City ordinance 1472 on collecting solid waste

ORDINANCE NO. 1472

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE COLLECTION AND DISPO-SITION OF SOLID WASTE WITHIN THE CITY OF GOODLAND, KAN-

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GOODLAND, KANSAS.

ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS.

SECTION 1. Definitions. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the meaning of words and terms as used in this ordinance shall be as follows:

- COMMERCIAL shall include but not be limited to all businesses, government operations, commercial enterprises, dwellings containing twenty (20) or more dwelling units, offices, shops, hotels, churches, schools and institutions.
- DWELLING. A building or portion thereof, designed exclusively for residential occupancy, including single-family, twofamily and multi-family dwellings, boarding and lodging houses, apartment houses and townhouses, but not hotels
- DWELLING UNIT. Abuilding or portion of a building that contains living facilities for not more than one family and that includes provisions for sleeping, cooking, eating and sanita-
- RESIDENTIAL shall include all residential dwellings containing less than twenty (20) individual dwelling units.
- RURAL. Any commercial or residential person, firm, partnership or corporation located outside but within one road mile of the corporate limits of the City of Goodland.
- RETURNED CHECK FEE. There is hereby set a fee for the return of a check to the City in the amount of \$20 plus the amount of the check.
- MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE (MSW). Municipal Solid Waste shall be non-liquid garbage, rubbish or trash as defined by Sherman County and accepted at the Sherman County Transfer Station, except this shall not include heavy, bulky items such as but not limited to stuffed furniture; televisions; appliances; mattresses; or box springs.
- CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS (C&D). Construction and Demolition Debris shall be those items and materials as specified by Sherman County Landfill Regulations and accepted in the Sherman County Construction and Demolition Debris containment area.
- YARD WASTE. Shall include grass, leaves, weeds, vegetable garden product, flower garden product and other similar materials as defined by Sherman County and accepted at the Sherman County compost area.
- 10. METAL DEBRIS. Shall include appliances, automobile bodies, chassis parts, drive trains or engine parts, compressed gas or air bottles, general construction metal, electrical fixtures and wiring, farm implements or parts thereof, lawn equipment, metal furniture or equipment, pipe rebar, outdoor grills, sheet metal, wheels or rims, wire and other similar materials as defined by Sherman County Landfill Regulations and accepted at the Sherman County Transfer Station.
- 11. CLEAN LUMBER. Lumber that has not been treated, varnished, stained or altered from its original condition.
- 12. HAZARDOUS MATERIAL. Shall include but not be limited to:
 - Explosive materials.
 - Rags or other waste soaked in volatile and flammable liquids. Motor oil. C.
 - Highly combustible materials.
 - Chemicals. Poisons. f.
 - Paints. Thinners.
 - Household cleaners
 - Pesticides.
 - Radioactive materials.
 - Medical wastes
 - m. Soiled dressings, clothing, bedding and/or other wastes, contaminated by body fluids, infection or contagious
 - Any other materials which may present a special hazard to personnel, equipment, or the public in the act of collection or disposal of such material.
 - The containers in which any of these materials were packaged or stored in.

ARTICLE 2. MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE.

SECTION 1. All municipal solid waste accumulated within the city shall be collected, conveyed and disposed of by the city or by contractors specifically authorized to collect and dispose of

municipal solid waste. SECTION 2. The city shall have the right to enter into a contract with any responsible person for collection and disposal of municipal solid

waste upon approval of the governing body. SECTION 3. All residential and commercial customers shall be provided municipal solid waste collection service by the city. Such service shall include the City providing to its customers a suitable container for the storage of municipal solid waste as provided in this ordinance. No customer shall permit to accumulate quantities of municipal solid waste at any location within the city unless the same is stored in approved containers and in such a manner as not to create a health or fire hazard

SECTION 4. Any person, firm, partnership or corporation shall be responsible for any materials placed in any solid waste container. The City shall have the right to refuse to collect municipal solid waste from any container that is contaminated by any other items or materials, other than municipal solid waste as defined in this ordinance, that have been placed in such container until the responsible party has removed such items from container.

