

Mary Kay Jorgensen (left) and Carolyn Morton, members of Gamma Rho sorority in Goodland, walked ahead of the "Dump Queen" float during the Junk Parade on Saturday. Julie Todd, a sorority member, was the queen, holding a torch made from a plunger and old newspapers. The sorority entered three floats, winning first place in the household trash category.



We Junk

Goodland cleans up with trashy parade

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owner donated his time, equipment and manpower to save the county money.

Keith Bowman, the husband of corporation member Cindy Bowman and owner of Bowman's Heating and Air Conditioning, said he recovered coolant from 32 appliances, saving the county \$1,280.

Bowman said he and his employees spent about a week's worth of work time collecting refrigerators, air conditioners and other appliances.

"It got a lot of junk out of the city," he said. "It cost me a lot, but it was worth it, I think."

Tim Pacello, a corporation member, said he was dumbfounded at the amount of junk people had laying around their property.

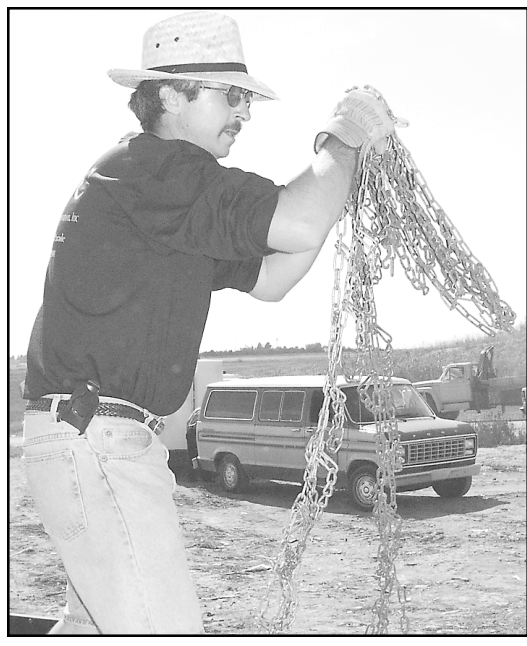
"I'm actually kind of disappointed," he said, noting that the corporation is working on getting a recycling program started in Sherman County to keep some trash out of the landfill. The city and county have discussed joining a program in Colorado, but haven't made any firm decisions.

There was more than 75,000 pounds of trash collected, Goodwin, 26, said, with each float holding about 1,417 pounds.

"It greatly exceeded our expectations," he said. "It was pretty cool."

Goodwin said many people suggested the corporation hold a Junk Parade twice a year, and Commissioner Tiede agreed.

Tim Pacello (above), a member of the Goodland Development Corp., which organized the Junk Parade, unloaded trash at the county landfill on Saturday. Curt Way (right), county public works manager, was at the landfill counting tires parade participants had collected. The total came to 613.



"Personally," he said, "I think they should do it a couple of times a year so it doesn't build up." Bankwest and Wal-Mart donated cash and prizes for the children's contests and restaurants gave gift certificates. There were two age categories, 5 and under and 6 and up, in the children's contests, with \$30 going to first, \$20 to second and \$10 to third.

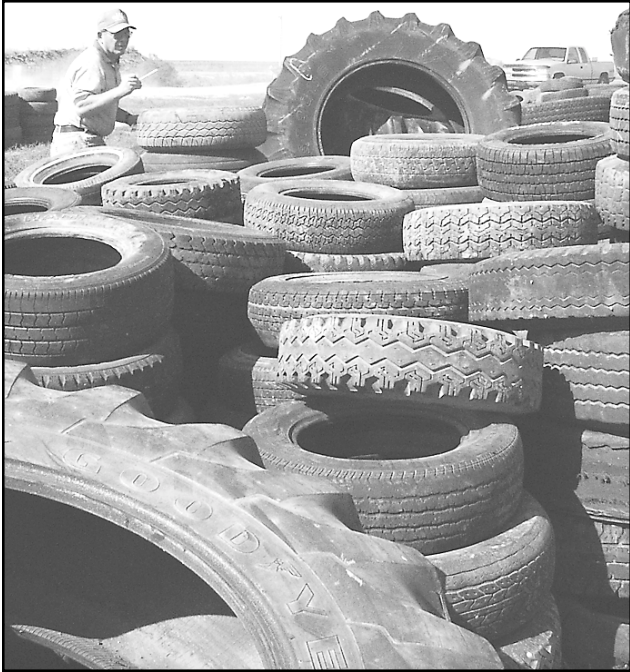
Floats were judged in seven categories, with winners receiving a golden shovel from the corporation and \$20 from Bankwest.

The winners in the children's costume contest included:

Bike decorating, 5 and under: Alex Tuttle, first; James Dinkel, second; and Ricky Voth, third. Six and up: Eric and Curtis Ross, first; Tanner and Riley Ohara, second; and Randyll Smith, third.

Costume, 5 and under: Hagan Hoss, first; Jordan and Bryce Raby, second; and Demi Mitcheh, third. Six and up: Tyler Raby, first; Brooke Lockhart, second; and Oscar the Grouch (Curtis Duncan), third.

Float winners included: Fixen Electronics, appliances; Collingwood Grain, tires; Northwest Kansas Technical College, scrap metal; Northern Sun Industries, construction and demolition; the Boy Scouts troop, burn pit; Gamma Rho sorority, household; and the Cub Scouts, best in show.



Oscar the Grouch (above), the furry, green monster from Sesame Street, was the grand marshal of the Junk Parade. Curtis Duncan, a radio personality in Goodland, wore the costume, hugging and taking pictures with people who participated. Brooke Lockhart (left), 6, daughter of Lisa and Scott Lockhart, made a race car out of trash for the children's costume contest. She won second place in the 6 and up category.

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Lonnie Coon, who works at Northern Sun Industries, helped the Goodland Development Corp. haul trash to the county landfill on Saturday during the Junk Parade. Some parade participants had to wait hours before they were able to unload the trash, as there were more than 50 floats.