

Superintendent turns over reins

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anced to goal oriented.

Twenty years ago, he added, there were only three women administrators in Kansas schools. Now there are many more.

To teach a subject now requires many more hours of training than when he started, he said. Fifteen hours in science enabled a person to teach any science then. Now a teacher needs a much stronger background.

Funding for schools is a lot different, Selby said. When he started teaching, each school had its three-member school board and each raised its own tax levy.

In the 1960s, he said, the state established minimum standards for school districts. They needed to meet two of the three requirements of a certain amount of money, certain amount of territory and certain num-

ber of students. He said that fueled the consolidations in the early '60s, when Kansas went from thousands of school districts to less than 300.

Classes have become much more specific, Selby said. Schools want all children to learn.

Another change from when he went to school is that everyone stays in school, he said.

"Special education has kept zillions of kinds in school who in the '60s and '70s would have dropped out," he said.

Over the years, he added, class sizes have dropped. People know it is easier to learn in a class of 20 than one jammed with 30 or more kids.

The tools of the trade have changed a great deal, from slide rules to calculators and computers, Selby said.

In the '60s, a coach was lucky to film three football games a year, he said. Now they videotape all the

games, as do some of the parents.

Selby said he sees himself as someone who works well with people.

"My strength is working with people and getting them to work together," he said.

"I was not an outstanding student," he added. "I was a sports nut. I was an all-state football player in Louisiana. I wanted to be a pro football or baseball player."

He went to college and then spent four years in the Navy during the Korean War. He came to Kansas in 1952-3 to help reopen a naval air station in Hutchinson, where he worked on engines.

When the Navy moved into Hutchinson, he said, a thousand people came.

"I meet my first wife there," he added.

Selby said his math background has helped him to do a good job with school finances.

"Math is such a path to many jobs," he said. "Math teaches how to organize thoughts."

Selby has six children. His oldest daughter, Gwin Kellum in Jackson, Miss., is a representative for a hospital supply company. His son Russell lives in Denver. Daughter Gayle Fredrickson from Independence is manager of two banks and has a daughter and son. His other daughter, Glenda Coyle of Redd Spring, Mo., is a middle school librarian with two daughters still in middle school and high school.

Son Ted Woofter of Austin, Texas, is a mechanic with two girls and a boy in grade school and son Tim Woofter is an architect in Kansas City with a 4-year-old son.

Selby said he plans to play golf in Washington with Bonnie's cousin next week. She retired recently after 35 years at the Pentagon, so they are calling it their retirement party.

Watering begins on K-27 highway project

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Department of Transportation in Atwood.

Oelschlager said he met with the company officials for a preconstruction conference on June 15, and they have begun watering the first section of the project for about five miles south of town.

The project will build a new roadway for K-27 to the east of the existing highway, and will tie in with a new bridge across the north branch of the Smoky Hill River completed last November.

Oelschlager said construction signs for the north part of the K-27 project will go up on Monday, July 17, and survey crews are expected to begin laying out the road. He said work on the south part of the project would not begin until March.

Included in the north section is a curve around a deep hole about three miles south of Goodland. Oelschlager said the bend eliminates the need for a bridge or fill to raise the highway. On the south end of the section, he said, there will be a series of concrete boxes to cross a wetland area on Wild Horse Draw.

A schedule from Western Engineering shows paving of the north section in May, and the south section in July.

The entire project is scheduled to be completed in November 2007.

On the other state projects, Oelschlager said Vance Brothers of Kansas City had completed a stabilization project on I-70 from Goodland to the state line. A mixture of cement-fly ash was injected to fill any voids underneath the concrete to stabilize the panels. APAC-Shears completed milling and an asphalt overlay paving on the same

section, Oelschlager said.

This job included repaving Business U.S. 24, and Sherman County had Shears overlay the Caruso and Ruleton roads from I-70 north to old U.S. 24.

Oelschlager said work should begin soon on North Caldwell from the entrance to the airport north to K-27. This is part of the county's five-year state-aid highway plan.

Upcoming city-state projects include widening of Business U.S. 24 at Cherry to provide turning lanes, and shoulder work from Cherry west to the K-27 junction.

Joint city-county road projects on drawing board

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for construction of that section.

Every township of the county and all four wards in the city voted in favor of the sales tax on March 28, with the total vote 1,030 yes and 301 no.