SECTION 5.

- Residential and commercial containers shall be supplied by the city, only municipal solid waste as defined herein shall be allowed to be placed in the city supplied containers. Bags, when used, shall be securely closed and placed inside of the city supplied containers. All municipal solid waste shall be drained of all liquids before being placed in bags or con-
- Locations where excessive amounts of municipal solid waste accumulates in excess of storage containers supplied, additional containers may be added upon request of the customer with the approval of the City of Goodland and in accordance with fees herein provided.
- All persons, firms, partnerships or corporations shall be resuch party's control placed in the appropriate place for collection as determined by the City and at such time as sched-

uled by the City for the collection of municipal solid waste. **SECTION 6.** Municipal solid waste collectors, employed by the city or operating under contract with the city, are hereby authorized to enter in and upon private property for the purpose of collecting municipal solid waste containers therefrom as required by this ordinance.

SECTION 7. No person shall meddle with solid waste containers or in anyway pilfer or scatter contents thereof in or upon any alley, street, or public and private property within the city. SECTION 8. Heavy bulky items as defined in this ordinance shall

not be placed or disposed of in any city or city issued municipal solid waste its of the City of Goodland may enter into an annual agreement with the container.

SECTION 9. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, partnership or corporation to:

- Deposit municipal solid waste in any city owned container with the intent of avoiding payment of the refuse
- Interfere in any manner with employees of the city or its b. contractors in the collection of municipal solid waste.
- C. Burn any municipal solid waste. Bury municipal solid waste at any place within the city. d.
- Deposit any article or material other than municipal solid e. waste as defined herein in any municipal solid waste
- Transport municipal solid waste in such a manner as to f. allow waste to spill, scatter or litter along the streets, roadways, and alleys of the city.

SECTION 10. Private Collectors.

- License required.
- (1) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, partnership or corporation, except an employee of the city specifically authorized for that purpose, to collect or transport any solid waste within the city, without securing a license from the city.
- Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent a person from hauling or disposing of his or her own solid waste providing it is done in such a manner as not to endanger the public health or safety or not to become an annoyance to the inhabitants of the city, and not to litter the streets and alleys to the city or cause to be out of compliance with the Counties Solid Waste Plan.
- Application. Any person, firm, partnership or corporation desiring to collect or transport solid waste within the city shall make application for a license to the City Clerk. The application shall set forth the name and address of the applicant, the make and type of vehicle to be operated for collecting and transporting solid waste.
- Fee. No license shall be issued unless the applicant shall (c) pay to the City Clerk the sum of \$25.00 per annum for each vehicle used in the collection and transportation of solid waste. The permit shall be effective only for the calendar year and shall expire on December 1st of the calendar year in which said permit is issued.

SECTION 11. Fee Schedule.

- All residential municipal solid waste customers within the City of Goodland shall be charged a base rate for the collection of municipal solid waste of \$10.00 per month. The base rate includes one collection of municipal solid waste each week. The city reserves the right to add or remove containers based on the volume of municipal solid waste generated by a residential customer.
- All commercial municipal solid waste customers within the city shall be charged a base rate for the collection of solid waste in the amount of \$12.00 per month. The base rate includes one collection of municipal solid waste each week. Any additional collections will be at the rate of \$6.00 per collection per container. The city reserves the right to add or remove containers based on the volume of solid waste generated by any commercial customer.
- All rural residential municipal solid waste customers shall be charged a base rate for the collection of municipal solid waste in the amount of \$12.00 per month. The base rate includes one collection of municipal solid waste each week. Any additional collections will be at the rate of \$6.00 per collection per container.
- All rural commercial municipal solid waste customers shall be charged a base rate for the collection of municipal solid waste in the amount of \$22.00 per month. The base rate includes one collection of municipal solid waste each week. Any additional collections will be at the rate of \$7.00 per collection per container. The city reserves the right to add or remove containers based on the volume of solid waste generated by any rural commercial customer.

