

Games to be held on Main

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The Chamber of Commerce director asked the city commission Monday to close parts of two streets for activities during the Sunflower Festival next weekend.

Chamber Director Ron Harding ask the commission to allow them to close Main Avenue between 10th and 13th starting at 7 a.m. next Saturday for a ping pong ball race as part of the festival.

The ping pong ball race will start at 10 a.m. and will finish by 10:30. It is sponsored by the Chamber's Business Promotion Committee, which has 500 ping pong balls to be raced on Main. The fire department will push the balls for three blocks with their hoses and the first ball across the finish line wins 10 percent of the proceeds. The second ball

wins 8 percent and the third wins 7 percent. The remaining proceeds will go to the committee's project to put up banners welcoming people to Goodland.

Harding said the Chamber will also need to close part of 13th Street from Main to the alley on Saturday morning, Harding said, for the Garden Tractor Team Obstacle Course. This is a race on garden tractors for two-person teams, a man and a woman. One person will be blindfolded driving the tractor and the other will navigate. The tractor race will start at 9 a.m. and will last until 11 a.m.

Harding also said that antique tractors will be parked along Main in front of the Central School on Saturday morning for the Antique Tractor Show. The tractors will be around the corner on 13th as well, he said, if they have that many.

In other business:

- The commission approved two grant requests for new businesses coming to town, one to S&T Communications in the amount of \$5,000 and one to Agro-Culture Inc. in the amount of \$1,535. S&T Communication's grant will cover the cost of building demolition to clear the site of their new office on Main. Agro-Culture's grant is in the form of waiving their fee for the building permit for the construction of a liquid fertilizer manufacturing plant in Goodland.

- The commission approved a resolution updating fees for the use of the city's equipment to be charged to the projects for which they are used.

- The commission approved payments for the construction of Steever Water Park and the Steever Park tennis courts.



Rita Ackerman enjoyed a game of bingo Wednesday during the "Senior Fair" at the Good Samaritan Center. Arlene Aguirre, a volunteer from Harvest America, watched. Photo by Reaghan Smith/The Goodland Daily News

Kansans oppose funding research on human embryonic stem cells

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of Capitol Hill's most vocal opponents of embryonic stem cell research, Kansas Senator Sam Brownback, argued Thursday that the work is immoral and unnecessary.

"We simply do not need to do any research which relies on the destruction of human beings," the conservative Republican senator said.

President Bush announced approval Thursday night for federal funding for limited medical research on stem cells extracted from human embryos.

Even anti-abortion Republicans are divided on the issue. Those who favor the research insist embryos will be thrown away regardless, and using them for research might save lives in the future.

Brownback's fellow Republican, Tennessee Sen. Bill Frist, proposes a compromise allowing research on a limited number of stem cell lines, along with strict federal oversight and specific consent from the parents who created them. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson

supports the idea.

But Brownback said countless people have deep moral objections to embryonic stem cell research, "and forcing them to pay for the destruction of human lives would be a grave injustice to them and to the values they hold."

Another anti-abortion lawmaker, Kansas GOP Rep. Todd Tiahrt, said the research reduces the possibility for adoption as well as the value of human life. Tiahrt and Brownback support more funding for research on stem cells from adults.

"I support adult stem cell research and am excited about the tremendous advances already made in treating diseases with adult stem cells," said Tiahrt.

There is debate, however, over whether somatic stem cells are as flexible or as long-lived as embryonic stem cells. Many scientists advocate research on both types.

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, Tiahrt has the ability to weigh in early on funding for such research.

Another Kansas Republican, Rep. Jim Ryn, called Bush's funding decision "deeply disappointing," but said he was pleased the president "will use no funds to encourage the future destruction of human embryos."

"Stem cells are available from other sources that do not take a human life," Ryn said. He noted he is co-sponsoring a bill that would designate \$30 million for what he called "ethical adult stem cell research."