Sherman County Commissioner Kevin Rasure said he was surprised with the wide margin.

"I was very pleased," Rasure said. "I want to say a big thank-you to the voters for realizing there was a problem and supporting the solution."

"It was great to see the support throughout the county. Every sector of the city and county supported the proposal."

"We had a need facing both (city and county) boards. We developed

an excellent plan, and with the people's help we are able to move forward."

With the sales tax approved, the city commission wasted no time giving Neufeld permission to proceed with the city projects for replacing the intersections at Eighth and Caldwell and Caldwell and Armory Road, and getting north Caldwell ready for the repaving next year.

Problems surfaced in April when Neufeld and City Manager Wayne Hill took the city projects to the Sherman County commissioners review and approval. Members of the city commission and County Commissioner Kevin Rasure wanted Neufeld and his firm to design all the joint projects. However, County Commissioners Chuck

Thomas and Mitch Tiede felt the county should stay with Penco Engineering of Plainville, which has done engineering work for the county for over 15 years.

People packed the commission meetings in support of giving the design work to Neufeld, but Thomas and Tiede held their position and awarded all the county parts of the project to Penco on a 2-1 vote with Rasure voting "no."

However, when Joel DeBoer, an engineer and owner from Penco, said his firm could not get all the work done this year, he suggested the county give Road 14 to another firm.

The commissioners split the project on May 16, giving design of the concrete on Road 14 to Evans,

Bierly, which has a Goodland office. Penco will design the asphalt work on old U.S. 24 across the county, Eight Street from K-27 west to Road 14 and the mile of Road 16 from old U.S. 24 north to Eighth.

A survey crew from Evans, Bierly, began surveying Road 14 the first week of June and a survey crew from Penco began working on old U.S. 24 the last week of June.

The plan is to get as much as possible of the joint projects ready for bid this fall, and to see if there is a contractor who wants to bid on the whole package to begin work in the spring and have all the asphalt done within two years.

The bonds will be sold in September, with the county to borrow \$12 million to be paid off over 10 years.

Goodland wrestling coach replaced by assistant

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Board Clerk Pat Juhl for her work on the budget.

Selby said the district expects to have the smallest amount of cash left over than it has seen in several years. The general fund shows a deficit of \$284,000 until the district gets the June 30 money from the state on Wednesday, he said.

Left over money goes in special education, which can carry money over to the next year, Selby said. Funds that can carry over balances

from year to year are at-risk, bilingual, driver education, food service, vocational education and contingency reserve, he said.

The board voted to approve raises from 1 to 3 percent to principals Harvey Swager, Jim Mull, Sharon Gregory and Steve Raymer and school psychologist Jon Felver.

Board member Fritz Doke reported on the last two meetings of the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center in Oakley. The main thing they did was wrap up the year, he said. The next year's budget is

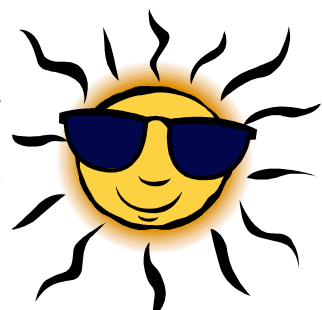
planned to remain the same as this year, maybe a little less.

In other business the board:

- Adopted an amended budget for the 2005-2006 school year, adding about \$12,000 to the budget.
- Approved bills for \$12,594.
- Transferred money as needed to balance and zero accounts.
- Moved to buy back sick leave and vacation time from Selby, who is retiring, for \$11,180.

- Accepted the resignation of Tony Belshe as an aide at West Elementary.
- Hired Jonathan Dansel as the head track coach for next year. He will be the at-risk teacher at the high school and will coach football.

The next board meeting will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the district office, 1312 Main Ave., to reorganize the board for the next school year.



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Missing girl found by Tennessee police

After a month as a missing person, 16-year-old Chantelle Beneda is back in Oberlin after being found by police in Tennessee.

The teenager was last seen on Friday, May 26, in her 2004 Dodge Neon heading south on U.S. 83. Her parents, Terese and Greg Vontz and Ron Beneda, called police in Oberlin to report her missing.

Chantelle sent text messages to her mom and a friend in Oberlin on Friday, June 9, and Tuesday, June 13.