SECTION 12.

- 1. Any commercial municipal solid waste customer may request additional containers. If request is approved by the city each additional container shall be charged at the rate of \$24.00 per month and shall include one weekly collection per container per month. Any additional collection will be at the rate of \$6.00 per collection per container.
- Any rural residential municipal solid waste customer may request additional containers. If request is approved by the city then each additional container shall be at the rate of \$12.00 per month and shall include one weekly collection per container per month. Any additional collections will be at the rate of \$6.00 per collection per container.
- Any rural commercial municipal solid waste customer may request additional containers. If request is approved by the city then each additional container shall be charged at the rate of \$28.00 per month and shall include one weekly collection per container per month. All additional collections will be at the rate of \$7.00 per collection per container.

SECTION 13.

- In addition to any fees imposed herein there is hereby assessed a \$3.25 per month county tipping fee for each residential municipal solid waste customer.
- In addition to any fees imposed herein there is hereby b. assessed a \$2.10 county tipping fee per collection of each container assessed for each commercial municipal solid waste customer.

SECTION 14.

- The city reserves the right not to collect municipal solid waste from any municipal solid waste container if for any reason the Sherman County Transfer Station does not permit or accept any municipal solid waste from the city.
- The city reserves the right not to collect municipal solid waste from any municipal solid waste container not available for collection on the scheduled collection day or any container that is locked or its lid secured in such a manner to prohibit its normal collection of municipal solid

SECTION 15. Solid waste charges shall be billed monthly. No payment shall be accepted on utility bills except for the full amount billed

for all services SECTION 16. All bills for payment hereunder, due the city, shall sponsible to have municipal solid waste containers under be payable monthly and all such bills shall be paid on or before the 15th day of the month in which the bill is received. Unless payment is made as herein called for, service may be discontinued until such delinquent customer shall have paid all of the arrearage to the city. The city has the right, in addition to discontinuing the solid waste utility, to disconnect the electric or water utility and such will remain disconnected until all arrearages have been paid in full. In the event there is no electric or water utility service to the property, the solid waste container will be removed from the fee schedule for certain items included in this ordinance. Such charges premises and the services shall be discontinued until such delinquent customer shall have paid all arrearage to the city.

ARTICLE 3. YARD WASTE.

City for the collection and disposal of yard waste.

- The City shall provide yard waste collection and disposal during the months of March through November each
- b. All yard waste containers shall be collected by the City one time only each week unless the Sherman County Compost area is closed.
- The City shall provide a suitable container for the stor-C. age of yard waste. No customer shall permit to accumulate quantities of yard waste at any location within the City unless the same is stored in approved containers and in such manner as not to create a health or fire hazard, except that yard waste used by the customer for composting purposes.
- All residential customers shall be responsible to have d. the yard waste container under such party's control placed in the appropriate place for collection as determined by the City and at such time as scheduled by the City for the collection of yard waste.

Any residential customer that has been issued a yard waste container by the City shall be responsible for any materials place therein. The City shall have the right to refuse to collect yard waste from any container that is contaminated by any other items or materials, other than yard waste as defined in this ordinance, that have been placed in such container until the responsible party has removed such items from container. A notice shall be attached to the yard waste container notifying the responsible party that the container contains material in violation of this ordinance and that failure to remedy the violation will result in the issuance of a Municipal Court citation to the person, firm, partnership or corporation such container has been issued.

SECTION 2. Yard waste collectors, employed by the city or operating under contract with the city, are hereby authorized to enter in and upon private property for the purpose of collection yard waste containers therefrom as required by this ordinance.

