# Students talk about high school

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things she dislikes about the high She likes block scheduling -

high school classes are set up in 90 minute blocks on alternate

"You get to do more hands-on stuff," she said because teachers have more time. "I learn better that

"Do you think block scheduling is good for all students?" asked Jim Mull, principal of North Elementary and Grant Junior High.

Wolak said the schedule doesn't work out for all classes, but she still

Board member Amy Sederstrom asked how often a teacher used the entire class for instruction.

Wolak said while some teachers lecture for the entire 90 minutes. many leave about 20 minutes to help

with questions on assigned work. Harrison said many of his teachers use the entire time for instruction.

Wolak and Harrison both like seminar, a class set aside for studying or homework.

Tatman said football practice keeps him out late sometimes, and he needs seminar for homework.

A top student, Wolak especially likes the Black and Gold cards — a reward card that gives students who make good grades extra free time to leave school for lunch.

"We cherish them," she said.

Tatman said while he doesn't currently have a card, he thinks the opportunity helps him strive for bet-

All three students said that they want the school to keep the candy and pop machines.

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were no objections.

"I think it's a good idea to keep

City Clerk Mary Volk said there

were two changes in the franchise

agreement. First was that the length

was changed from 20 to 5 years, and

the second was that the fee was

changed from a percentage of income

to a flat rate of 75 cents per customer.

She said these changes bring the fran-

chise into balance with what is being

The commission unanimously

• Approved the low bid of \$20,499 from Vegetation Manage-

approved the franchise ordinance.

done for S&T Telephone.

### Board takes day to listen, learn

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by the new energy center.

How to handle declining enrollment, including closing district buildings, also came up.

Sharon Gregory, Central Elementary principal, gave the board an in-depth report on the "adequate yearly progress" required under federal law.

Gregory, the school improvement specialist for the district, told the board what not making progress - the high school did not make adequate progress for this year - means and what that could eventually mean to the district.

Shelly Angelos, principal for West Elementary, covered student retention for board members. West has some trouble keeping students for the entire

Jim Mull, principal for North Elementary and Grant Junior High, shared a few ways to cut costs in extra curricular activities.

Board members learned more about air conditioning needs for West and North. Selby explained his criteria for closing school for heat days.

The board tossed around ideas to improve school site councils and to get more participation. The councils are made up of parents and teachers working together to make the schools better.

After lunch, board members looked at the number of teachers and staff on the brink of retirement. Selby said he wants to replace the teachers with good quality recruits.

them in there," said Tatman. "They make a lot of money."

Sederstrom asked if the food in

some good choices, like water and nutrition bars.

said the decision on candy machines and what items are allowed kids still party, he added, the testing will be made by the state, not the has closed some parties down. school board.

The three students said they normally eat school lunches. Tatman's only complaint was that they don't

The new drug testing program for dents are quick to fight.

extra curricular activities got support form all three, too.

"I think it's a good idea," Harrison said.

He added the new rule is keeping some students away from parties.

Tatman likes the testing because it shows neighboring towns that kids in Goodland are clean. While some

Board member LeAnn Friedrichs He said the board will know more asked the students what the school wasn't doing well at.

> Harrison said teachers and administrators need to be more vigilant about bullying.

Tatman agreed, saying tensions sometimes run high and some stu-

"A lot of action goes on at the high school," he said.

The problem, he said, is with certain groups in certain places, and administrators should watch those

Selby asked if the high school has any racial problems.

Tatman said some kids joke around, but it's not serious.

Board member Dick Short asked if they need more discipline at the

"No," said Tatman, adding that the school has enough already.

Harrison said some forms of punishment are pointless, like in-school suspension, where students sit in a room and aren't allowed to do homework all day.

Sederstrom agreed, saying students who get in trouble should be forced to do more work. Outside suspension, Tatman said,

is worse because students don't even have to go to school. "It's almost fun for them," agreed

Sederstrom. "It needs to be punish-Friedrichs asked if the students

have a problem, do they have some-

one they can go to and get help from. Wolak said the school offers peer counselors, and that helps give students options.

Harrison said he has teachers he can turn to for help.

