

Settlement Days to be held this week

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swers in boxes Goodland businesses will set out.

Swager said a drawing will be held Monday, with first, second and third place winners receiving gifts or gift certificates. Some businesses, she said, plan to offer shoppers discounts in honor of Settlement Days.

Swager said she hopes the new celebration will become a tradition. "I hope it will really take off," she said.

The event will offer people a chance to learn more about Sherman County settlers, the early days on the High Plains and Kansas history.

The historical society plans to hold a history conference — featuring speakers from across northwest Kansas, who will tell the story of

historic Kansas areas and pioneers — from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday in the basement of Western State Bank, 815 Center.

Ward said conference goers will learn about the 1931 Pleasant Hill tragedy — where several children were killed west of Tribune — women on the frontier, the history of the Cheyenne Breaks in Cheyenne County and the northernmost U.S. Indian pueblo site in western Kansas.

Registration is \$20, lunch will be served and there will be a drawing for a set of 10 silver coins at noon. Donations for the drawing will be taken until noon on Saturday.

Marilyn Cooper, historical society secretary, said members will set up a display in the bank's lobby featuring mannequins wearing period dress.

The High Plains Museum, 1717 Cherry, has set up a display of pioneer clothing, furniture and other items and the Carnegie Arts Center, 120 W. 12th, will exhibit 15 oil paintings by an award-winning artist who lived most of her life in Sherman County.

Rebecca Downs, arts center director, said the late Edna Sexson's paintings depict historical scenes and buildings in and around Goodland. The exhibit will run through Monday.

Ward said society members think Sherman County's history can help the county, facing declining population, stay strong economically.

"We feel Sherman County history is very unique," she said. "It can be used to bring about economic development."

New pool will open this summer

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sprinkler system and sod had to be delayed because of rain last week. He said work on the sprinkler system will begin as soon as the ground dries out, and the sod is to be delivered next week.

Pickman said the asphalt work on the access road to the water park also had to be delayed because of rain.

City workers will begin filling the pool next Monday, he said, because the crew will need two weeks to make sure the chemical balance in the water is correct.

The fence around the pool isn't completely up, Pickman said, allowing people with skateboards to get into the freshly-painted pool. The city has put up some snow fence temporarily where

the fence isn't all up yet to try to cut down on people going in the area, Pickman said.

He said the city wants to encourage people to stay out of the pool and off the water slides.

"We don't need to get it scratched up before we use it," he said. "Once the slide surface becomes scratched, it could make it unusable."

City has special trash pickup service

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mission to toughen the rules on junky yards.

Billinger said the commission needs to make people aware that it's a free service. He reminded residents about the city's special pickup service for removing appliances, furniture, tree limbs and wood that people no longer want or can't haul to the landfill themselves.

Commissioners said instead of calling the city, some people throw these items in the dumpster or just sit them in the alley or next to their home.

The city doesn't charge for the pickup service unless people have a refrigerator, freezer or tires to be picked up.

There is also a \$6 charge on refrigerators and freezers for a qualified person to remove the freon in the appliance. The tire charge is based on tire size. These fees are to be paid before the pickups are made.

The first week of the month, the city picks up appliances and metal items; the second week, tree branches; the third, unpainted or unfinished wood; and the fourth, furniture and tires.

Pickups are made on Tuesdays and Wednesdays of the month and can be arranged by calling the solid waste office at 899-4539.

Commissioner Dean Blume asked about problems with trash dumpsters and people putting the wrong items in them. Public Works Director Ed Wolak said unless the city workers catch people doing it, there isn't much they can do.

"How long does it take the city to

respond to a call?" Blume asked.

Wolak said it depends on the time of the month because the city picks up different items each week. The city does it this way, he said, so that the employees don't have to sort the items. Blume said he wondered if the commissioners should tour the city and see where junk is a problem. He said it would be a benefit to him, but didn't know about the rest of the commissioners.

It might be more meaningful if people knew the city commissioners were going around looking at people's property, Blume said.

No decision was made as to whether to have a tour.

Ellis County receives drug money

HAYS (AP) — Ellis County law enforcement agencies are trying to decide how to spend their share of recovered drug money.

More than \$1 million in cash was seized in April 2000 when an officer checking cars in a motel parking lot became suspicious of a pickup truck, Hays Assistant Police Chief Jim Braun said.

The money — \$1.04 million — was in a false compartment in the

truck's bed. After the driver, Alonzo Pointer, admitted to driving the truck for a drug dealer, the Drug Enforcement Agency conducted a nationwide investigation and uncovered a "good-sized cocaine ring," Braun said.

Pointer, 28, pleaded guilty to interstate transportation in aid of racketeering and was sentenced to 57 months in federal prison.

The joint Ellis County Drug En-

forcement Unit of the Ellis County Sheriff's Office and the Hays Police Department received a check for \$778,363.78 for its part in the seizure.

The agencies met Monday afternoon to decide what the money will be used for.

Braun said federal regulations require the money to be used for law enforcement purposes. It can't replace already budgeted items.

SETTLEMENT DAYS MAY 10 - 12

SHERMAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY HISTORY CONFERENCE
Sat., May 12, 2001
10 a.m.-4 p.m. MDT
Western State Bank
Goodland, Kan.

10:00 a.m. Registration
10:30-11:30 Life After the Towner, Colorado Tragedy
11:30-12:30 Lunch
Silver Coin Drawing
12:30-2:00 Don't Unlock the Gate, Jump Over the Fence
2:00-3:00 Western Kansas Indian Pueblo Site
3:00-4:00 History of the Cheyenne Breaks

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Friday, May 11 • 6 p.m.
Saturday, May 12 • 6 p.m.
Sunday, May 13 • 2:30 p.m.

1st Annual History Conference - Western State Bank
May 12 • 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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