SECTION 3. No person shall meddle with vard waste containers or in anyway pilfer or scatter contents thereof in or upon any alley, street, or public and private property within the city. SECTION 4. Any person, firm, partnership or corporation is

- Interfere in any manner with employees of the City in the a. collection of yard waste. b.
 - Burn yard waste unless a variance has been granted and a written permit obtained from the City.
- Bury yard waste at any place within the City. C.
 - Deposit any article or material other than yard waste in any yard waste container.
- Transport yard waste in such a manner as to allow waste to spill, scatter or litter along the streets, roadways and alleys of the City.

SECTION 5. YARD WASTE. The city reserves the right not to collect yard waste from any yard waste container not available for collection on the scheduled collection day or any container that is locked or its lid secured in such a manner to prohibit its normal collection of yard waste.

SECTION 6. FEES.

d.

prohibited from the following:

- The fee for yard waste containers is as follows: three (3) yard dumpster - \$12.00 per month or any part thereof; ninety (90) gallon roll-out - \$4.00 per month or any part
- Any additional containers requested by any customer will require a subsequent agreement for yard waste collection service and an additional fee per container as SECTION 7. Yard waste charges shall be billed monthly in

SECTION 8. Bills shall be due and payable on or before the 15th day of each month. If payment is not made by such date yard waste collections will be discontinued and the yard waste container picked up by the City.

ARTICLE 4. SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.

SECTION 1. The City will provide residential municipal solic waste customers within the corporate limits of the City of Goodland collection for certain items not allowed to be disposed of through the municipal solid waste stream. The City shall establish a schedule identifying the items to be collected each week, along with the date of such collection. Residential customers shall contact the City to schedule the special collection of such items.

SECTION 2. Any items or materials collected under this program shall be sorted by item type and placed at the curb side of the residence on the scheduled pickup date to qualify for collection. All associated fees charged by the City and Sherman County for disposal of such item(s) shall be paid to the City prior to the collection of such item(s). The City reserves the right to refuse the collection of any materials that do not meet the requirements of this ordinance. SECTION 3. The following items or material are eligible for col-

lection and disposal by the City under this program. Municipal solid waste heavy bulky items as defined in

- this ordinance. Metal Debris:
- 1. Heavy Appliances: refrigerators, stoves, freezers,

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- washing machines, water heaters and other simi-Light Appliances: vacuum cleaners, microwaves, toasters or toaster ovens, mixers and similar items.
- The following shall be bundled, no longer than 6' in
- length and 50 pounds in weight: fencing, sheet metal, wire, pipe, steel or aluminum siding, duct work, metal shelving or similar items. Any other metal items shall be boxed or bundled and

not exceed 50 pounds in weight per bundle or box.

- Tree branches shall be bundled and shall not exceed 6 ft and 50 pounds in weight. Non-metal furniture shall be separated by material type
- The following items must be bundled, no longer than 6 in length and a weight no more than 50 pounds: carpet
- linoleum, vinyl and masonite siding and finished wood. The following materials shall be boxed or bundled and
- a weight no more than 50 pounds per box or bundle: floor tile, ceramic tile, ceiling tile, shingles, garden hose and vinyl insulation.

3. Tires, tubes, and tire treads.

SECTION 4. FEE SCHEDULE. \$5.00 per item Heavy Bulky Items

Metal Debris **Heavy Appliances** \$5.00 per item Light Appliances \$3.00 per item

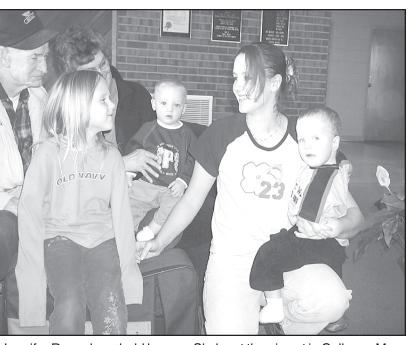
Other metal items \$3.00 per bundle or box

Tree branches and clean lumber \$3.00 per bundle

Non-metal furniture \$3.00 per item d. Other items \$3.00 per bundle, box or tire e. In addition to the above fees, Sherman County has in place a

ARTICLE 5. GENERAL PROVISIONS. SECTION 1. The registered person, firm, partnership or corpo-**SECTION 1.** Any residential customer within the corporate lim-ration to whom any municipal solid waste container, yard waste container,

shall be collected in addition to the City fees for collection of such items.



