

Hot ride



On Thursday at 2 p.m., a sport utility-type vehicle caught on fire at mile marker 16 on the eastbound side of I-70. The Goodland Sheriff's and fire department officials responded. Ken Griffith, the rural fire chief, said fire fighters were out there for about 45 minutes and the vehicle

was completely destroyed. Both lanes of traffic on the east bound side were stopped and lined up for almost a mile during the 45 minutes it took for the crew to put the fire out.

Photo by Reaghan Smith/The Goodland Daily News

Van Cow may make Goodland new home

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cities participating in CowParade this year, decorated the Van Cow using blue, yellow and brown tiles.

While the mosaic isn't an exact replica of a Van Gogh piece, like the giant painting here, it's fashioned after the seven sunflower paintings the famous artist did while he was living in Arles, France between 1888-1889. The 24-by-32-foot replica in Goodland, painted by Canadian artist Cameron Cross, is the first in the series.

Van Cow is one of 150 cows, either standing, grazing or laying down, roaming Kansas City. Minner said he spotted the cows while he was visiting family in Kansas City.

"We spent the day looking at the cows," he said. "Some are just hilariously funny."

The cows either reflect the culture in Kansas City, with some a tribute to the jazz scene, or whatever the artist choose. One cow named "American Royal" is painted like an American flag and another called "A study in still life" has a desk built into it and a lamp attached to its backside.

The cows will be on display until Sept. 15 and then will be auctioned in October, with most of the proceeds going to different charities. Minner said about 30 will be sold at a live auction and the rest over the Internet.

If he can afford to bid, he said, he's

going to try to snatch up Van Cow.

"If it's a whole bunch of money I won't do it," he said. "But if it's reasonable I will."

When the cows were auctioned in New York last year, the average bid was \$18,257. This year, the proceeds will go to children's education programs of The Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, The American Royal and The Friends of the Zoo.

Minner said he sent a picture of the Van Cow to city officials as somewhat of a joke, but it's become a serious matter now.

"I just might do it," he said.

City officials and a leader of the organization that brought the van Gogh replica to Goodland think it's a good idea.

"It might fit in well," City Manager Ron Pickman said. "Who knows."

He said the city commission would first have to approve the cow being placed on the city-owned land.

Marcia Golden, vice-president of Sunflowers U.S.A., said she hadn't heard about Minner's plans, but said she would welcome the fiberglass animal.

"I think it would be absolutely marvelous," she said.

Minner said maybe others could keep adding sunflower- or van Gogh-related items.

"We've got a theme going here," he said.

Lawmakers say congress can move on global warming

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the United States at a stalemate with the rest of the world over the Kyoto global warming treaty, two senators on Thursday presented an idea for cutting greenhouse gases they say both parties can back.

Sen. Sam Brownback, a Kansas Republican, and Sen. Ron Wyden, an Oregon Democrat, want the government to pay farmers and foresters who plant trees and grasses that trap carbon dioxide in the soil.

"Our country has got to figure out a way to get moving on this critical issue," said Wyden, citing newspaper headlines worldwide about America's refusal to join the Kyoto climate pact.

Some scientists argue that so-called "carbon sequestration" could help con-

tain worldwide warming trends caused by the release of carbon dioxide and other harmful gases that trap heat in the atmosphere.

The lawmakers are proposing to dole out payments to farmers who practice such conservation techniques as no-till farming — planting a new crop in the stubble of previous crops without cultivating the land in between, which stores more carbon in the soil.

These practices can suck up hundreds of millions of tons of carbon a year. Similar to the Agriculture Department's Conservation Reserve Program, the measure would set up \$20-per-acre payments, with 20 million acres eligible for the program.

Their measure would also create a

loan program of as much as \$45 million for tree-planting and conservation practices in the nation's forests, using penalties collected from violators of clean air and clean water laws.

"Now more than ever, the time is right for us to pursue the first steps toward dealing with the climate change issue in a positive way," Brownback said.

The lawmakers said the Bush administration has suggested the idea might become part of its new energy policy. It could also be added to the next farm bill, which Congress may finish work on this year.

"This can only be one tool in the fight to reduce greenhouse gases," Brownback said, "but there is no downside to advancing this bill."

On Monday, negotiators from 178 nations agreed to proceed with the Kyoto agreement, working out implementation rules, without U.S. participation. The pact commits industrial countries to roll back greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels.

