

# Lutherans plan day camp for school pupils

Emmanuel Lutheran Church is holding a day camp for first through fifth graders the week of June 11-16 and Vacation Bible School for kids 3-5 June 12-15.

The camp is a Christian education program offered in partnership with Lutheran Ranches of the Rockies, said Mary Lou Isernhagen, parish education coordinator.

It is designed to introduce a Christian camp ministry to children without the need to be away from home overnight.

Emmanuel Lutheran, 222 W. 13th, will serve as a "home base," while the camp will also use Chambers Park across the street. The camp will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Family nights and potluck suppers are

planned for 6 p.m. Sunday, June 11, and Thursday, June 15.

Day campers need to bring sack lunches; drinks will be provided.

There is a charge for the camp, which is open to children entering grades one through five in the fall. They need not be members of the church.

Call the church at 890-6161 or Isernhagen at 890-2261.

The week will include music, worship, crafts, nature, fun nights, games, stories and more. The Land Double R Day Camp Team is staffed with college-aged people who will lead the program with the help of volunteers from the church and other congregations.

Snacks, craft supplies and volunteers are needed.

For Vacation Bible School, younger children will be aboard "God's Celebration Train" for Boxcar Bible Stories, Caboose Crafts, Railroad Rhythm and Train Games.

## City to be asked for donation

The Goodland City Commission will be asked to contribute to the July 4 fireworks show when it meets at 5 p.m. on Monday.

Wednesday, the Sherman County commissioners approved a donation of \$1,500 to the special Freedom Fest Fireworks Fund. At the county commission meeting Commissioner Kevin Rasure said an organizing committee meeting was held on May 25, and there were firm commitments for another \$1,500.

City Commissioner Dave Daniels was at the meeting on May 25 where the July 4 program was being planned. Organizers said they are looking for \$7,000 to pay for it. Daniels said he would put the fireworks on the city agenda.

A special Freedom Fest Fireworks Fund is being established through the Sherman County Foundation to accept donations and make sure the money is paid out for fireworks.

City Commissioner Josh Dechant was at the county meeting on Wednesday and said he was in favor of the plan.

In the past, the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce had organized and raised money for the Freedom Fest, but a letter from the Chamber board in March said they would no longer organize the event.

The city and county contributed \$2,500 each last year.

Other items on the city agenda include:

- A request from the Carnegie Art Center for money for the center. Last year the city gave the art center \$2,000, and Tina Goodwin, center director, said they were asking the city for the same amount.

- Bids for the annual street sealing program.

- Bids for pesticide spraying.

- Details on a housing grant program the city could apply for.

- Approval of a new telephone franchise agreement with AT&T, formerly Southwestern Bell Communications.

- Approval of payments to Miller Construction and Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates for work on the brick intersection project.

## School board hears about technology

By Pat Schiefen

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The Goodland School District technology committee wants to be sure each student has access to a computer in an ever-more-complex world.

Karla Murray, district technology coordinator, at the Goodland School Board meeting on Monday, May 22, presented an updated technology plan her committee proposed for approval, so it could be sent to the state.

In training, teachers learn how to teach with the newest technology, she said; the group thinks the district's classes will use more technology, and teachers, parents and students will learn to use it. In the future, she said, they need to make sure each student has access to a computer.

With parents able to check on their children's school work from most any computer, Murray said, parents and teachers can work together to help the student learn.

The group wants to see that all students will have the basic computer skills to go on with their education or find jobs.

The committee includes Sharon Gregory, Central Elementary principal as curriculum specialist; Shelly Angelos, West Elementary

principal and incoming school superintendent; Murray; Janet Davis, a teacher at West Elementary; Deborah Bantam, teacher at Central; Tanya Gray, a junior high math teacher; Sharon Hall, an English teacher at the high school; JoAnn Wahrman, high school librarian; Stuart Turnbow, Northwest Kansas Technical College network instructor; Mary Volk, city clerk; Tom Betz, editor of *The Goodland Star-News*; Gennifer House, an officer of the First National Bank; Josh Cech, a high school student; and Marshall Kennedy, Central secretary.

The state requires assessment of technology, Murray said, and the group used a survey to find out where the district stands.