Jennifer Rosenberg held her son Skyler at the airport in Colby on Monday while the family prepared to leave. Seth, Skyler's brother, was held by his grandparents, Arnold and Edna Warren of Kanorado, and Serena was looking at her mom. Photo by Patty Decker/The Colby Fress Press

Board votes in favor of incentive to teachers

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A description of the incentive said it's only good until April 15 and will be paid in a lump sum with the June paychecks.

The board included the bonus in its list of items it would like to negotiate with teachers this year. In February, the board and teachers exchanged letters listing items each side would like included in teachers' contracts next year.

The board and teachers haven't yet met to discuss the items, but members felt it was important to talk about the incentive plan as soon as possible.

Members went back into closed session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters.

When they came out, they accepted resignations from Marc Cowles, assistant softball coach, and Michaela Hernandez, a teacher aide at North Elementary School.

Members hired Ryan Scheopner, who is not a teacher, to replace Cowles; Deandra Wirth, district band teacher, as junior high girls track coach; Greg Craig, Grant Junior High physical education teacher, as junior high boys track coach; and

public notice

for any violation of this ordinance.

or recycling container has been issued shall constitute in evidence a prima

facie presumption that such registered party was the person responsible

haul or cause to be hauled any waste materials of any kind to any place.

site or area within or without the limits of the City unless such site is a

sanitary landfill, transfer station, or disposal facility or site approved by

the Kansas State Department of Health and Environment and Sherman

County, except that approved recyclable materials may be hauled and

disposed of in recycling containers placed by the City or Sherman County.

partnership or corporation to properly remove and dispose of any and

all waste materials of any sort or kind that are generated in any manner

whatsoever by such person, firm, partnership or corporation. Any ex-

pense related to the disposal of such materials shall be the responsibil-

ity of the party controlling same and in a manner consistent with any

waste for special events at the rate of \$10.00 per dumpster per pickup

and/or \$3.00 per rollout per pickup. It shall be the responsibility of the

individual organizing any special event to arrange with the City the place-

collect, store or maintain any waste materials, as defined in this ordinance,

upon any public rights of way or public property within the corporate lim-

its of the City, except in accordance with the provisions contained in this

ARTICLE 6. PENALTIES.

victed of a violation of any provisions of this ordinance shall upon con-

viction thereof be fined a sum of not less than \$100.00 nor more than

\$1,000.00 and or confinement for a period not to exceed 30 days. Each

separate day or any portion thereof, during which any violation of this

ordinance occurs or continues, shall be deemed to constitute a sepa-

the violation or permit it to continue. All persons found in violation shall

be required to correct or remedy such violations or defects within a rea-

ARTICLE 7. SEVERABLITITY.

person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the ordinance which can be given effect

without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions

applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

ment and schedule for collection of such containers.

the enforced removal of prohibited conditions

of this ordinance are severable.

SECTION 2. No person, firm, partnership or corporation shall

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SECTION 4. The City will collect and dispose of municipal solid

SECTION 5. No person, firm, partnership or corporation shall

Any person or persons, firms, partnership or corporation con-

The imposition of one penalty for any violations shall not excuse

The application of the above penalty shall not be held to prevent

If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any

This ordinance shall be in force and take effect after it's publica-

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ordinance.