President Bush sparked an international outcry on March 28 when he refused to submit to the Senate the climate treaty reached in Kyoto, Japan, in 1997. Bush said the treaty, which sets a goal for industrialized countries to cut heat-trapping emissions by 2012, is unworkable and discriminates against the United States.

Brownback also is pushing separately to create tax credits for U.S. businesses that invest in carbon-storing projects in developing countries.

Priest asks that sentence in sex crimes be reduced to 90 days

NEWTON (AP) — A former Catholic priest who pleaded guilty in February to four sex crimes involving altar boys wants his sentence changed to the terms of his plea agreement — meaning he would get out of prison right away.

Harvey County Judge Ted Ice in March sentenced Robert K. Larson, 71, to three to 10 years in prison. In doing so, Ice rejected a plea agreement with prosecutors under which Larson

would have served 90 days, then been placed on five years probation.

Larson, who is in the state prison in Lansing, pleaded guilty to one count of indecent liberties with a child and three counts of sexual battery. All were related to incidents between 1984 and 1986 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Newton.

Larson's sentence was dictated by the laws in place at the time of his offenses. Those laws permit a reconsid-

eration of sentence after 90 days.

Larson's lawyer, Dan Monnat, said he wants Larson's sentence changed to the terms of a plea agreement approved by Larson's victims.

Ice may hold a hearing on Monnat's motion — at which Larson's victims may be allowed to testify — or he may rule on the motion without a hearing. No date for the decision has been set.

Paul Schwartz, one of the four victims Larson admitted to molesting,

said he would come to court if necessary to urge the judge to keep Larson in prison.

"He did the crime; he's now doing the time. He's trying to get out of it," said Schwartz, who lives in Lenexa. "He's a convicted child molester."

Larson was a priest in the Catholic Diocese of Wichita for 30 years before church leaders removed him from the diocese in 1988.

Hoof and mouth not a problem to worry about

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from livestock pens; Minnesota State Fair officials are advising post-fair quarantines for most exhibit animals; and Maine's Department of Agriculture hired an extra veterinarian to go to every fair and inspect the animals. Maine also printed brochures to be handed to people entering the fairgrounds.

In Sherman County there is minimal concern.

Gary Smith, veterinarian at Prarie-land Animal Clinic in Goodland, said they have not been contacted about any problems in the U.S., nor have they received any state regulations or guidelines for such problems. He did say there are plans in place if a problem does occur.

"But," he said, "we are not anticipating any problems."

Dennis Chandler, agriculture extension agent at the Thomas County Extension Office, said some of the packer-buyers are requiring children who sell their livestock at the fair to sign releases saying the livestock have not come in contact with hoof and mouth disease.

Of course, Smith said, there is no way to know if the livestock have come in contact with the disease. He added that the children have to sign releases before sale anyway, stating that the livestock have not been given any drugs.

Sunflower Contest

RULES

- Write down as many words (at least 3 letters) that you can think of using the word "Festival"
- Do not use proper names
- Bring your completed list to The Goodland Daily News office at 1205 Main

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

Winners will be announced in the Monday, August 20th edition

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Alumni Event Schedule

Invitation Extended to the Whole Community
 707 Wheat Ridge Circle, Goodland, KS 67735
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Thursday, August 2nd

8:00 – 5:00 Open House / Facility tours and information
Drawings
Free Donuts, coffee and tea
Friday, August 3rd – 50's Day!

8:00 – 5:00 Open House / facility tours and information
Free donuts, popcorn, cotton candy, coffee and tea
50¢ cherry/chocolate/regular Coca-Cola

10:00 – 5:00 Antique Car Show! Come and see the beautiful line up and vote for your favorite antique. The owner of the winning car will be presented with a prize!
Raffles, Contests and Drawings!
Carnival Games for all ages!

11:00 – 1:00 50¢ Hotdogs/Hamburgers with chips
11:00 – 2:00 KLOE's own Curtis Dunkin will be broadcasting from Wheat Ridge Acres on 102.5 oldies station.
Listen for raffles, giveaways, contests, interviews and more!

2:00 Senior Shufflers! Colby's own swing dancers.
Saturday, August 4th

8:00 – 5:00 Open House / Facility tours and information
Drawings
Free donuts, coffee and tea

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