

# Eighth graders studied for tests to get into high school

The spring of 1906 found eighth graders in the county schools busy preparing for exams. Passing scores on the tests, which covered many subjects, would admit students to high school in the fall. *The Goodland News* printed the following notice 100 years ago:

### Educational Notes By J.P. Phillips

The first examination for a common school diploma will be held on Saturday, April 21, and Saturday, April 28, at the following places, and the teachers indicated will have charge: Kanorado, Nellie Marks; Ruleton, Amy Jones; Edson, Emma Brelsford; District No. 4, known as New Hope school, Euroth Stewart; District No. 15, known as the Palmer school, Anna King; District No. 49, known as the Kemp school, D.O. Fortmeyer; and in



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the court room at Goodland.

Examinations will be given in orthography (word usage, spelling), penmanship, geography and physiology on April 21, and in arithmetic, grammar, U.S. history and Kansas history on April 28. Civil government will not be required as it is now placed in the ninth year's work.

Pupils may take the examination at the most convenient place for them to take it. Exams will begin promptly at 9 o'clock a.m.

The required average is 80 percent, minimum 60 percent. All

grades of 80 or better may be carried for one year. No questions will extend beyond the eighth year's work as outlined in the course of study for the common schools.

All graduates will get a nice lithographed diploma, which will admit them to the county high school without examination. It is hoped that all who graduate this spring will enter high school. There is room for more students in the county high school and it is hoped that it will be used.

The eighth grade class of 1905 was composed of 23 members; 17 are attending high school this winter. This speaks well for this class, but we hope to see a larger percent

of the class of 1906 enter high school this fall.

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Twenty-five years later in 1931, the success of one local college student was recorded on the front page of *The Goodland News-Republic*.

### To National Meet Hugh Errington Captain of Undefeated Team

Hugh Errington, Ruleton boy attending K.S.A.C. (Kansas State Agriculture College), will head a team from the state college that will participate in the national wrestling tournament at Brown University, Providence, R.I., the last of this week. Errington is captain of the Aggie team.

Errington has been heavyweight champion of the Big Six for three years. Last year, he entered the national tournament and placed third. Both men who ranked ahead of him last year have graduated from their

respective schools, so it seems the local boy has an excellent chance to win the championship this year.

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In a separate column, "High School News," of the same 1931 edition, basketball season was winding down. An account of a tournament game shared some exciting moments!

"The Norton-Goodland game was unequaled during the tournament for a thriller. It was so close all the way through that not over five points separated them at any time during the game.

"Norton sent men swarming all over Theirl King, Cowboy's center, to smother him from scoring, but the Jays could not handle him. He went everywhere, sinking them as he went on breaking up Norton plays.

"George Garrison, tiny Cowboy forward, was the hero of the game.

With one minute to play, the score tied 13 all, he nabbed the ball in the back court, dribbled fast down the back court, sidestepped, worked under the basket and looped a sweet setup. The goal had no more been scored when the game ended with Goodland conquerors of the mighty Norton Bluejays."

Later, seven members of the winning basketball squad received their sports letters: Theirl King, Adelbert Morey, George Garrison, Jack Wilson, George Troup, Gene Zuspamm and George Olsen.

Under the "Office News" from the Sherman Community High School, the aftermath of the spring blizzard of '31 affected the students in another way.

"Several shovels were distributed among the (high school) students and most of the snow has been cleared away, and most of the ways are passable."

# Thanks to substitute for help during daughter's illness, death

*Editors' note: We at The Star-News were not aware that Joyce Crabtree wrote some of Betty Jo's columns, though we had wondered how she was able to continue with it during her daughter's illness and after her death. We would like to thank Joyce for the news and extend our condolences to Betty Jo and thank her for making the arrangements with Joyce during such a difficult time.*

I want to thank Joyce Crabtree for doing my weekly news column for me the past six weeks. I'm very grateful for her help. Also, I want to thank all the volunteers that kept the Senior Center going while I was



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gone, and I thank this great community that I live in for all the cards and prayers sent to my daughter, Dana Jo and our family.

You don't know how much each and every one of them meant to us. Dana Jo went to Jesus at her home on April 7, 2006. I had spent the last six weeks with her in her home with

her husband and two daughters keeping care of her.

It's been a very difficult time, but knowing she is in God's arms has

made it easier. I thank all of you again for your help and for all the many donations made in her name. God bless you all.

The Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H Club planned a rabies clinic for Thursday, from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m., at the Brewster City Building.

The Brewster High School track teams participated in the Triplains Invitational on April 11. Placing on the girls team were Brittany Kammer, sixth in the 400 meter dash; Caitlan Rush, fifth in the triple jump and fifth in the 200 meter dash; and Amy Carpenter, second in the shot put.