Tatman agreed, saying teachers have helped him out of trouble in the

Overall, Harrison said, of the many schools he has attended, Goodland ranks pretty high. He gave the school a middle "B" to a

Tatman gave Goodland a low "A" or a high "B." Wolak agreed.

## New Leadership class on view tonight

Leadership Sherman County Horinek, who works in the loan will hold a public reception at 6 department at First Naitional p.m. today at the Ennis-Handy House, 202 W. 13th, to introduce

The class will have seven daylong classes over the next seven grain accountant with Frontier months, each covering different aspects of Sherman County life.

Members of this year's class are Wayne Hill, Goodland city manager; Mark Justus, head of Renewable Energy Resources and a key figure in organizing the new Goodland Energy Center; Kim Leibhart, Wal-Mart manager.

Bank; Michelle Murray, a bookkeeper at First National; Kelly Hawkins, office manager at State Farm Insurance; Kristi Shoff, a Equity Exchange; Garton Russell Slovacek, grain merchandiser for Frontier Equity; Doug Sederstrom, a certified public accountant for Kennedy and Coe, but soon to become the controller of the energy center; and Stephanie

## Total taxes will increase by a few cents next year

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only about one penny, or .013 mills. She said a homeowner would see a one-cent increase for every \$1,000 of assessed value of their property.

A person with a \$50,000 house and the assessed valuation of \$5,750 (11.5 percent of market value) would see an increase of 7 cents for their total property tax bill. Without the increases from the city and school district, the county property tax would drop about \$38 for the same house.

Rumpel suggested this would be a good year for the commissioners to establish a capital improvement fund to help pay for building projects. She said the commissioners could establish the fund by reso-

Commissioner Kevin Rasure said it would be a way to put money aside every year.

He made a motion to approve the resolution establishing the capital improvement fund.

Rumpel said to get the fund established, the county can take \$150,000 from this year, and the budget for next year would add another \$150,000.

The budget hearing was going to be held in the middle of September, but Rumpel said she had delayed it of the county courthouse.

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OK. She said taking the extra days was a good idea, as a few changes were made, but the bottom line stayed the same.

She told the commissioners one area where the figures changed was the extension budget. Since the county is now part of a regional extension district, there will not be any money in the budget for extension. The new Sunflower Extension

District will levy property taxes next year, she said, and the carryover from this year will be transferred to the general fund next Other items on the agenda for Fri-

day are an update from Sheriff Kevin Butts about the inventory of the Sheriff's department. The commissioners will meet

with Mary Messamore, head of central dispatch and emergency management. Messamore announced her resignation to take a job in Hutchison in October, and the commissioners want to talk to her about the duties and responsibilities of her Commissioner meeting agendas

and minutes are available on the county web site at www.sher man.kansasgov.com. The commission meets at 8 a.m. on the first floor

the machines is healthy. Wolak said the machines have

Superintendent Marvin Selby

after a wellness committee goes to a training session on Wednesday.

get enough food.

City approves engineering agreement to design new power line brush chipper for the electric de-

> and Ninth, 10th and 13th. Neufeld access to the downtown area. said the state has agreed to allow the

ment Supply of Wichita for a new ready to go to bid. He said because the design work has been completed partment. Charlie Bandel said the on the other two intersections, addworkers had tested two chippers ing the three would be fairly easy. and liked the one from Vegetation He said he wants to have the plans Management the best. The other bid ready to go to the state by the end of from for \$22,893 from Vermeen the month and it is possible the bids Sales and Service of Goddard. Both can be let in November or Decembids included the trade-in of the ber. Construction of the interseccity's 1993 chipper. Bandel said the tions would begin next spring and trade-in value was about \$10,000. they would do the odd intersections • Approved grant documents for together and then do the even interreplacing the intersections at Main sections so there would always be Hill reported that he and Rod

three intersections to be combined Blake, power plant superintendent, with the two (11th and 12th) that are had a good meeting with represen-

tatives from Sunflower Electric, and that he felt better about being able to cover the time next year before the new power plant comes on line.

