

# Endowment to help build new museum

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The High Plains Museum, looking into building a new structure to house Sherman County's history, has started an endowment trust so people can give money directly to the museum.

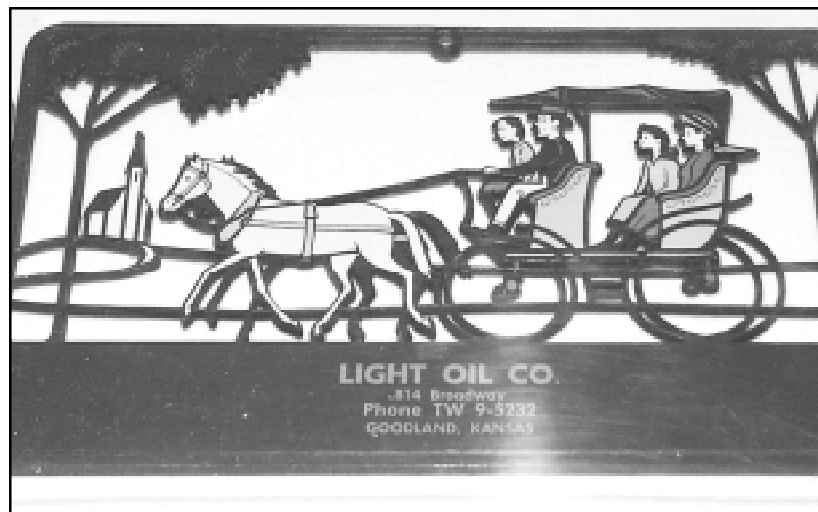
The museum board met with the Goodland City Commission in July to establish the endowment. The museum runs on \$60,000 per year that comes out of the city budget.

"We had no place to keep donations before," said Jerry Fairbanks, chairman of the museum advisory board. "The city owns the museum and there was no place to separate the money."

Fairbanks said that if anyone had made a donation in the past, it would have gone into the city's general fund.

Money that is put in the endowment trust can only be used for improvements to the museum, said Fairbanks.

The interest earned off the trust can be used in the operation of the museum, said Fairbanks, but any money



that is donated can only be used for improvements to the building and its content.

The trust will be managed by five trustees: a representative from each of the three local banks, Sherida Shoff from First National Bank; Kim Duell from Bankwest; and Gordon Pettibone

from Western State Bank; City Manager, Ron Pickman; and Fairbanks.

Contributions will be invested by the trustees, and Fairbanks stressed that the money can only be used for the museum.

The museum board has been looking into building a new building, and

the trust was designed as a place that they could keep money that was donated for the building or other gifts.

He said that the board has been working with the Northwest Kansas Vocational Technical School's drafting department to get a preliminary draft of the building together.

"The city has donated some land by Cherry Street between 19th and Old Highway 24 for the new building," said Fairbanks. "It is just a matter of financing now."

The museum board hasn't set up any time frame yet for the new building, said Fairbanks.

"We are just at the starting point," he said, "and don't know yet when things will get under way."

If anyone is interested in making a contribution or has any questions they can contact one of the members of the board, including David Branda, Lloyd Holbrook, Don McKenzie, Judy Siruta, Mary Lou Franklin, Millie Wright and Fairbanks.



One of the six dioramas(above) at the High Plains Museum that tell the story of pioneer life, and a decorative license plate (top right) with a Goodland logo, are just a few of the items that the museum are trying to preserve with the endowment trust.

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## Flu vaccine shortage not yet reason to panic

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But Charlis Thompson, spokesperson for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, said there's no reason for people to panic yet.

"We don't know if there is a shortage," she said, "and we won't know for

the next couple weeks."

She said the department is asking health care providers to delay vaccine clinics or campaigns, find some way to vaccinate high-risk people and plan for a shortage, just in case.

So, what's the hold up? Scientists have had trouble growing

the A-strain virus, Thompson said, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has taken regulatory action against two of the four flu vaccine manufacturers — which include Parkedale Pharmaceuticals in Michigan, Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories and Aventis Pasteur in Pennsylvania and Medeva

Pharma in the United Kingdom.

She said she didn't know which two companies were targeted, but said both are fixing problems. The agency's website said it may take a while for problems to be fixed and checked.

Meanwhile, the thousands of people in Sherman County who get a flu shot each year may have to go without this winter — or maybe not.

"About the same time last year we heard about the same problem," said Sondra Krayca, a nurse practitioner at the hospital, "but it worked out and we got all the vaccine we needed."

Newspapers in Wisconsin, New York, Washington and elsewhere reported last year that a manufacturing problem was causing a flu vaccine shortage, but it never affected north-west Kansas. Similar problems were reported in 1998.

But health officials here say this year could be the real thing.

"We won't count on anything," said Peggy Warren, a licensed practitioner with Rural Health, "until we have the vaccine in our hands."

## Test well to monitor underground water

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clay slurry would be used to cap the well and there would be no indication to show the well had been there.

The Terranext engineers are recommending the well be 160 feet deep, and that the tests take 60-70 gallons of water.

Hendrich asked what would happen if contamination were found in the samples, and if that would mean drilling more wells.

Rogers said if contamination is found, the state would require additional wells to be drilled until the extent of the contamination is determined.

Hendrich said the land belongs to his mother, and that he would talk to her about the situation.

Rogers is to come to Goodland next week to visit the site with Curt Way, road and bridge superintendent, and Hendrich to decide where the well could be located.

Hendrich also asked if there would be any damages paid for the use of the land.

County Attorney Bonnie Selby said the county was not in a position to negotiate, but it would be up to the state.

As the agent for Sherman County, Terranext will report to the state once a decision is reached, and will proceed with their approval.

Hendrich said he would come up with an amount they feel is reasonable to cover the damages the well will cause.

Rogers said when he meets with Hendrich next week, they will try to find a location which will not interfere with his farming as much as possible. Rogers agreed that may mean putting the well in a corner area where it would not interfere with the pivot irrigation system in the field.

The contamination was the main reason

Sherman County was forced by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to close the old city/county landfill three years ago. Since the closure, the county has drilled several test wells on the site as well as testing nearby city water wells to try to determine where the contamination source is.

Last year the state asked for an additional three test wells including the one on the Hendrich land. The other two have been drilled and tested. Because of contamination found in the northernmost well at the boundary of the old landfill, the state is determined to drill at least one additional well to the north.

## Photos record daily life

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Photographers were just told to take photos around the county, said Downs, but they weren't given any subject.

"That was a nice way to do it," said Downs. "This way, we got a wide variety of scenes around Sherman County."

The first contest was on Feb. 23, when a 24-hour photo shoot was held, Downs said. The results were a variety of people at work or play and shots of buildings, landmarks and landscapes that represented Sherman County to the photographers. The second contest, on the Fourth of July, was similar with the addition of fireworks and picnic scenes.

Gennifer House, one of the photographers, participated in the February contest and had about seven or eight photos make the cut. She said that she wasn't sure exactly how many because they were not supposed to know.

"I tried to look for things that people do every day," said House.

She took pictures of quilters and of

the Sherman Theatre, using a whole role of film.

House is a member of the photography club and has pictures displayed at the center for the club also.

Sara Veselik, from Kanorod, participated in the Fourth of July contest. She said it's her favorite holiday.

"I chose things that reminded me of not only the Fourth but also rural Sherman County," she said.

Veselik said that she hadn't been in to see her photos yet, but she plans to. "I am a novice at this," she said, "so it will be exciting to see my work."

Downs said that the center plans to hold the contest again next year, but they will give the photographers more time to take the pictures, rather than just a 24-hour shoot.

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