Since then, Vontz said, she hadn't heard from her daughter. Around 4:30 p.m. Thursday, though, she got a call from the Decatur County Sheriff's Department saying that her daughter was in the custody of authori-

ties in Sevierville, Tenn.

The family left that day for Tennessee to pick her up. Vontz said they drove to Tennessee, picked up the girl and her car and drove home.

Authorities were able to find the girl on a tip, her mother said, but she didn't say who it was from. No charges were filed against the teen that her family is aware of.

She was suspected to have left town with Sean G. Fife, 21, who is still missing. Vontz said Fife ran from authorities when the two were found. Tennessee officials are still searching for him.

Vontz said the family owes a big thanks to law officers in Oberlin and in Tennessee. She said they returned home Sunday and her daughter is doing well.

Revocation action delayed on Colby doctor's license

By Patty Decker

Colby Free Press

Revocation of a Colby doctor's medical license has been delayed until the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts meets in August, but the doctor has filed a request for a stay while he appeals.

The board voted unanimous June 10 to revoke Dr. Victor H. Hildyard's license.

"They (the board) don't meet again until August, and are saying now they won't have their final written order until then," said Hildyard's attorney, Mike O'Neal of Hutchinson.

O'Neal said Thursday he had filed a motion to stay the revocation. O'Neal said he wanted to make sure his application was in place before the board served its final notice to Hildyard. When the order is issued, he said, he can appeal the revocation to the district court. He would ask for a stay from the judge, allowing Hildyard to continue practicing until all appeals are exhausted.

The lawyer said board General Counsel Mark Stafford told him the

application for a stay and the final order could all be determined in August.


"We are in limbo at this time," O'Neal said. "They have issued a verbal order revoking Dr. Hildyard's privileges, but no final written order has been made — and without the final written order we have no access to a judge."

O'Neal said it will take the board until August to spell out its reasons for not following the January ruling of Edward Gaschler, the hearing officer who cleared Hildyard of 16 medical-related violations. He found three non-medical violations had warrant, but did not recommend revocation.

"The board is out of time, noting that it had 30 days to render a final order following Gaschler's initial order dated Jan. 30, 2006," O'Neal said.

The board tabled a decision during its April meeting.

For more than five years, Hildyard has been facing some type of litigation. He has practiced in Colby since 1974.



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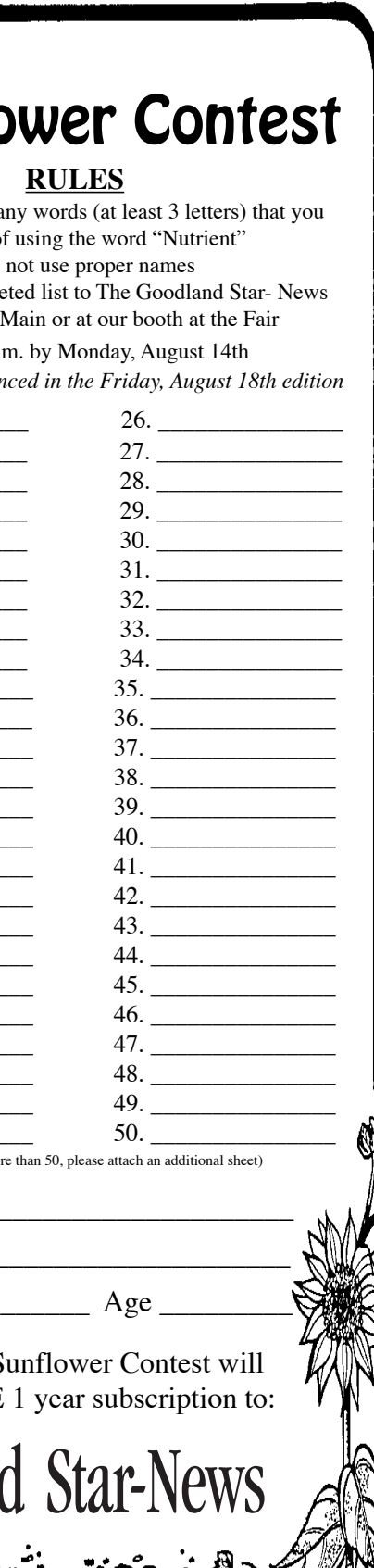
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