Blake said the cost for power from Sunflower had dropped a bit and the city was paying \$32 per megawatt hour off peak and \$74

The next city meeting will be 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 3.

### Development council to pay some Chamber bills BILLS, from Page 1a

Linin said the Chamber has signed up some new members in the

last few weeks. Vice President Ken Clouse said the Chamber is close to completing the new mission statement and would be putting more effort into contacting the members once that is

Wednesday to finish the mission As to the utilities, Timm said his ut no mention of a specontacted are generally feeling very cific time or place for the meeting was mentioned.

> whether the development council said this should include the postage, would pay Chamber postage, phone and trash charges. phone, utilities and liability insurance for the office, which is now in agreement with Pete Whalen, who the same building at 1208 Main manages the building, about rent. He with the development council.

done. Apparently there was to be a covered under the county umbrella Chamber board meeting last

August was to pay the utilities and liability for the Chamber when they Linin raised the question of moved into the council office. He

The Chamber has a separate has rented the office to the Chamber Garcia felt the liability would be for \$100 a month, and has given them time to build up their financial base before they begin paying.

Legal Notice Legal Notice

#### If You Bought Copenhagen, Skoal or other U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Products in Kansas

You may benefit from a class action settlement.

There is a proposed Settlement of a class action lawsuit, | U.S. Smokeless separately and will not reduce the amount Chance and Osborn v. UST et al. in the District Court of Seward County, Kansas. The lawsuit concerns U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company's moist smokeless tobacco products purchased in Kansas.

#### What is the Litigation About? Plaintiffs allege that U.S. Smokeless Tobacco engaged in

sales practices that made it possible for U.S. Smokeless Tobacco to monopolize the market for moist smokeless tobacco products in violation of antitrust and/or consumer protection laws. U.S. Smokeless Tobacco denies all claims of wrongdoing made by Plaintiffs.

#### Who is Involved?

You may be a member of the Settlement Class if you are of legal age to purchase tobacco and purchased U.S. Smokeless moist snuff tobacco products, including Copenhagen and Skoal, at any time from January 1, 1990 to the present in Kansas. U.S. Smokeless Tobacco, its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates and employees are excluded from the Settlement

#### What will Class Members get?

If the Court approves the proposed Settlement, eligible Class Members will receive a package of coupons worth approximately \$650.00 in discounts for future purchases of Copenhagen, Skoal, Rooster or Red Seal moist smokeless tobacco products. In order to file a Claim Form and receive these coupons, please visit the website or call the toll free number below.

Class Counsel will petition the Court for reasonable attorneys' fees, in an amount not to exceed 33% of the total value of the settlement.

Class Counsel's fees, costs and expenses will be paid by

of benefits to Class Members

#### What are My Legal Rights?

· If you wish to remain a member of the Settlement Class, you do not have to do anything. However, to receive the coupon package, you must file a Claim Form. If the Court approves the proposed Settlement and you submitted a valid Claim Form, you will receive the coupons. You will also be bound by all the Court's orders. This means you will forego any claims you may have against U.S.

Smokeless Tobacco that are covered by the Settlement. If you wish to get coupons, you need to complete a Claim Form. You can get a Claim Form by visiting www.kssmokelesstobaccosettlement.com, calling 1-877-874-7560 or writing the Claims Administrator at the address below. Claim Forms must be signed and

postmarked by September 16, 2006. If you do not wish to be a member of the Settlement Class, you must sign a Request for Exclusion letter as outlined in the Notice of Settlement. Your request must be postmarked by November 11, 2005.

#### When Will the Settlement Be Approved?

The District Court of Seward County, Kansas will hold a Fairness hearing to decide if the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate on November 30, 2005. The hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the District Court of Seward County, 415 N. Washington Street, Liberal, Kansas

If you remain a member of the Settlement Class, you or your counsel have the right to appear in Court and object to the Settlement. However, in order to object, you must file a written objection, as described in the Notice of Settlement. Objections must be filed by October 29, 2005.

For Information on the Proposed Settlement, Your Rights and a Copy of the Notice and Claim Form:

Or Write: Claims Administrator, Kansas Smokeless Tobacco Settlement, P.O. Box 1752,

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