

# Developmental Services asks to keep budget same

**By Tom Betz**  
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About 10 people in Sherman County benefit from the money given to Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas, county commissioners heard on Tuesday as they were asked to continue a \$45,000 budget for the agency. The money comes from the special health care sales tax, said County Clerk Janet Rumpel. Gerald Michaud, executive director of the agency, gave the commissioners his annual update of ser-

vices provided in the county. He said there about 10 people are receiving some services, with four on a waiting list. Michaud said the group has been working with Sherman County for over 30 years. The group provides educational classes, job placement services, supported living, supervised living and training services for people with a wide range of disabilities. "I come asking for support. I come with humility," Michaud said. "The funding from the federal gov-

ernment and the state is not enough to handle the needs of our people, and we have to ask the counties to fill the gap." His figures showed that 9.5 people from Sherman County received some service from the regional group. Michaud said the half of a person is someone is receiving partial service. A total of \$268,621 was spent on services for the Sherman County residents enrolled in the various programs, he said, adding that he was happy that the \$45,000 pro-

vided by Sherman County more than covered the needs after the federal and state money is spent. Michaud said some of the money is used for training, he said, and reimburses training costs of other developmental services, such as the Golden West Skills Center in Goodland. "Our services run the gambit," Michaud, "from birth to natural death. Our goal is to help each individual do what they can to find employment and reach their full potential."

Michaud said the regional board has worked with Clarence Scheopner, Sherman County representative, who has been on the board for many years. Scheopner was not at the meeting while Michaud was talking to the commissioners, but did come later. Commissioner Kevin Rasure said he was glad to hear Michaud's group was working with Golden West. Rasure said that has been an issue in the past, and was glad to hear the two are working closer together.

Michaud said there are four people on the regional waiting list from Sherman County out of 103 across the region. Three of those are receiving some services, Michaud said, but would like to have more. One is on a contact list, he added, and expects to need service in the next three years. Michaud said he was asking the county to continue giving the group the \$45,000 as in the past year. Rasure said the request would be included in the county budget, which is being prepared.

## All-school reunion planned for August

This is the year for old schoolmates to meet and catch up at the all-school reunion for graduates for Edson, Goodland, Kanorado and Ruleton high schools. Held every five years, it will be Thursday to Saturday, Aug. 10 to 12. The Class of 1956, which graduated 50 years ago, will be honored. Members who live in Goodland include Robert Beckner, Diane Workman, Robert Bradshaw, Jack Eklund, Lucy Ackerman, Larry Ihrig, Patsy Van Vleet, Lois Sieck, Conrad Pettijohn, Vickie White and Mac Thompson. Carroll Mogge will be the alumni king and Mazie Sutton the alumni queen. Both graduated with the Class of 1936. On Thursday, Aug. 10, registration will be at the fairgrounds from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The first and second sessions of the golf tournament will begin at 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. Registration will be open on Friday, Aug. 11, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. A "meet and greet" with former teachers begins at 3 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 824 Main. Various classes will have parties in the evening. There will be a square dance at Edwards Hall, 2431 Walnut, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. and a street dance with beer garden and karaoke at the Bankwest parking lot, 10th and Center, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Saturday, Aug. 12, will start with registration at Max Jones Fieldhouse, 13th and Arcade, at 8 a.m. At 9:30 a.m., an assembly will start with announcements and introductions. At 10 a.m., there will be a performance by the band Three-Ring Circus. A barbecue at Gulick Park starts at 12:30 p.m., with an alumni concert from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the park. Class parties will be held in the afternoon. In the evening at the fairgrounds, there will be dances from 8 p.m. to midnight with the bands Aces & 8s (country), Pomeroy (contemporary) and Three-Ring Circus (oldies). David Fairbanks, Goodland High Class of 1994, is a member of the band Pomeroy. "I hope everyone attends and has a great time," said Dale Schields, president of the Sherman County High School Alumni Association.

## Authors of book trying to make notes easier

**By Pat Schiefen**  
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Want to know the secret of great note writing? A 1993 Goodland High School graduate co-authored a book to help, "On a Personal Note." Keely (Schields) Chace, daughter of Dale and Jacque Schields, is a senior writer for Hallmark Cards Inc. in Kansas City. Chace and her husband Jason have a 2-year-old daughter Olivia. The other co-author is Angela Ensminger, an editorial director for Hallmark. Ensminger said she spent months researching the book before she looked for a writing partner. Ensminger and Chace give samples of notes for different occasions, such as gratitude, congratulations, important days, love and romance, apology and reconnection, comfort and cheer, sympathy and business. Chace said she and Ensminger are both real people who need to write and send notes. When faced with a difficult note, neither had been able to find a guide that really



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worked for them, so they wrote one. "I was able to take a six-week break from my regular card writing responsibilities at Hallmark to collaborate with her on the actual writing of the book," Chace said. "Following our collaboration, it took about three more months for the book to be edited and designed. "I love writing cards, but it was nice to take a break from that to try my hand at writing something a little different — and much bigger than a card. It was a challenge I enjoyed." The co-authors don't have any plans yet for another book but some chapters could easily be expanded, they said. "It might also be fun to do a book on note-writing for kids," she added. "I think 'On a Personal Note' offers people a great way to take good care of their relationships — a way that we tend to forget about these days."

