

Washing cars and raising money



Youth from the Bible Baptist Church in Goodland washed vehicles from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday in the Wal-Mart parking lot. Pastor Don Crutcher said they were raising money to go to a teen convention for Baptist youth groups to be held July 13-15 in Chicago. Mary Hernandez, Crystal Hernandez, Trevor Eli and Crisy Hernandez (front to back) scrubbed a pickup, while Tyler Heskett (second from back) went to dunk his sponge in a bucket of soapy water that Brittany Heskett held for the group.

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Alcohol causes many accidents

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for Americans ages five through 29 and motor vehicle crash injuries are a major health care problem in the U.S. Alcohol-related crashes are a substantial portion of this problem.



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* Alcohol involvement remains the leading factor in motor vehicle deaths.

* Impaired driving is the most frequently committed violent crime in the United States.

* One million people are injured in alcohol-related crashes annually.

* Only 7 percent of all crashes involve alcohol use, but 39 percent of fatal crashes do.

* Every 33 minutes, someone is killed in an alcohol-related crash.

* The economic cost of alcohol-involved crashes is approximately \$45 billion per year (based on 1994 figures).

Open container laws prohibit the possession of any open alcoholic beverage container and the consumption of any alcoholic beverages in the passenger area of a motor vehicle. Since every state has laws to prevent and punish impaired driving, open container laws can serve as an important tool in the fight against impaired driving.

In 1998, as part of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) Restoration Act, a new Federal program was established to encourage state adoption of open container laws.

Section 154 of the TEA-21 Restoration Act requires that states have an open container law in place by October 1, 2000.

States without this law will have a portion of their Federal-aid highway construction funds redirected into other state safety activities, beginning in Fiscal Year 2001. The re-directed monies will go to the state's Section 402 highway safety program to be used for alcohol-impaired driving countermeasures, for enforcement of anti-drunk driving laws or to the state's hazard elimination program under Section 152.

To comply with Section 154, a state's open container law must:

* prohibit both possession of any open alcoholic beverage container and consumption of any alcoholic beverage;

* cover the passenger area of any motor vehicle, including unlocked glove compartments and any other area of the vehicle that are readily accessible to the driver or passengers while in their sitting positions;

* apply to all open alcoholic beverage containers and all alcoholic bev-

erages including beer, wine and spirits that contain one-half of one percent or more of alcohol by volume (including 3.2% beer);

* apply to all vehicle occupants except for passengers of vehicles designed, maintained, and used primarily for the transportation of persons for compensation (such as buses, taxicabs, and limousines) and motor homes;

* apply to vehicles on a public highway or the right-of-way (i.e. on the shoulder) of a public highway; and

* require primary enforcement of the law, rather than requiring probable cause that another violation had been committed before allowing enforcement of the open container law.

To avoid the transfer of funds, states must certify that their open container law complies with these elements, that the law is in effect and that they are enforcing the law.

The redirection amount for the states not in compliance in Fiscal Years 2001 and 2002 will be 1.5 percent of certain state Federal-aid highway construction funds. The redirection amount for Fiscal Year 2003 and subsequent years is three percent.

(All facts and information were provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, January 2000)

Break your kids of being picky eaters

By Roxanne Burda

It is easy to recognize picky eaters very early in life.

Before a picky eater gets to be a problem, there are skills and techniques that may help ease mealtime struggles and encourage even the pickiest eater to try a few bites of new, different, nutritious food at each meal.

Keep mealtime from becoming a battle ground.

Don't worry if your child skips an occasional meal or seems to prefer only a single food for awhile.

Parents are not doing their children a favor by cooking special foods just for them.

It might just make the power struggle worse. Instead, try to include some well-liked foods in each meal, along with some new, different or less popular ones.

Ground rules may make the meal go more smoothly.

Teach children the polite way to



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if it will be sweet, salty or sour.

* A taste is just a taste. Let the child decide the amount to try. A taste may be as small as a teaspoon.

* If at first you don't succeed...try, try again.

Many children must be offered a food eight to ten times before they will try it.

* Be a role model. Imitation is a powerful force in learning. If you want children to drink milk, make sure they see you drinking milk as well.

* Involve children in the preparation. This creates a sense of ownership. It could help 'sell' that first bite.

* Present the pyramid. Offer new foods from all five groups of the Food Guide Pyramid.

* Lessons from literature. Read stories about food. Children may be more likely to try a food that has been introduced in a story.

refuse a food. Be sure kids and adults follow the rules.

Don't let a child complain about individual dishes.

If a meal is refused, it is important that the child understands there will be no food until the next scheduled snack or meal.

Calm, consistent responses can soothe the picky eater's fussiness and allow a normal appetite to take over.

The Dairy Council of the Upper Midwest offers the following suggestions.