Alex Hernandez as a custodian at

The board hired Tremon Kizer as assistant band teacher next year. Kizer will assist Wirth, who has been the only band teacher since the board suspended Paul Garrison earlier this school year. The board decided not to renew Garrison's contract next

In other business, the board:

- Decided to allow junior Kayla Williams to graduate a semester early next year so she can get a head start on college. Williams said she plans to earn an associate's degree from Colby Community College and then work towards bachelor's and master's degrees in psychology at Bethany College in Lindsborg. Board members advised her not to move too fast and to enjoy life now.
- Approved making a final \$17,827 payment to Miller Construction in Goodland for work on the recently completed high school remodeling project. Superintendent Marvin Selby said the project will cost the district \$960,000 and \$380,000 will remain in the capital outlay fund for building improvements when it's all paid for
- Voted to pay \$69,826 in monthly

Pilots fly families for treatment

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ern states, are willing to assist people like Skyler get the needed medical attention and at no cost to the family.

"If these pilots weren't available to help us, I don't know what I would do," Jennifer said about the Angel Flight organization. "We have sincerely appreciated everything they have done and, as a special treat this time, Serena will be seated in the co-pilot's seat."

Mark Ostmeyer, Colby airport manager, flew Jennifer and her son to Kansas City just over a month ago. This time, pilot Kirk Samuelson was coming in from Elkhorn, Neb., to take the three to Kansas City.

Jennifer said Angel Flight has made it possible for her to focus on the most

Skyler and I have been traveling since he was a newborn," she said, "and hopefully this visit will be the last time he needs to have his foot re-cast."

The outlook is good, but there are still more hurdles ahead for little Skyler. The next one is wearing a back brace to correct the curvature of his spine from scoliosis.

He's only had a few months in a cast,

but the back brace would need to be worn every day until Skyler reaches his full growth. "I was told that surgery can be done,"

she said, "but it's very risky and I don't want to take that chance. I don't want to lose him.'

Returning home late Tuesday, Jennifer said Skyler sure enjoyed his plane important things — helping her son ride, but he didn't enjoy the medical

"After removing the cast, they took three pins out of his foot and it was extremely painful for him," she said. "This second cast is bent considerably more at the knee than his first cast was

and now he can't walk or play on it like before. When Skyler wants to get around for the next five weeks, he'll be crawling.' The next trip, which will again be arranged through Angel Flight, will mean the removal of the leg cast, but

with another challenge for Skyler —

the back brace and that will immobi-

lize him again. The road ahead will still be tough, because after the back brace is gone in some 16 years or so, Skyler will still have some decisions to make as an

Since he was born with stunted forearms and hands, some specialists have wanted Jennifer to allow them to do experimental surgery and some believe that when he is an adult, he may need to consider having both hands cut off and replaced with prostheses.

"I didn't want to do any experimental surgeries and, for now, he uses his hands as well as any other child would," she said. "We will wait and see, and it could be that Skyler as an adult will have decided he is okay with this situation."

She said Serena enjoyed her flying experience and 1-year-old son Seth. who had stayed with his grandparents while the rest of the family was in Kansas City, was glad to see everybody

Man wants to return after training

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to move to Garden City by July. He told the commissioners the Garden City program is considered the top in the state, and it should take about 12 months to complete.

"I want to come back to Goodland," Gleason said. "My wife Tina and I like living here, and I like working with the ambulance service. I have every intention of coming back to Goodland, and working with the new advanced life support system."

Commissioner Frankenfeld made the motion to take \$3,500 out of the health services fund to support Gleason's training program. Commissioner Mitch Tiede seconded the motion which passed 3-0 with Rasure voting in favor.

Gleason is expected to present the commissioners with additional cost information before the end of the

With the money from the hospital, hospital foundation, the county and Eagle Med the total is about \$12,000 which leaves him about \$8,000 short of the total.

In looking at the properties in the tax sale, the commissioners asked County Attorney Bonnie Selby for a breakdown. Selby brought in the maps of Kanorado, Goodland and the county with the locations marked.

There are two properties in Edson, 19 lots in Goodland with the old "Q's"

building on Main Street the only down-collected \$178,985 from July 1 to Goodland. Wednesday, they toured the town commercial property, and 10 lots in Kanorado. Nearly all the others listings are mineral rights out in the

Selby said many of the mineral rights are non-producing, and may have run their 20 years under lease. She said if they do not sell in the tax sale and have run the 20 years, she may ask the district court to vacate the mineral rights and return them to the property

Selby asked County Treasurer Shelby Miller to figure how much money in delinquent taxes the county has collected since the work began on preparing for the tax sale.

