



One of Ryan Taylor's pigs stopped playing with the other pigs long enough to pose for a picture. Taylor said his family, who is heavily involved in the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair, has a passion for pigs. Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

10-year-old raises winners

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every 30 minutes," he said, "but all you have to do is turn the sprinkler on and sit and wait for them to cool down."

Ryan said he enjoys feeding the pigs each day.

"They all root on you," he said, referring to the way the pigs nudge a person with their snout.

He said he has to watch how much the pigs are eating and keep track of their weight.

Shari Taylor said the ideal weight for market swine is between 240 and 270 pounds.

"We're going to put some on a diet right away," she said, noting that judges don't like pigs that have too much fat on them, and the ones that are the fattest will be the first to go out of competition.

Ryan said he likes working with pigs because it's fun and it's something he's good at.

Last year, he said, his gilt named "Jag" won the Reserve Champion Market Swine Overall ribbon at the fair. Ryan said though he qualified, he wasn't able to take the pig to the Kansas State Fair because he was too young. Shari Taylor said 4-H'ers have to be 10 by Jan. 1, and Ryan didn't turn 10 until March 13 of this year.

The family saved Jag to be a sow, Ryan said, so she would have babies to enter into the next fair. But he's had to say good-bye to some of his pigs.

This year, he said, the family will keep Foxy and Midnight for sows, but another pig will be sold in the 4-H fair and the family will have another butchered for their own use.

Ryan admitted that it's hard for him to let go.

"It usually doesn't hit him until the night of the sale," him mom said. "I cried," Ryan added.

While his family travels to several shows each year, Ryan said the fair is the most exciting.

"You get to ride the rides and stuff," he said.

He said he plans to enter a pool rack he made for his grandfather in the woodworking class, a steer named "Trigger" in the market steer competition and a heifer named "Miss Priss" in the breeding heifer category.

Ryan's brother Garrett, 6, will also show a bucket calf in pre-4-H competition.

Ryan said he's not sure how he'll do this year, but he'll have fun.

"I hope I do well," he said. "I guess that's all you can do."

City may raise property taxes to pay for water park, airport

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building was used for agricultural purposes, it would be worth \$25,000.

This year, Volk said, the city's mill levy takes 46.454 mills, with each mill raising \$21,894.45.

The mill levy this year is expected to raise \$1,017,275. Including other revenue, the city's budget this year was \$2,551,155.

Next year, she said, the city is asking to raise the mill levy to 50.0631 mills, which means with an increase in property values the mill levy will take in \$1,144,396.

The city is expecting property values in the city to increase, so next year each mill will raise \$22,859.08, which is more than \$1,000 over what it raised this year.

That means that a Goodland homeowner whose house was appraised at \$100,000 paid \$534.22 in property taxes for 2001. Assuming that the value of the property did not increase, the same homeowner will pay \$575.73 in 2002.

The owner of commercial property appraised at \$500,000 paid \$5,806.75 in property tax for 2001 and will pay \$6,257.89 in 2002.

Volk said reasons for increasing the mill levy include the increased cost of operating Steever Water Park as compared to the old pool and the need to levy money for the airport improvements, which include moving the runway and expanding the taxi way.

The city had saved money, Volk said, to pay for the 10 percent share Goodland will have to come up with if the city receives a total of four grants from the Federal Aviation Administration. If the grants, which are a 90-10 percent split, come in, the city's share will be \$305,147 and the administration will pay \$2,746,232.

Volk said, however, that the saved money was spent to buy land to expand the airport, and will need to be put back into the reserve account. Volk said the mill levy increase will do that.

Volk said the administration may reimburse the city for part of what it paid for the expansion land.

The projects the grants would cover, Volk said, are runway relocation, taxi way and hangar apron expansion, replacement of the runway lights and snow removal equipment. She said the city has been trying to get these grants for a few years and wants to have its share on hand so the commission can

accept the grants if approved.

Other funds the city has, Volk said, have to stand on their own as no money is levied for them. These funds include electricity, water, solid waste and sewer.

She said these funds, managed by Public Works Director Ed Wolak, are similar to a business surviving on its own profits; if expenses go up, rates must go up to cover the increase.

The city tries to save leftover money in reserve funds in electricity, water and sewer, Volk said, but that will not be possible next year because those funds have had increased expenses. When these funds have increased expenses, she said, the commission can either choose to raise rates for these services or cut other expenses.

When the commissioners have considered all the money the city will take in and spend, Volk said, they determine what must be paid and what can be cut. They can then project how much money will be needed in the next year's budget.

The commissioners will approve the proposed budget for 2002 and will hold a public hearing at 5 p.m. on Monday Aug. 6, where people of Goodland can make comments.

Officials may increase mill levy

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crease the county mill levy for recreation to .5 mill, and to couple this with a new revised agreement.

The increase should bring the county funding up to about \$28,000 next year. This year the county had \$23,400 for recreation.