* One step at a time. Offer just one new food at a time. Let the child know

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surface. The board voted to take the low bid on a new track surface from Riggs Recreation, a track-resurfacing firm in Leawood. For about \$70,000, the firm will lay a rubberized surface, said Selby.

correction

The girl pictured on the front page of Wednesday's *Goodland Daily News* was Amber Walls. Her last name was listed incorrectly, and her mother Cristi Walls painted her face, not Melody Hartzler.

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A new rug to be put in front of the kitchen stove is finished.

The charter was draped in memory of Opal Brown on June 4, Evelyn Rice on June 10, and Joyce Eckert on June 14. Several members attended their funeral services as representatives of the auxiliary.

The auxiliary will donate \$100 to the Howard VanderClute Memorial Motorcycle Ride and it will be sent to National Home.

A group of Veterans of Foreign Wars members will ride from National Headquarters in Kansas City to the National Convention in Milwaukee, Wis. VanderClute was a past national commander in chief and had served as

director of National Home, which is a facility for widows and children of veterans. The auxiliary will also donate \$25 to a directional sign fund for the Wichita Veterans' Administration Hospital.

Mary Harper reported on the state convention held earlier in June. At the convention, the auxiliary received certificates and awards on publicity for the Young Volunteer, donations to the Wichita and Leavenworth hospitals, and its community service record book, which won third place. Lillie Hively won third place in the auxiliary volunteer award category.

The meeting was adjourned.
Jo Ann Wahrman, secretary

District hires social studies teacher

DakTech turned in \$14,268. Topside was in the middle with \$14,000.

Board members agreed with Murray, saying that Topside had excellent customer service and was the only local business to turn in a bid.

Board members said good-bye to a young couple who taught at the high school for one year, but are taking teaching jobs at a Manhattan high school. Casey Veatch taught high school science and his wife, Carrie, taught social studies.

Veatch said later that he and his wife decided to move to Manhattan because they plan to attend graduate school there.

"It cuts my heart out to see you leave," board member Gerald Franklin told the couple, who attended the meeting to help a group of high school science students make a presentation about a field trip they took to the Konza Prairie Biological Station in Manhattan. The students helped scientists collect samples of and research native plants and insects.

The board voted to hire Trenton Douglas, a Salina man, for the high school social studies position, but Selby said that they haven't found a new science teacher.

He said Douglas applied for the head football coach position, but that job went to Chris Walters, a Ness City man who was hired in June. Selby said Douglas may become an assistant football coach.

In other business, the board:

• Set breakfast and lunch prices for students and staff.

• Heard Selby report he transferred the \$82,000 remaining in the district's general fund at the end of the year to the special education account. That means the property tax levy for the local option budget could decline by 2 mills, he said, adding that to pay for salary raises and two new teachers, the district may need to raise the tax levy for the general fund by one or two mills.

• Decided to meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 17, so the meeting will be over before the annual barbecue.

club news

Sunflower 4-H Club

The regular monthly meeting of the Sunflower 4-H Club was held at 7 p.m. on June 19 at the United Methodist Church.

The meeting was called to order by Kim Cook, acting president. The flag salute and 4-H pledge followed.

Roll call, which was "What is your favorite kind of cookie?" was answered by 16 members, seven parents, two leaders, and one guest. Melissa Holloway led the club in singing "Six Little Ducks."

A ceremony was held for new club member Kathy Cook. We will enjoy having her as a member of our club.

During the business meeting, the Club Tour was discussed and other important upcoming events.

Following the business meeting, Parker Johnson gave an informative safety tip on wearing shoes or boots in a pigpen. We all learned the proper way

to iron with Donald Raymer's demonstration, "How to iron a pair of pants." Kim Cook informed the club of four important things to remember when dealing with parliamentary procedure. A fun game of "Simon Says" was led by Donald Raymer. He was helped by Nona Mason.

After the meeting, everyone enjoyed delicious ice cream sandwiches provided by the Gausman family.

Next month, we will meet on Sunday, July 23, for the Club Tour.
Christopher Irvin, reporter

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

Senior Vice President Marilyn Colby called the June 22 meeting of the Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary to order. There were 12 members present. The POW/MIA prayer was read during the opening ceremony.

Marsha McGillivray and Reita

Deane were approved for membership. The treasurer's report was read and accepted. A motion was approved to pay the bills.

The rehabilitation committee reported that two get-well cards and one sympathy card had been sent. More flags have been sold to downtown businesses. A radio talk and an article in the newspaper informed the community about Flag Day.

Two of our members have received \$500 cancer grants, which are available for members with cancer.

A thank you card was read from National Home for the graduation cards that were sent.

The kitchen committee has been busy. They served a Memorial Day lunch, a Hospice dinner, a wedding rehearsal dinner and a funeral dinner. They also served a birthday party in June for the Good Samaritan Center and will serve lunch at two sales in July.

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