Congress has banned funding for research that destroys embryos, but the Clinton administration ruled that the stem cell research was eligible as long as the cells were extracted from the embryos with private money. Bush had delayed such funding while the policy was reviewed.

Some opponents of research into embryonic stem cells support instead the studying of somatic stem cells, which are made by mature tissue. But there is a debate over whether somatic stem cells are as flexible or as long-lived as embryonic stem cells. Many scientists advocate research on both types.

Autopsy shows two were strangled

CRESKO, Iowa (AP) — A Cresco mother and daughter, found dead last month in Kansas, were strangled, an autopsy report says.

Angela Hyke, 25, and Ashley Lucas, 8, died in their Cresco home, said Sheriff John Calhoun in Atchison County, Kan.

A piece of clothing was knotted around the necks of both victims, according to forensic pathology reports.

Clayton Irwin Thomas, 24, of Atchison, Kan., has been arrested and faces two counts of first-degree murder.

He is in the Black Hawk County Jail on a \$1 million bond. He is expected to enter a plea next Monday.

Hyke and Lucas had not been seen since July 8. Law enforcement officials found their bodies July 19, buried in a shallow grave in a wooded area north of the Atchison State Fishing Lake.

Authorities believe they died late July 8 or early July 9.

Thomas as found at a brother's home in Wichita, Kan. Hyke's car was outside the home, police said. Officers initially arrested Thomas on an outstanding warrant for a Kansas parole

violation.

Investigators have not said what led them to the bodies of Hyke and Lucas. The bodies were located on a farm trail about 150 yards from a gravel road.

Thomas, a carnival worker, was in the Cresco area July 8 for the county fair.

Authorities believe Thomas and his wife, Bobbi, drove to Kansas in Hyke's stolen car with Hyke's and Lucas's bodies in the trunk.

Assistant Iowa Attorney General Thomas Miller said Bobbi Thomas will not be charged with murder.

Father acquitted of murder in son's killing of vandal

WICHITA (AP) — A man whose son admitted killing another teen-ager following a car chase that began after the family's mailbox was vandalized has been acquitted of murder.

A Sedgewick County District Court jury that heard the case against Dennis May deliberated about six hours before returning the verdict Thursday afternoon.

May, 51, of Andale, had been charged with first-degree murder in the

death of Steve Lewick, 16.

The boy was shot the day after Christmas last year after the chase by the Mays over snow-packed rural roads.

May's son Josh, now 17, pleaded guilty in February to second-degree murder for firing the fatal shot. He could be in juvenile detention anywhere from two years to six months after he turns 22.

Defense attorney Les Hulnick said

jurors were given the alternative of finding the elder May guilty of either first- or second-degree murder or involuntary manslaughter, or acquitting him.

Man and woman still sought by police

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involved in a gas skip in Grinnell.

The driver, a slightly built man in his 20s, denied involvement, but drove away when Patton asked him to step out of the car. After a short chase, the suspects left the road and crashed through a fence, driving cross country.

Patton, other deputies and Colby police officers lost sight of the vehicle and began a search of the area, assisted by the Kansas Highway Patrol and a private aircraft.

Jones said police still had no idea who the couple were. They were described as in their mid-20s, the man is clean cut and shaven, with medium

length brown-blond hair. He has tattoos on his neck that resemble oriental writing.

He is about 5 foot, 6 inches tall and weighs 135-140 pounds.

The girl is also in her mid-20s, with freckles and reddish hair. She is slightly built and didn't wear any makeup.

"We're running down a few more leads," Jones said, "and we'll all get together this afternoon and decide

where to go."

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation was processing the vehicles in hopes of finding a lead as to the identity of the fugitives, but Jones admits clues are few.

"We'd sure like to catch them before they do this somewhere else," he said.

"I'm just glad it's over," said the teen-ager. "I'm thankful no one was hurt and I hope they catch them soon."

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