Tuesday.

Delinquent tax collections were \$121,000 for 2000, \$131,000 in 2001, and \$61,000 for the first two months

It is possible the total will increase, she said, as some of the property included in the tax sale may be redeemed before April 1. The commissioners decided to view

the properties to determine if there are any the county or city might want to bid on to either get a minimum bid, or to take control of to be able to clean the property up and then possibly sell.

Tuesday the commissioners, accompanied by City Commissioner Rick multi-county economic development Miller replied taht the county has Billinger, toured the property in program.

property in Edson and Kanorado.

The next commissioner meeting will be 10 a.m. Tuesday. Commissioner Frankenfeld and County Clerk Janes Rumpel will be attending a meeting in Stockton on Tuesday on the new micro-loan program the county received a \$100,000 grant for helping small

businesses. There will be no official meeting of the commissioners on Tuesday, March 19. The three commissioners, the county clerk and a number of Sherman County citizens will be attending a Western Kansas Enterprise Facilitation seminar in Horace as part of the

Meth boom reactivates task force

COLBY (AP) — Officials say a dramatic increase in the number of methamphetamine labs in northwest Kansas has helped prompt the reactivation of the Quad-County Task Force to stem the flow of drugs through the re-

The task force includes Thomas, Sherman, Logan, Gove and Wallace counties along with the city police departments of Oakley, Colby and Goodland.

The task force was formed in 1991, disbanded in 1996 because of a lack of money and reactivated in 2000 through a four-year grant that requires a local match from member agencies.

"The task force is important because drug traffickers know no jurisdictional boundaries," said coordinator Doug Murphy. "The small agencies commonly found in northwest Kansas have limited resources, and by working together they are able to share resources and information in order to better investigate and combat drug trafficking and manufacturing.'

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation recently assigned a full-time undercover narcotics agent to northwest Kansas who will work with the task force and other agencies.

The Kansas Highway Patrol and Thomas County Sheriff's Office have made large seizures of cash and drugs on the highways, Murphy said, while the task force focuses on local dealers and manufacturers. That doesn't result in seizing large amounts of drugs or cash, but has a more immediate effect on the local drug problem.

Local picture appears in magazine

A rural Sherman County picture in the March 2002 "Country Extra" magazine. Just prior to Thanksgiving, Goodland Daily News staff member Eric Yonkey took a full-color picture of Virgil Baumfalk installing a "stars and stripes" windmill on his farm west of Goodland.

Pages 22 and 23 feature a double page photo spread entitled "Patriotic pride lets country folks show their true colors. Pictures included came from readers from Missouri, California. Michigan, New York, Illinois, Arkansas, Georgia and Goodland, Kansas. Monica Emig, reader of "Country Extra," learned of the magazine's call for patriotic pictures about a month after the Baumfalk windmill appeared front pages of The Goodland Daily

Encouraged by Virgil and Jackie Baumfalk, Yonkey and The Daily News editorial staff, Emig submitted the picture, and to her delight, the editors of "Country Extra" ran it.

The cutline reads "Blowin' in the Wind' Virgil Baumfalk of Goodland Kansas, reaches new patriotic heights as he installs his freshly painted windmill." Baumfalks thought the submission was "cool" and proceeded to buy several extra magazine copies for friends and family.

Randy Gallentine, Custom Paint Works, painter of the windmill, said, "That's pretty awesome" upon learning of the magazine inclusion.

"This is the first colored picture I've ever had published outside a newspaper," said Yonkey, a 17-year veteran of newspaper photography. "I'm most honored. Lighting conditions were near perfect on that warm November morning. The deep blue western Kansas sky served as a picture-perfect opportunity. I'm so pleased that Mrs. Emig had the insight to promote Sherman County in such a patriotic

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