

Goodland man runs, makes water an issue

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The issues surrounding Kansas water are complicated, House said, noting that many lawmakers don't know or don't understand them. That means, he said, officials in the Division of Water Resources of the state Department of Agriculture often are allowed to act on their own interpretation of state law without outside control or interference. "I think the power is out of hand," said House. "I think at some point in time the government has to get control of this agency."

That's where House thinks he fits in. He said he wants to represent the 121st District because he will be knowledgeable about water issues, will be able to teach others and will be able to make good decisions on water.

Of course, that's not the only reason he's running. It's important for Kansas students to be ready to live in a "computer age," he said, and he wants to make sure schools have access to the latest technology.

Though he doesn't have a problem with the way the state divvies out it's money to school districts — though some larger districts are now suing

the state, claiming the current formula unfairly gives more money to small, rural schools. He said he will work to make sure students get the best education they can.

As a farmer, House said he understands the struggle family farmers have trying to survive in a market ruled by large agribusiness corporations that are becoming more powerful through mergers.

"I am not big on corporations," said House, "and it's unfortunate some have as much power as they do."

But, he said, while anti-trust laws can help, farmers need to learn how to work with the corporations, because they are not going to go away. "No stroke of pen will take away their power," he said.

House said he has sent letters to all registered Republicans in the district, and has been attending meetings, forums and talking to people.

Even if he isn't elected, he said, it will be worth it, because he is sending out a message that, "more people need to run and be involved in the political process."

But if he is, he said, he'll take the job seriously.

"If the people ask me to go to Topeka," he said, "I will go do a good job."

matters of record

Goodland Accidents
July 18 — At 10 a.m., Charles W. Quarles, Joliet, Ill., driving a '99 Chevrolet dump truck, pulled around the gas pumps at Presto Inc., 2510 Commerce Road, and was headed west in the parking lot, when his front passenger side tire got onto the grass, sunk in due to rains, and damaged the lawn.

July 19 — At noon, Melinda Benavides, driving a '87 Chevrolet, backed out of a parking space at 12th and Main and hit a parked '91 Nissan pickup, owned by Deborah L. Melia.

Thursday — At 11:24 a.m., Dennis L. Fyfe, driving a '99 Ford truck, and Lance R. Post, driving a '93 Pontiac, were traveling in the same direction in the 900 block of East 13th. Fyfe missed his turn and backed up into Post's vehicle.

At 7:16 p.m., Stephanie Turner, driving a '95 Chrysler, was headed south on Caldwell when Cassandra S. Murray, driving an '87 Toyota, backed into her at Thirld and Caldwell.

Friday — At 11 a.m., Jeffery R. Thompson, driving a '92 Chevrolet truck, did not see a '91 Mazda, driven by Bryan L. Slough, as he was backing out of a parking stall at 1631 Main and hit Slough's vehicle.

Saturday — At 11:05 p.m., Kayla F. Williams, driving a '95 Pontiac, was headed north on Main and hit a '66 Ford, driven by Terry L. Steinbeck, while he was stopped for a traffic light at 1203 Main.

Goodland Municipal Court
July 7 — George C. D'Annunzio, 32, Goodland, criminal damage to property, \$136; disorderly conduct, \$100.

July 10 — Gary G. Coon, 59, Goodland, speeding 58/45, \$62.

Tyler J. Henderson, 17, Goodland, speeding 61/40, \$79.

July 12 — Dallas E. Fox, 23, Goodland, speeding 46/30, \$68.

Dennis L. Malsom, 48, Goodland, speeding 42/30, \$60.

July 13 — Michael John Chisholm, 27, Brewster, disobeying stop sign, \$56; no proof of insurance, \$300.

July 17 — Allen Jeffery, 36, Dillon, Colo., no child safety restraint, \$56.

Debbie Holmes, 39, Goodland, noisy animal, \$56.

Calvin E. McDonald, 81, Galion, Ohio, speeding 52/40, \$60.

Dustin C. Frankenfeld, 20, Goodland, failing to report accident, \$136.

Dustin C. Frankenfeld, 20, Goodland, illegal registration, \$56.

Robert Grosshans, 51, Burlington, Colo., speeding 44/30, \$64.

Tika Hall, 13, Goodland, improper riding, \$56.

Donna W. Moore, 55, St. Louis, Mo., speeding 47/30, \$70.

Joan A. Gunderson, 65, Sharon Springs, no child safety restraint, \$56.

David Moreno Jr., 32, Goodland, battery, \$236; disorderly conduct, \$100.

Jesse Moreno, 28, Goodland, disorderly conduct, \$136.

July 18 — John M. Mull, 20, Goodland, parking in handicap parking space, \$86.

Lori Kay Brax, 39, Salina, speeding 51/40, \$58.

Adolfo L. Mares, 49, Goodland, pedestrian under influence, \$86; criminal trespass, \$100.

Lucinda F. Schurr, 51, Sharon Springs, speeding 46/30, \$68.

Kellie Jo Ray, 18, Goodland, dog at

large, \$56; no dog license, \$20.

Joseph E. Snethen, 20, Goodland, exhibition of speed, \$86.

July 19 — John M. Mull, 20, Goodland, driving under influence, \$711.

Toby Wurtz, 18, Goodland, careless driving, \$86.