The 4X100 relay team of Megan Allen, Audrey Hoyt, Brittany Kammer and Caitlan Rush placed fourth.

Placing on the boys team was Karman Selby, first in the 800 meter run. The 4X400 relay team of Branson Gilley, Phil Gralla, Jonathan Collett and Karman Selby

placed fifth. The 4X800 relay team of Branson Gilley, Aaron Horinek, Jonathan Collett and Karman Selby placed second.

Gene Hawkins, Lawrence Mayer and Bill Selby recently spent a week vacationing in Washington D.C. Representative Jerry Moran scheduled a tour of the Capitol building for them. They also visited other sites of interest, including all the war memorials and the Holocaust Museum.

Forty-five Brewster residents have joined nine teams of five to compete in Brewster's Biggest Loser competition. They weighed in at a total of 9,544 pounds.

They will compete for four months with prizes going to the individual biggest loser and the team biggest loser. Brewster streets are bustling with walkers, joggers and bicyclists.

There are teams of high school students to senior citizens, fat people and skinny people, and the loss is based on percentage, so you don't have to be fat to win. Activities are planned to help keep everyone motivated.

Lawrence and Lila Mayer had the sunrise service at their home Easter morning. It was well attended with 45 present, and the sunrise was beautiful. They had a brunch after.

# Corn hybrids fight boring insects

Bt corn hybrids are planted all over northwest Kansas, so it's important to know which insects your Bt hybrid protects against.

Many companies utilize Bt technology from different Bt "events" and therefore protect against different insect feeding. Some Bt hybrids provide seasonal protection of the whole plant from boring insects, such as the European and southwestern corn borers.

Some of these hybrids also have intermediate protection (partial protection depending on the plant's stage of development when insects infest) to corn earworm, fall armyworm and stalk borer.

Others resist boring insects as well as black cutworms and fall army worms. There are other Bt hybrids that only protect corn roots from larval feeding by western and northern rootworms.

There are also other hybrids that combine these technologies to have protection from boring and



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root-feeding insects. As you can tell, the Bt corn hybrids can be very confusing, so it is important to check with your seed salesman to understand which insects their hybrids protect against.

One consideration associated with growing Bt corn is the Environmental Protection Agency's requirement for refuge establishment. A refuge is simply a block or strips of corn that do not contain a Bt hybrid.

Bt corn must always be used in conjunction with a non-Bt corn hybrid. The non-Bt hybrid provides a "refuge" for non-Bt resistant insects to grow and develop, therefore reducing the

rate of development of Bt toxin-resistant insects. This helps preserve the long-term effectiveness of this insect-resistance technology in corn.

No more than 80 percent of a producer's acres can be planted to Bt corn hybrids, said Randy Higgins, Kansas State University field crop entomologist, and the remaining 20 percent needs to be planted to a non-Bt hybrid.

The non-Bt corn should be planted at the same time as the Bt corn, either within or immediately adjacent to the Bt corn.

For information on refuge requirements, call the Sherman County extension office at 899-4880, and I will be happy to help.

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# Library gets new books, CDs

The Goodland Public Library has the following new books:

In adult fiction: "A Gentleman by Any Other Name," Kasey Michaels; "The Wrangler," Frank Roderus; "Danger Patrol," Wayne Overholser; "A Secret Splendor," Sandra Brown; "Murder Boogies with Elvis," Anne George; "A Family Daughter," Maile Meloy; "The House," Danielle Steel; "Magic Hour," Kristin Hannah; "The Last Templar," Raymond Khoury; "False Impression," Jeffrey Archer; "Second Honeymoon," Joanna Trollope; "Dirty Blonde," Lisa Scottoline; "Circle of Quilters," Jennifer Chiaverini; "Burned," Ellen Hopkins; "Body of Evidence," Stella Cameron; "Micah," Laurel Hamilton; "Are You in the Mood?" Stephanie Lehmann; "What Price Love?" Stephanie Laurens; "18 Seconds," George Shuman; "The Heat of the Moon," Sandra Parshall; "A Matter of Chastity: The High Plains Saga of a Woman's Revenge," Douglas Yocom; "Divine," Karen Kingsbury; "Train from Marietta," Dorothy Garlock; "The Templar Legacy," Steve Berry; "Prior Bad

Acts," Tami Hoag; "The Man Who Loved Jane Austen," Sally Smith O'Rourke; "As I Remember It," Esther Imhoff; "Promise to a Dead Man," Kent Conwell; and "Showdown at Deer Creek," D.J. Bishop.

In non-fiction: "iPod and iTunes for Dummies," Tony Bove; "Bury us Upside Down," Rick Newman;

and "The Power of Purpose," Peter S. Temes.

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