinarian, a housewife, a court clerk, a sports writer, a deputy sheriff, a pastor, a farmer and a business owner – walked into the courthouse last month and signed up to run for three seats on the Goodland School Board.

Candidates for the Goodland school board are Dick Short, current board member and president of



Dechant Fairbanks



Golden

Short and Son truck lines and Cen- Smith, veterinarian at Prairieland tury Feeders who is the only incum- Animal clinic. LeAnn Friedrichs, a bent running.

The new candidates are Amy now a part-time sports reporter. Ja-Sederstrom, a housewife, farmer son Showalter, a deputy sheriff, and and part-time office manager at Andrew House, a local farmer. Truck and Tractor Repair. The Rev. Chad M. DeJong, pastor of the vying to advance to the general Goodland Bible Church. Dr. Gary election in April for the three seats





Wood

open on the City Commission. Two of them will be eliminated in the primary on Tuesday.

Annette Fairbanks, owner of Teeters Abstract and Title Company. Josh Dechant, ag loan officer at Bankwest. Gary Farris, owner of Farris Manufacturing. John Garcia, the only incumbent commissioner who owns Garcia's Home Furnishings. John Golden owner of Golden Wheat Ranch. Mike Miller, owner of Miller Construction and Miller Enterprises. David Walker, a case worker at the Kit Carson Correction Center, and Brent Wood a financial consultant with Sun America.

Four men are vying to be the Kanorado Mayor and the primary will cut the field to two.

Mayor Robert Helderman is seeking reelection, and being opposed by Bob Handle, Dennis Korbelik and Gerald Webber. (See story on Page 1 for details on these candidates.)

Kanorado, Goodland and the school board will be held on Tuesday, April 5.



"I'mastrong advocate of getting these kids a good start. Those first three or four years are so important." – Amy Sederstrom

*"I'm running because I care about"* 

Sederstrom



"Our kids are the most valuable thing that we have." – Rev. Chad DeJong



"I'm running just to make sure that we have the best education, sports and extra curricular activities available." – Dr. Gary Smith

Smith







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# Eight candidates run for school board



The general election for

# **School applies for technology grant**

#### By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News Goodland schools hope to get \$150,000 worth of computers and accessories for fifth and sixth graders with the help of grant writer Penny Nemechek.

Nemechek told the Goodland School Board on Monday, Feb. 14, that she is applying for a grant designed to create four "technology rich" classrooms at North Elementary.

The grant, called "Enhancing education through technology," she said, is offered through the state Department of Education. Although the state requires a commitment from schools to support the project, Nemechek said, there is no direct cash match.

The program began last year, she said, but the schools here missed the window to apply. This year the grant has been extended to third through sixth grades. If awarded the money, Nemechek said, the school would be given a list of equipment required in the classrooms.

Jim Mull, principal of North Elementary and Grant Junior High, said they would need 10 laptop computers for each classroom to it," he added. make a 1-2 ratio of computers to stuprinter, a scanner, a digital camera, wireless access, DVD burners, specific software and other technology tools Nemechek said the grant provides \$20,000 worth of equipment for each classroom with a maximum of \$150,000 total.

classroom and not break up equipment to use throughout the district, she said. One of the purposes of the grant, she said, is to trace the longterm impact of the sophisticated classrooms on the schools.

Although the state is not asking for a cash match on the grant, Nemechek said the district will have to provide matching contribu- Mull, "and a very short period of tions that can come in the form of time." agreeing to pay for substitute teachers while classroom teachers take 10 days of professional development classes. She said the cost of technology support and Internet Superintendent Marvin Selby, " a connectivity can be counted toward a match, too. She estimated the cost for the district to be between \$3,000 and \$5,000.

"It's not completely free," she said. "I have yet to find a grant program with no strings attached."

To qualify for the grant, she said, the district will be graded on a point system, with more points given to schools that need the help. Mull said more points will be

qualifying criteria.

"I think we have a fair chance at

Mull said the teachers at North will focus the grant on reading because they feel reading will affect all other areas of learning.

With only 10 days until the final application is due, Nemechek said, she is working with teachers to get the application written.

"We've got a lot of work," said

The board unanimously approved offering support for the technology grant.

"It looks like a great deal," said great opportunity."

While looking for grants, the board advised Nemechek to start searching for money for the "oneto-one" initiative to give one computer to each high school student.

"We could use a lot of money there, couldn't we," said board member Ron Schilling.

Karla Murray, technology coordinator for the district, gave board members a list of members to serve awarded for students needing free on the one-to-one committee. and reduced lunches and other Nemechek signed up to serve on the committee, too.

High School Principal Harvey Swager said the group isn't asking The school will be graded, he to take trips yet, just meet to discuss

priate grants.

She advised board members to ask those they meet from other districts about what grants they are getting. She said the word-ofmouth assistance will help steer her in the right direction to address the priorities of the board.

In other business the board:

• Approved a \$2,000 plumbing bill for the junior high.

Mull said the plumbing problem did require attention but the girls and boys bathrooms on both floors were always open.

"I'm very proud of the way everybody handled the situation," he said.

• Put together a bowling team for the Sherman County Big Brothers Big Sisters fundraiser 2005 Bowl For Kids Sake fundraiser

Board members Danny Whalen, Marty Melia, Fritz Doke and Mike Campbell will bowl with Ron Schilling standing in as an alternate. • Accepted the resignations of Brenda Linin, as junior high track coach; Samantha Jones, custodian at the high school; and Tammy Schoenthaler, secretary at the high

school. board hired Scott The

"I'm running for the school board for one reason, academic excellence for all USD 352 students." – LeAnn *Friedrichs* 



deputy court clerk. Greg Stover, Seven men and one woman are

The grant requires a commitment

dents. They would need to have a said, depending on the staff's vision the initiative. for the funds and their plans to track progress.

> Mull said the teachers interested in participating with the grant, Jona hopes up," said Selby. "I think Neufeld, Pam Hardy and Judy Hayden in the sixth grade, and Mary Frazier, a fifth grade teacher, are involved in technology.

"You have some teachers really to preserve the technology-rich excited about this," Nemechek said.

"It doesn't cost anything to look," said board President Jane Philbrick. "I don't' want to get anybody's we're a long way from (implement-

ing the program).' Nemechek said she is working on a web page of grant links so teachers, administrators and board members can help her search for appro-

McGillivray, as custodian at the high school, and Shawn Gastineau as library technician at the high school.

• Gave Selby permission to seek investment bids. He plans to take \$977,000 currently in a certificate of deposit and reinvest it. The money is for a contingency reserve. Selby will look at six and 12 month returns to make the most money for the district.



"I'm running for community involvement." – Andrew House

House



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## Parents holding event

Educators and families from across Kansas that have received Parents as Teachers (PAT) services will gather at the capitol Wednesday for the annual PAT Day event.

The event will be from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mountain Time in the north wing/first floor of the capitol building in Topeka.

Parents as Teachers is an early learning program, provided free to families of children from conception through three years of age.

Although the program is available in most states, Kansas is the only one that has developed a state day and event.

Area schools in the northwest Kansas program are Goodland, Sharon Springs, St. Francis, Weskan, Golden Plains, Healy,



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