Justin Tesmer, 25, Goodland, dog at large, \$56; no dog license, \$20.

Justin Lamb, 18, Goodland, driving while suspended, \$136.

Junior E.J. Montgomery, 56, Sharon Springs, speeding 57/40, \$70.

Elizabeth Ann Brossman, 56, St. Francis, speeding 42/30, \$60.

Thursday — Joe J. Sanchez, 45, Burlington, Colo., no child safety restraint, \$56.

Friday — Jed Joseph Trostel, 19, Brighton, Colo., speeding 57/40, \$70.

Goodland Police Report
July 17 — Norma J. Notz reported that a wire and the ground were damaged at 717 E. Highway 24 between noon and 3:30 p.m., \$125.

At 4:09 p.m., Leroy S. Grant, Burlington, Colo., reported that he was the victim of forgery at 2810 Commerce Road between May 30 and June 12.

At 10:30 p.m., Nicholas J. Whitney, Fountain, Colo., reported that a tire on his vehicle was cut at 412 Sherman, \$150.

July 18 — At 6 a.m., Presto Convenience Store, 2510 Commerce Road, reported a gas skip, \$19.

At 5 p.m., Pied Piper Video, 1218 Main, reported that several items, including a TV, VCR, and movies, were rented and not returned between May 7 and July 18, \$962.

At 5:30 p.m., Robert Daise reported that a ladder was taken from his pickup at 509 Caldwell between 5:30 p.m. on July 12 and 6:30 a.m. on July 13, \$50.

At 6:50 p.m., Jeremiah J. Faber, 22, Brewster, was arrested for driving under the influence, transporting an open container, and furnishing alcohol to a minor and Louis A. Morford, 19, Hill City, was arrested for minor in possession and transporting an open container at 2710 Commerce Road.

At 10:15 p.m., Justin J. Beckner was arrested for disorderly conduct and criminal trespass against Monty G. Phillips at 223 E. First.

At 10:30 p.m., Daman M. Glover reported that two tires on his vehicle were cut at 412 Sherman between 10:30 p.m. on July 17 and 6:45 a.m. on July 18, \$160.

At 11:30 p.m., Erric Romero, 17, Stratton, Colo., reported that he was the victim of aggravated battery at 2121 S. Highway 27 between 11 p.m. on July 17 and 12:12 a.m. on July 18.

Parents can teach good and bad behaviors

As parents, we can all be good role models of behavior for our children regarding what to do or what not to do.

We can teach them to value their freedom of choice and to act independently - that they don't have to do something just because "everyone else is doing it." This can help them see that they can reject the unwanted pressure of their peers.

We should consistently be honest with our words and actions. For example: A phone call interrupts us during a meal and we say, "Tell them I have not arrived yet." The message our children hear is that it is OK to be dishonest, when it is convenient.

We can demonstrate our own self-respect and self-esteem. For example, when we attend to our own health by exercising and following a healthy diet we set a good example for our children.

By being creative and constructive with our free time, we model that there are alternatives to "watching TV" or "riding around."

We show respect for the lives and interests of our children by knowing how to listen. Be sincere, ask questions and pay attention.

We must be cautious about using prescription medications or over-the-counter medications as an easy remedy for pain and stress. That example can lead to the mixed message, that "feeling bad" can be taken care of by medications or chemicals.



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Take into consideration that our own use of alcohol or other drugs can influence our children.

Drinking in front of our children may not seem to be harmful, but they will soon realize, if they haven't yet, how much we drink, when we drink and why we drink.

Try to avoid making excuses for drinking, like having had a hard day at work. Our behavior about drinking may become the same behavior or excuse our children will use as they grow up.

Talk honestly with children about stress and conflicts in our lives to help them understand that these are normal things in life. They will have a good example when they see that we can confront our problems without turning to alcohol and other drugs.

If we are trying to change our behavior such as to quit smoking or lose weight - be willing to talk about what works and what doesn't.

Demonstrate that we enjoy and value our time shared with our children. If we are frequently too tired or

did you know that:

- * the age of increased risk for children to try illegal drugs for the first time is 12?
- * at around 13, one out of six children has tried marijuana?
- * 26% of fourth grade children and 42% of sixth grade children have tried alcohol?

What can we do?

Many parents feel helpless to act. The problems of alcohol and other drugs seem so enormous and complicated that anything they do appears to be very little to reduce the risks. But, in fact, we can do a lot. Recent studies show beyond a doubt, that when parents are involved in solid prevention programs, there is a dramatic decline in the use of alcohol and other drugs by children and adolescents. In fact, pre-

vention programs which have a significant reduction in the use of alcohol and other drugs are the ones which include parents, children, school and the community.

Questions asked by parents/Answers by Common Sense: Strategies for Raising Alcohol and Drug Free Children:

Q: My children are 8 and 11 years old. Aren't they too young for me to worry about the use of alcohol and other drugs?

A: No, those are exactly the years in which parents can do more to keep their children away from alcohol and other drugs. Besides, peer pressure to try alcohol and other drugs can start by fourth grade.

Q: Our school has an education program regarding drugs. Isn't that enough?

A: No. School prevention programs are important, but can only be effective when parents are involved. Researchers have found that some of the keys to reducing the risks are: strong bonds with the family and school; clear and consistent discipline at home; and positive behavior role models in their parents.

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