In the survey, she said, 84 percent of the teachers said teaching style and the use of technology in the classroom were influenced by personal and professional development. It said student access to computers will be the greatest factor in implementing future plans.

A parent survey showed that 94 percent had computers at home and 57 percent had high-speed Internet access, Murray said.

The committee's vision statement says that students will be able to use technology skills to succeed and

### Busily at work



Workers from Dustrol Pavement Maintenance were milling asphalt Wednesday from Business U.S. 24 to get ready for a new

layer. The company also worked on I-70 repaving last month. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

## Bureau ad works, needs more brochures

By Sharon Corcoran

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The ad worked, but now the Convention and Visitors Bureau can't fill all its orders for brochures.

More brochures must be printed, and the bureau's board is talking about designing a brochure combining its priorities and those of the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Council.

The organizations may qualify for state money to pay part of the costs of the brochure, said Donna Price, visitors bureau director, and for printing new Sherman County guides to replace the Goodland Guide. Both will promote the whole county, and the brochure will have the "Kansas: As Big As You Think" logo on it. The guide may have the logo as well.

Price said an ad drawn by Good-

land artist Steve Guenther, which appeared in AAA's May/June issue of "Midwest Traveler," elicited requests for 3,556 brochures. The bureau is out of brochures, she said; there aren't enough to fill those orders, not even close.

"We need a new brochure," Price said. "This one has been good for us, but it's time to update."

So a new brochure is being designed by Consolidated Printing of Wichita, she said, and copies will be printed soon so the requests can be filled. The visitors bureau, along with the printing company, will be working on a new "Goodland Guide," which may become a Sherman County Guide.

The brochure is a 16" X 9" sheet, folded in four sections, the guide is magazine-style publication.

There is a grant available from

the Kansas Department of Commerce Travel and Tourism Department to pay up to 40 percent of the cost of printing, not over \$3,500 per community per year, Price said; to qualify, it has to be a new project, and it has to have the state logo on it.

Changing the brochure and guides to cover the county, rather than just Goodland, would make them new projects, she added.

The bureau usually gives out about 10,000 brochures a year, Price said, including those used at tourist information kiosks on I-70 between Limon and Kansas City and those taken to trade shows in Wichita, Denver and Kansas City. This year, she said, the office will go through more.

The bureau's board and Economic Development Director

Tiffani Kirk have talked about working together on a brochure and a guide that will fill the needs of both organizations and the Chamber of Commerce.

"It's ridiculous for me to be sending out your brochure and not pay for them," Kirk said at the last meeting of the visitors bureau board, "and to pay to print our own."

There are practical reasons to have information for travelers and people looking to relocate to the area in the same publications, Price said.

"At trade shows," she said, "I'm always being asked about real estate and opportunities. It would be nice to have it all on paper."

### corrections

In the Tuesday, May 30, edition of *The Goodland Star-News*, in the story "High school announces students' scholarships," the Ray Townsend Memorial Scholarship was left off the list of scholarships that Aaron Duell received. This was due to a reporting error.

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## Suitcases will help foster children

By Pat Schiefen

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You can help Goodland Realtors give foster children something to put their belongings in besides a black plastic garbage bag.

State officials say an average child in foster care moves seven times. Often trash bags are the only thing a child gets to put belongings in for the moves, said Helen Dobbs, a member of the Goodland Board of Realtors, a trade group for real estate agents. There are more than 40 children in foster care in northwest Kansas and over 4,600 statewide each year, she said.

Suitcases for Kids was started when 10-year-old Aubyn Burnside of Hickory, N.C., learned that foster children had nothing to move their belongings in, Dobbs said.

People can donate money or new and used suitcases, duffel bags and backpacks to a Realtor any time this month, or all year, for that matter.

Money can be sent to the Goodland Board of Realtors, Box 479, Goodland, Kan. 67735. Designate checks for Suitcases for Kids.

Realtors members include Tehe Enterprises, Homeland Real Estate, Homestead Real Estate, Jones Land Co., Hayden Inc. and Cole Real

Estate and Auction.

Dobbs said members of the Goodland board meet to talk about trends, share information and talk about continuing education.

The national and state Boards of Realtors lobby the Legislature and Congress to support private property rights, control condemnation of property for private use and control insurance company practices, she said.

"If anybody has donations any time of the year, we will certainly take them," Dobbs said.

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