On the library, the commissioners had been asked to raise their funding by about \$4,000, to \$18,000, but after receiving the letter about the fairgrounds and costs of \$8,000 to handle this, the consensus of the commissioners was to stay at the \$14,000 being requested by the library.

Prisoner care was another item, and the commissioners felt they should go back to the \$40 per day — the city has been paying \$30 for the county to hold city prisoners. This item also will require a new agreement which the commissioners hope to have ready for their meeting on Tuesday, July 31.

Imposing a tipping fee on the city for the tons of solid waste they deliver to the county landfill was a major topic Monday evening with the city commissioners asking how they would be able to handle the increase in cost.

The county commissioners Wednesday

day agreed the fee would be \$31 per ton, and would begin next year.

Monday, Pickman had said the tipping fee would cost the city about \$120,000 a year based on the 4,000 tons of solid waste the city generates every year. He said there were approximately 2,050 homes in Goodland and 500 businesses.

To raise this amount, he said, the city would have to raise the monthly trash collection fee by about \$5. At \$5 more per month, the city would raise \$153,000 to offset the tipping fee.

The county commissioners are going to pursue handling the household hazardous waste, and have scheduled a joint meeting with the Thomas County commissioners for Monday, Aug. 6, to discuss becoming a satellite of their existing program.

The county commissioners agreed they would support the city in contacting the Southeast Colorado and Eastern Colorado Recycling to see if Sherman County can join this program. By consensus the commissioners agreed to paying the per capita of \$2 for the county residents outside the incorporated areas, and to assist in the purchase of the recycling containers.

The commissioners also said they

hope the effort to involve the Golden West Community Center in the recycling would go forward, but were discouraged that no one is now working on a grant to assist in developing this program.

The county commissioners talked about the idea of a countywide mill levy for economic development, but felt while the idea is good there needs to be additional discussion and research before this could be taken to the people.

Another item that would probably have to be decided by the voters, they said, would be extension of the sales tax for road projects, and especially if the city were to ask for another quarter percent on top of the one already imposed.

The current one-quarter percent county sales tax, which has been funding the repair of Old U.S. 24, is due to run out in the next few months or early next year, and there has been discussion of requesting this to be extended to help with maintenance of the highway.

The next regular county commission meeting will be 8 a.m., Tuesday, July 31, in the courthouse at the corner of Broadway Avenue and Eighth Street.

Abortion protestors move campaign

WICHITA (AP) — Abortion opponents took their message to Wichita's City Hall Friday. About 300 protesters stood shoulder to shoulder, singing and praying and hoping to present Mayor Bob Knight with a formal proclamation condemning abortion.

But Knight was in Detroit for a meeting, officials said. The protesters, led by Operation Save America national director Rev. Flip Benham, wanted to give Knight the proclamation signed by more than 40 Wichita-area ministers.

Benham and about two dozen others left the mayor's office and went to the offices of City Manager Chris Chermes and Police Chief Norman Williams. They also weren't in their offices.

At each office, the proclamation was read with the request that each official sign it.

Earlier, Benham, speaking to his followers but addressing Knight, said, "You said you were pro-life... so we're going to draw a line in the sand for you, Mr. Mayor."

"We need to declare the lives of all children, born and unborn, are sacred to God."

After about two hours, the protesters left City Hall to go to Dr. George Tiller's clinic for their morning march in front of the facility. Police reported no problems at City Hall or outside the clinic Friday morning.

On Thursday, while anti-abortion protesters held a memorial service for the remains of a fetus, abortion-rights supporters reported getting fresh donations.

The service at a downtown park was part of an effort by participants in this week's Summer of Mercy Renewal protests to expand their activities beyond Tiller's clinic, scene of twice-

daily marches.

"We can't focus here. This is only one spot in the city," Troy Newman, director of Los Angeles-based Operation Rescue West, said Thursday outside the clinic. "We're going to spread this message far and wide."

About 250 people gathered by the Arkansas River for the service for Baby Mark, whom they called an "unborn child." Newman said the remains were found about two years ago in a trash bin near a California abortion clinic.

A small white casket rested on a table with a display of red flowers in front as people prayed and sang. Later, the casket was carried to a shaded section of the park where it was opened showing the remains in a jar surrounded by a purple cloth as people passed by.

Standing nearby was a group of abortion-rights supporters holding signs, including one that read "Abortion is our right. Abortion is our freedom."

"I think they are having a funeral for a nonexistent entity. They are ignoring

thousands of women who have died in back alley abortions," said Shana Hubbard of Wichita.

Meanwhile, people countering the anti-abortion protest have donated \$7,400 since last Friday to pay for abortions for mainly low-income women, said Sara Miller, with the National Network of Abortion Funds.

The scene outside Tiller's clinic, one of the few in the country where late-term abortions are performed, was more subdued Thursday than on Wednesday, when two abortion-rights supporters were arrested in separate shoving and pushing bouts.

The two, an Ohio man and a Chicago woman, spent several hours in jail Wednesday before posting \$3,000 each in cash bonds, officials said.

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by 12:00 p.m. by Saturday, August 18th, 2001

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