



Schyler Goodwin (right), Goodland Development Corp. director, and Sid Unruh, a member, loaded a television onto a trailer Sunday, while Linda

Knott watched. The group was collecting items for the “Junk Parade” on Saturday. Photo by Rachel Miscal/The Goodland Daily News

Oscar the Grouch will lead parade

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come to the parade, too.

Oscar the Grouch, the popular Sesame Street character who lives in a trash can, has been named grand marshal, and will sign autographs, take pictures and give hugs. Under the green fur and trash can will be Curtis Duncan, program director at KKCI Radio in Goodland.

Goodwin said children participating in the costume and bike decorating contests will meet at the corner of 17th and Main, where the Dairy Queen was recently torn down. He said judges will pick the best trash-decorated costume or bike, but everyone will get a prize. To register your child for the contest, call Goodwin at 899-6200 or Mitch Hixson at 899-3060.

Goodwin said members plan to throw out candy and T-shirts during the parade and Darin Richardson, a senior at Goodland High School, is organizing entertainment along the route.

“It’s going to be huge,” he said. “It’s

going to be a fun time.”

Because many of the floats will be piled high, Goodwin said, it may take awhile to get the junk across town.

“We’ve got a couple of floats that are huge,” he said, adding that the corporation needs volunteers to help unload the trash at the transfer station. If you’re interested, call Goodwin or Hixson.

Some people may want to watch the parade just to see the weird sort of stuff that goes to the landfill, Goodwin said, adding that the corporation has made a “substantial dent” in the amount of trash laying around Goodland.

There is always more, of course, and he said he hopes people will follow up.

Goodwin said the group plans to make the parade an annual event and start other clean-up programs, such as “Adopt-a-Neighborhood,” where low-income people will get help fixing up their property.

“I think if everyone pitched in,” Knott said, “we’d have a lot done. It would be wonderful.”

Bush asks world to help in search for backers of terror

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in battling terrorism. At the same time, he said, “Some nations will be comfortable supporting covert activities, some nations will only be comfortable with providing information. Others will be helpful and will only be comfortable supporting financial matters. I understand that.”

As he has repeatedly in recent days, the president urged the Taliban rulers of Afghanistan to turn over Osama bin Laden, the suspected chief culprit behind last week’s attacks.

The administration prevailed on Pakistan last week to pressure the Taliban to comply.

In a nationally televised speech during the day, Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf sought to reassure his country the war against terrorism does not target Islam. While Musharraf has

pledged to help the United States, his nation has also been the site of anti-American rallies in recent days as Bush steps up his rhetorical attack against bin Laden.

The death toll in the attacks at the World Trade Center and Pentagon are expected to top 5,000.

Attorney General John Ashcroft, leading the U.S. investigation, used the wounded Pentagon as a backdrop for a declaration that terrorists had benefited from the help of some foreign governments.

“It is pretty clear that the networks that conduct these kind of events are harbored, supported, sustained and protected by a variety of foreign governments,” he said.

“It is time for those governments to understand with crystal clarity that the United States of America will not tolerate that kind of support for networks

that would inflict this kind of damage on the American people.”

In addition to his meeting with the Indonesian leader, Bush also was scheduled to see the foreign ministers of Russia and Germany during the day.

He called South Korean President Kim dae Jung, who promised to participate in the international coalition, and the two leaders indicated they still plan to meet in Seoul next month, Fleischer said.

At the same time, the administration is moving to get the money to pursue its effort. Bush signed into law Tuesday a \$40 billion package, most of which will go to recovery efforts in New York City, Washington and southwestern Pennsylvania — where four hijacked planes crashed last week, killing thousands of people — and to battle terrorism.

He was meeting today with Demo-

cratic and Republican lawmakers to discuss a financial for reviving an economy stung by the Sept. 11 attacks. Fleischer said Bush was likely to embrace some economic stimulus, though he was open to what form it would take.

The president also signed a congressional resolution authorizing him to use military force against the terrorists responsible for the attacks, the worst in U.S. history.

These efforts came as the exhausting search for victims and the cleanup continued at New York’s World Trade Center, at the Pentagon and near Shanksville, Pa., and as federal authorities ratcheted up their hunt for collaborators to the terrorists who killed themselves and thousands others in the attacks. Authorities expect the total death count to exceed 5,400.

As the U.S. military moved toward a war footing, Defense Secretary

Donald H. Rumsfeld said today the nation’s response to the attacks must reach beyond finding bin Laden, the Saudi exile in Afghanistan who is considered the prime suspect.

“This is not a problem of al-Qaida and Osama bin Laden,” Rumsfeld said on CNN. “It is a problem of a number of networks of terrorists that have been active across the globe.” He said there is evidence bin Laden and his associates are operating in 50 to 60 countries, including the United States.

As Rumsfeld spoke, the 15,000-strong USS Theodore Roosevelt battle group prepared to leave Norfolk, Va., for a long-scheduled deployment in the Mediterranean that has become more than routine in light of the terrorist attacks.

“There are great young American sailors and Marines on those ships,” the commander, Rear Adm. Mark Fitzgerald, told ABC’s “Good Morning America.” “I’ve looked into the eyes of many of them this week and, boy, they are ready and determined. ... Whatever the president needs us to do, we’re ready to do it.”

As the administration shored up support and drew battle lines, the massive

investigation continued to find evidence of other plots against America.

Three Detroit men were arrested Tuesday on charges of identity fraud and misuse of visas.

Court records said the FBI seized documents suggesting the men worked in food preparation for airlines at Detroit Metropolitan Airport and collected information about an American military base in Turkey, a U.S. “foreign minister,” an airport in Jordan and diagrams of aircraft locations and runways.

