



# School board tours purchased greenhouse

By Pat Schiefen

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Superintendent Marvin Selby and the members of the Goodland School Board toured the former Cobblestone Floral and Greenhouse, which the district bought earlier this year, during the board meeting Monday.

The district paid \$30,000 for the facility at 508 E. 12th Street, across from the high school. Board members have talked about tearing the buildings down to make more parking in for the high school. Another suggestion is to leave one of the greenhouses for the school to use.

Superintendent Marvin Selby showed school board members roof leakage at the old Cobblestone Floral and Garden building during a tour Monday. Pictured are (from left) board members Marty Melia, Amy Sederstrom, Dick Short, Selby, Jane Philbrick and board clerk Pat Juhl.

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The board toured the main part of the facility, which includes three greenhouses, show room, basement storage, upstairs storage and rooms with pots, soil and space for arranging flowers. It also has a separate garage on a lot facing Walnut Avenue.

There seemed to be only one leak that showed up after the snow, Selby said, but there was evidence of previous leaks. One of the greenhouses had missing panels in the roof. The weeds in the greenhouse were knee high when the school took over, he said.

High school science teacher Connie Livengood and her classes boxed the remaining merchandise, he said. There were partitions with Christmas things on them, silk flowers, candles and stuffed animals.

"What will it cost to do nothing?" asked Andrew House, a school board member. Selby said only the utilities. House also asked what it would cost to repair or tear down buildings.

"I would like to sit a while and see

what comes up," Selby said.

Right now, he said, the science students and some West Elementary students are using one of the greenhouses.

"I would like to see a report on what use there is," said Amy Sederstrom, another board member.

If a teacher has an idea to use the greenhouses for classes, they would need to design a class and present it to the board, said Jane Philbrick, board president.

The board agreed to leave the facility alone this semester, letting the science students use it, and re-evaluate it next year.

They also agreed to have the site councils have a garage sale with the remaining merchandise with the proceeds to go to them. The site councils, made up mostly of parents and teacher at each school, makes suggestions for changes and raise money for projects at the schools.

Selby asked if he could put up some of the larger items up for auction on the Internet. The board agreed.

# District takes first steps to set up technology center

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The Goodland School Board took the first steps Monday to set up a technology center to house the district's computer network, maintenance on computers and an office for the technology people.

At a school board meeting Monday, Superintendent Marvin Selby had a diagram showing the proposed layout for converting a warehouse the district owns on Broadway.

He said Eagle Communications was laying new fiber-optic cable and had called Karla Murray, district technology coordinator, wanting to know where the cable should go for the school district. If they want to move the Internet network from its location now in a converted janitor's closet at Central Elementary, Selby said, it will cost the district nothing to have the cable installed. The cable would be run the end of May.

The present network is almost full and has no room for expansion, Selby said. The network is in a 15-by-20-foot room which includes desks for Murray and Bill Frazier, technology assistant.

"The building is sound," said Selby, adding that he wanted an OK from the board to find out how much it would cost to remodel it. He said a lot of the work could be done by the staff over the summer.

The one thing that would need to be contracted would be a new furnace and air conditioning. The current furnace was bought used from Goodland Sheet Metal, he said.

The building at 14th and Broadway was a grocery at one time, Selby said. The remodeling would not have to be done all at one time, he said. The building is divided into two sections. One could be used for the Internet, office and maintenance and the other for training.

Selby reminded the board of a "whole board" training session

scheduled for next Friday with Paul Getto of the Kansas Association of School Boards. The board decided to start at 7 a.m. with coffee and rolls, have a working lunch with pizza and be done around 1 p.m. Selby and West Elementary Principal Shelly Angelos, who will be the superintendent starting in July, will also attend.

The superintendent compared the cost of utilities from last year to this year, showing higher spending for water and power. With the sale of the Edson gym, though, the district is running about the same for heating, even with higher prices.

For water, he said, \$27,000 was budgeted in 2004-2005 and \$23,000 spent. This year, \$29,000 was budgeted and \$25,000 spent so far.

For heating, in 2004-2005 with the Edson Gym, \$144,000 was budgeted and \$116,000 spent. This year, with higher prices, \$153,000 was budgeted and \$116,000 has

been spent.

For power, last year \$124,000 was budgeted and \$81,000 spent. This year, \$126,000 was budgeted and \$94,000 spent. North Elementary has the largest electrical usage, he said.

Motor fuel was budgeted for \$55,000 in 2004-2005 and \$29,000 was spent. This year, \$55,000 was budgeted and \$44,000 has been spent.

Overall, Selby said, the district spent \$249,000 last year and \$279,000 so far this year, well below the budget of \$363,000.

In a legislative update, Selby said as of Monday, the Kansas House of Representatives had passed a school finance bill. Selby didn't know how close it will be to the one passed by the Senate.

He said the House bill would add \$600 million over three years.