## Oberlin Arts selling tickets

The Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission has season tickets available for this year's events, allowing ticket holders to enjoy music, theater, art, comedy and a history tour in the schedule from August through April. There are nine events this year, instead of eight, for the same price of \$60 for adults, \$125 for family tickets or \$65 for a family with a single adult. For those who want to make a larger donation, patron tickets are \$75, benefactor \$100 and corporate \$500. Single event tickets at the door are \$10 for adults or \$5 for elementary and high school students. Programs scheduled:  
• The Turpen Tyme Ragsters, 7 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 20, Oberlin City Park, featuring a grilled hamburger benefit by the Last Indian Raid Museum.  
• "On Golden Pond," a stage play by the Southwest Nebraska Community Theater, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14.  
• Eli Barsi Western Concert, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 28, with dinner at 6:30 p.m.  
• Ronnie Kole, world-famous pianist, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 28.  
• Ben Ulin, comedy illusionist, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 27.  
• Jay Antle, "Mobilizing the Masses," remembering World War II with Home Front Posters, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 17.  
• K-State Singers, 2 p.m., Sunday, March 11.  
• Todd Green, instrumentalist, 2 p.m., Sunday, April 15.  
• Local History Tour of Traer and Herndon, 2 p.m., Sunday, April 29. All events except the tour will be at The Gateway in Oberlin. Other events sponsored by the commission will include the Holiday Arts and Crafts Show on Nov. 25, High Plains ArtFest, senior recital, and a basic drawing workshop by Anna Seeber Shaw, to be announced. Commission members will be contacting people about buying season tickets. For information, call Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel, 475-3329.

## matters of record

**Municipal Court**  
These are cases decided by the Goodland Municipal Court:  
**June 12:** Raymond L. Paul, Manhattan, disobey stop sign, no seat belt, no proof of insurance, total fines \$386.  
**June 13:** Cassandra J. Cooper, speeding in school zone 28-20, fined \$116, diversion fee \$100.  
Justin Harris, speeding 53-40, fined \$88.  
Anthony M. Chaffman, speeding 55-40, fined \$98, diversion fee \$100.  
Merla J. Hartzler, speeding 40-30, no seat belt, fined \$86.  
Stephanie M. Heffel, Russell, speeding 40-30, fined \$76.  
Frankie J. Avila, Colby, speeding 40-30, fined \$76.  
Robert Casey Russell, speeding 53-40, fined \$88, diversion fee \$100.  
**June 14:** Stephen Moreland, III, discharge air rifle, fined \$136.  
Yomarra Ramirez, improper U-turn, no driver's license, fined \$176.  
Allegra C. Adolf, telephone harassment, fined \$286.  
Kevan T. Taylor, Colby, speeding 49-40, fined \$76.  
Sara D. Ayers, disobey stop sign, no seat belt, fined \$86.  
Hannah Morton, no seat belt, fined \$10.  
**June 15:** Jordan M. Albers, speeding 50-40, fined \$76.  
**June 16:** Jerri L. Brown, speeding 40-30, no seat belt, fined \$86.  
Jerri L. Brown, speeding 51-40, fined \$80.  
**June 19:** Amber N. Cowan, improper backing, fined \$76, diversion fee \$100.  
Dixie A. Schemm, Sharon Springs, speeding 51-40, fined \$80.  
**June 21:** Roger D. Enfield, speeding 40-30, no seat belt, fined \$86.  
Theresa L. Gordon, Hoisington, disobey traffic light, fined \$76.  
**June 22:** Susana K. Peters, Seminole, Texas, speeding 49-40, fined \$76.  
Brent A. Wood, speeding 40-30, fined \$76, diversion fee \$100.  
**June 23:** William M. Jenkins, speeding in school zone 30-20, fined \$76, diversion fee \$100.  
**June 26:** Tyrone Crosby, no dog license, fined \$76.  
Marilyn G. Hefner, speeding 66-40, fined \$152.  
Frank J. Gilbert, Orlando, Fla., speeding 55-40, fined \$96.  
**June 27:** Nathan M. Linin, speeding 51-40, fined \$80.  
Anthony A. Ruibal, battery, disorderly conduct, fined \$336, 10 days in jail, credit for five days served, six months unsupervised probation.

## Area music group collecting old cell phones and cartridges

The Kansas Music Ambassadors of northwest Kansas want your old cell phones and inkjet cartridges. The group is collecting unwanted phones and cartridges through this fall to be recycled or refurbished and reused. It will get money from Phoneraiser, a company that specializes in recycling and refurbishing used technology, to help pay for a summer 2007 European Performance Tour. "We're very excited about this program," said Deandra Schields, president of the organization. "This recycling program not only benefits Kansas Music Ambassadors but assists in preserving the environment and bringing communications to people who could not otherwise afford it."

All cell phones and inkjet cartridges will be accepted — look for green drop boxes — at First National Bank, Western State Bank or Topside Office Products. Donations may be tax deductible. Call Schields at (785) 899-2678 for information.

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