Authorities have grown increasingly certain — from intelligence intercepts, witness interviews and evidence gathered in hijackers’ cars and homes — that a second wave of violence was planned by collaborators. They said Sept. 22 has emerged as an important date in the evidence, but declined to be more specific.

The Sept. 11 attacks were “part of a larger plan with other terrorism acts, not necessarily hijacking of airplanes,” said Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee. “Those acts were going to occur in the United States and elsewhere in the world.”

Former congressman drops U.S. attorney bid

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WASHINGTON — Republican former state Rep. Phill Kline withdrew his nomination Tuesday as U.S. attorney for Kansas and said he is considering other political opportunities.

Kline, who lost a high-profile congressional race last year, said he is not ready to discuss which office he might seek.

“Other opportunities are in the mix,” he said in an interview. “I’m not ready to think about those at this time, but certainly we’re going to do something.”

He cited the months-long wait for

confirmation as well as last week’s terror attacks. He and his wife had decided it was time to consider whether to remain in consideration for the Bush administration post or seek other opportunities, “because those opportunities go away.”

“All of us, as a result of what happened, are looking for a way to serve,” Kline said.

Kline’s withdrawal came one day after a flurry of political jockeying among the field of GOP contenders for governor next year in Kansas.

An array of possibilities confronts him. There is no leading GOP contender to challenge Moore in his bid for

a third term in Congress, and redistricting makes Moore a target of Kansas GOP legislators trying to swell their numbers in his already Republican district.

The Republican front-runner in the governor’s race, Rep. Jerry Moran, dropped out of consideration Monday and intends to remain in Congress.

Kansas attorney general could also be an option, because Republican Attorney General Carla Stovall is mulling the governor’s race now that Moran has dropped out. Her term expires in 2003.

U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback, the Republican who was shepherding Kline’s

nomination, said Tuesday: “Phil would have made an outstanding U.S. Attorney, and if he chooses to, he will be an outstanding candidate for public office.”

Kline wrote Brownback and Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., Tuesday to notify them of his decision.

Last November, Moore defeated Kline, 50 percent to 47 percent. Kline, a conservative, had emerged from a bruising primary race in which his main opponent, a moderate, won the endorsement of GOP Gov. Bill Graves. Moore raised nearly \$1.8 million to Kline’s \$1 million.

In 1998, Moore unseated freshman Rep. Vince Snowbarger, 52 percent to 48 percent.

Last week’s attacks added to the uncertainty of the nomination process, Kline said.

“Washington now has other priorities other than nominees for U.S. attorney, and understandably so,” Kline said.

He added that his nomination was not delayed any more than dozens of others awaiting Senate action and said he had “not received any negative indication” that his nomination presented a problem.

Only a handful of U.S. attorney nominees have won Senate confirmation thus far.

Kline holds a law degree from the University of Kansas Law School and served in the Kansas House from 1993 through 2000.

Program takes city kids out onto farms

BALD KNOB, Ark. — With a combine whirring in the background, sixth-grader Paige Keeney grabbed two handfuls of freshly picked rice and ran to show her science teacher.

“Ms. Strayhorn, look what I got,” she said, dumping the rice in the teacher’s hands, some spilling on the gravel road next to the field.

Virginia Strayhorn’s class planted the rice in March, made all the decisions about how it was grown, and then returned to see what months of planning and budgeting have yielded.

David Freppon, a wheat and soybean farmer, donated one of his 2,000 acres so the students could learn what it’s like to be a farmer.

“It’s something to show the kids where things really come from,” Freppon said. “It’s a learning experience.”

Strayhorn hopes the 38 Judsonia

Middle School students will learn to appreciate the farms that surround their town, located about 60 miles northeast of Little Rock.

“Most of them live in town, some of them live in a farming area,” Strayhorn said. “But they don’t have any idea what a farmer actually does.”

Extension agent Kevin Lawson, whose work includes assessing crops and advising farmers, started visiting Strayhorn’s classroom in late March. He showed students how to check soil samples and stay within a budget, and he brought plants to illustrate each stage of the process.

“I hope it will pique their interest in farming big-time,” Lawson said. “I tried to teach them about production from start to finish and about the uses of Arkansas rice.”

Lawson smiles when the students crowd around him to see how the rice

grain is separated from the straw. They crane their necks to see him and pick at the pile of straw he carried from their field.

“They needed to use an expensive herbicide, but luckily there was no disease,” Lawson said. “But boy, that’s gonna be some good rice.”

Lawson climbs into the hopper with a shovel, rice sticking to his jeans and boots, trying to fit a massive amount of rice in the bin. He spills a shovel full over the side and the students rush to grab it.

The acre yielded 185 bushels, 45 more bushels than expected. At \$3 per bushel, the students will earn \$555 at market.

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Legislators propose help for schools losing students

TOPEKA (AP) — Rural legislators announced a plan Tuesday to provide \$12 million in relief for school districts facing declining enrollment.

Reps. John Faber, R-Brewster, and Doug Gatewood, D-Columbus, propose a bill crediting credit each school with a funding increase of \$774 for every student lost in enrollment since 1995.

“Schools which find themselves in this situation (declining enrollment) have no choice but to cut programs, staff and or combine lower grades,” Gatewood said. “All of which are detrimental to the students’ education and

the communities as a whole.”

Faber said the funding is not enough “but it’s a beginning.”

The funding increase will only cover a small portion of the estimated \$30 to \$40 million needed to maintain current levels of school funding next year, Gatewood said.

The funding would be distributed among the districts by subtracting the current number of students per district from the district’s total enrollment in 1994-95. Districts would be able to add 0.2 students for every student they lost in enrollment to their official headcount.

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