Their version includes uniform reporting to the state for all school districts, an annual report on student

improvement and would pay students \$1,000 to graduate in three years and another \$3,000 if they go to vocation education.

It includes a three-year phase in for all-day kindergarten, assessment for each location, allowing an increase in local option budgets next to 33 percent of a district's total and in 2007-2008 to 37 percent. If a student graduates from the Board of Regents curriculum and needs remedial help at college, the school district he or she graduated from would have to pay for it.

It would add \$271,000 to the Goodland district's budget next year, with \$68,000 to go to the general fund and \$98,000 to at-risk programs. The definition of at-risk would continue to be school eligibility. \$57,000 would go to special education and \$46,000 would go to kindergarten, Selby said. The vocational education money would be the same.

The board set a bid opening Tues-

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should be fair and factual. We want to keep an accurate record and appreciate you calling to our attention any failure to live up to this standard.

# City to see new electric contract

The City Commission will get a look at a proposed new contract with Sunflower Electric when it meets Monday.

Sunflower has been the city's main power source for the last 10 years, but the contract will expire in May. While the Hays-based cooperative will become mostly a backup after the Goodland Energy Center goes into operation, the city has to depend on Sunflower for at least another year.

City Manager Wayne Hill said he feels the new contract will cover the needs of the city through the next year. He said there are some good

changes in the agreement, he said, and the Sunflower people were willing to work with the city.

He said in the past, the Sunflower has called on the city to generate power, but there was no repayment. Under the new contract Hill said, Sunflower will pay the city's cost for power it takes.

The contract will begin in June, and Hill said it will be a good backup for the city when the new coal-fired power plant comes on line next June.

Hill also will give the commission an update on the contract with Goodland Energy Resources, and

the wind farm power contract with ReNewable Energy Resources. He said there are some details remaining to work out on those, but he expects them to be ready soon.

He will update the commission on the brick intersection project and the S&T and AT&T franchise agreements that are being revised before they expire in June.

In other business, the commission will:

- Read a proclamation for Fair Housing Month.
- Approve payments to Miller Construction and Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates for the final work on Pioneer Park.
- Request payment from the Kansas Department of Transportation for work completed on the park.
- Approve payment to Sporer Land Development for the work on the runway safety area at the airport, and seek reimbursement for the work from the Federal Aviation Administration.

# Frontier Day Saturday

A tractor pull on the back lot should highlight Frontier Day on Saturday at Frontier Equity in Goodland, but the co-operative also will feature specials prices, food and cars and motorcycles on display.

Randy Gausman said with all the snow last week, the ground might not be dry enough for the tractor pull, but they'll try to do it.

Activities will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. At 10 a.m., Renewable Energy Resources LLC will have a talk about progress on its wind farms.

There will be door prizes and drawings during the day at 1202 W. U.S. 24, including four tickets to a Colorado Rockies baseball game.

The co-op will have a special price on ethanol fuel with Farm Bureau members helping at the pumps at Goodland, Brewster and Bird City.

There will be service specials in the shop, CarQuest discounts and the Country Corner Store will also have specials.

A barbecue lunch will be available at a special price.

<b>March 31 - April 13</b> <b>Ice Age 2</b> <b>PG</b> PG: Some mild language and innuendo.	Bring this AD to the theatre for \$1 OFF on a large popcorn & 2 med. EXP: 12/31/06	Nightly 7:00 Sunday Matinee 1:30 Movie Bucks Make Great Gifts! <a href="http://www.goodlandnet.com/movies">www.goodlandnet.com/movies</a> <b>Sherman</b> 1203 Main - Phone 899-6103
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## April 3, 2006

### 5:30 pm MT

The horses taken into custody by the Sherman County Sheriff, on the 28th day of February, 2006, will be available to purchase at an auction conducted by:

*Colby Livestock Auction*

125 S. Country Club Drive

(785) 460-3231

# All you can eat breakfast!!!

## April 1, 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Masonic Building**  
519 Center, Goodland

pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee

**Adults - \$5    Children under 12 - \$3**

Goodland Chapter Order of Eastern Star

## student of the week



**Name:** Chelsea Gray

**Parents:** Eric & Marianne Gray

**Grade:** 12

**Age:** 18

**We've nominated this student because:** Chelsea is a very creative young lady who displays a positive attitude toward school and her peers. She is an excellent student and hard worker with ambition and goals.

**Student Comment:** I will remember all the great

times with my crazy friends.

**Activities involved in at school:** Student Council President, GAA, FCCLA, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Volleyball, Softball, CYO.

**My choice of movies, books, and games:** I enjoy any book written by Nicholas Sparks and I like watching comedy movies like Anchorman.

**After I leave Goodland High School I intend to:** attend with K-State or Kansas Wesleyan to major in Secondary or Elementary Education.

**And 10 years from now, I think I'll be:** Enjoying my life where ever I end up at.

**Favorite Quote:** You can't expect people to look eye to eye with you if you are looking down on them.

-Unknown

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