

New rides in good shape

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tee inspected them.
Dick Allaman, chairman of the committee, said the board paid \$10,000 for both rides, which were in good condition considering they had been sitting in a field for years.

Allaman said a Goodland man happened to see the rides while he was traveling through Garden City and told equipment committee members about them. The owner used to run a carnival, he said, but no longer had use for the rides.

"We'd been wanting a Bullet for the last year or two," Allaman said, "and this just happened to come up."

Jensen said the Bullet ride is for adults and La-Go-Go is for children because the seats are smaller and the ride is slower.

"It won't be as big a thrill," he said. The La-Go-Go ride is a prototype, Allaman added, and only one was made.

The men said the rides are in good shape, but some parts will need to be replaced and both will have to be cleaned and painted.

Allaman said they should be working and looking like new by carnival time.

Before the carnival opens, Allaman said, the metal on the rides will be checked for cracks and the parts will be inspected.

With the addition of the two rides, Jensen said, the carnival has 10. He said they are hoping to buy more soon.

Allaman said the equipment committee is looking for a "Merry Mixer," but hasn't found a suitable one yet. He said committee members search all over the country for rides, but have been lucky enough to find ones pretty close to home. He said the board bought seven rides in eastern Colorado and one in Oklahoma.

The carnival lasts only a week, Jensen said, but it helps businesses, organizations and clubs in Sherman County year around.

He said the board gave \$8,900 to clubs and organizations that manned rides and games last year and gave \$5,900 to the fair board.

Jensen said the board pays an average of \$5 an hour to each group whose members agree to run a ride or booth.

The more money the carnival makes, he said, the more money each group will receive for its projects.

Allaman said Herl's Chevrolet has volunteered to operate the Bullet this year and pay for some of the repairs. He said the board doesn't have a sponsor for La-Go-Go.

Jensen said individuals, business or clubs can find out more about the carnival or how they can sponsor a ride or man a game booth by coming to a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 8 at Gambino's Pizza, 402 E. 17th.

He said he hopes a lot of people show an interest in the carnival.

"We feel like the more people we can get involved," he said, "the better it's going to work."

Jensen said the home-owned carnival was started because people didn't feel comfortable with the out-of-town carnivals and they saw that other towns had successful home-run carnivals. He said people can help make it successful.

"Our carnival brings unity to our community," he said. "This unity is created by bringing people together all year long to prepare for the carnival."



Pieces of a new carnival ride, "The Bullet," were laid out next to other rides at the Sherman County Fairgrounds this morning. The board that runs the home-owned carnival bought the ride used earlier this year and will revamp it before the carnival this summer. Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

City to add paper recycling bin

City Manager Ron Pickman will talk about getting a new paper recycling container at a commission meeting Monday at the City Administration Building.

County Commissioner Kevin Rasure talked to Pickman last week about a new container, and the two sets of commissioners discussed it briefly at the joint meeting on trash Tuesday.

The paper containers in town have been filling up faster than any of the other recyclables, Rasure told city commissioners, and people might become discouraged if there is not any room for their paper.

Every pound of paper that gets recycled is saving the city money, Rasure said, because it is not having to pay a tipping fee at the county landfill.

"Are you sure you want to give up that money?" asked City Commissioner Curtis Hurd.

"The less money you spend means less trash for us," County Commissioner Mitch Tiede replied.

The city commissioners are expected to approve a grant-writing agreement between the county and the school district.

The commissioners had planned to vote on the final draft of the agree-

ment at their last meeting, but they wanted time to look it over.

The commissioners also will approve an agreement between the city and the Kansas Department of Transportation for the improvements on Cattletrail.

They will make appointments to the library board, and will discuss an ordinance to vacate a water utility easement. Bids will be discussed for removing trees, buildings and debris from 721 Cherry.

Pickman will talk about Utilicorp United, parent of Peoples Natural Gas, changing its name to Aquila, and how it will affect the city.

Judge bans all cameras

OLATHE (AP) — Video cameras and audio recorders will not be allowed in the courtroom during a hearing to determine whether evidence should be suppressed in the case of accused serial killer John E. Robinson Sr., a judge ruled Thursday.

Johnson County District Court Judge John Anderson III issued his order regarding the April 1 hearing in Olathe, at which attorneys will argue whether certain evidence should be included when Robinson is tried later this year.

"Up to this point, the court has allowed still cameras, video cameras and audio recording devices in the courtroom as a matter of privilege, not of

right," Anderson wrote.

Anderson said his ban on the devices would continue at least through jury selection.

Anderson kept his options open for the trial.

Robinson, 58, of Olathe, is scheduled for trial in September on capital murder charges in the deaths of two women whose bodies were found in June 2000 in metal barrels on property he owned in Linn County.

He also is charged with first-degree murder in the death of another woman

who disappeared in 1985 and whose body has not been found.

Prosecutors in Missouri plan to try Robinson on charges of killing three other women whose bodies were found in barrels in Cass County.

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Farmers need to sell image

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able to do that on what we can sell it for on the market."

Jeanie said farming is important to the national economy, and that other industries have gotten help from the government.

"I'm not saying bailing out the airlines isn't important, but when you come down to it, you can't eat an airplane," she said. "As a consumer, and as a woman, I know that food is still a staple."

"I think we have been helped by Uncle Sam, but it is a partnership between he and us to develop this wonderful, inexpensive food supply."

New ambulance doesn't fit garage

The board of the Goodland Regional Medical Center will talk about improvements to the ambulance garage at their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday.

The garage is not big enough for the new ambulance the hospital purchased, and the board plans to talk about solutions to the problem.

The board will review February's financial report, hear an audit update and talk about speeding up collection of unpaid bills.

The board will pass on a "credentialing" recommendation for Dr. Jeffrey Huston, a gastroenterologist who is a regular consultant at the hospital. The board will get an update from the critical care committee and plans to talk about doctor recruitment and staff changes in an executive session.

Senate advances raising court fees

TOPEKA (AP) — Two weeks after the state Supreme Court raised filing fees to deal with its budget problems, the Senate advanced a bill raising the fees even more.

The bill, which received first-round approval on a voice vote Thursday, would raise \$200,000 for the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center in Hutchinson and \$280,000 for the Judicial Council.

If approved on a final vote set for Friday, the fee bill would return to the House, which has already passed a different version.

Gov. Bill Graves' proposed budget for the fiscal year that starts July 1 included no money for the Judicial Council, which reviews criminal and civil codes for legislators and the Supreme Court.

A Senate's debate Thursday came as the controversy quieted.

Teacher pleads in sex case

OLATHE (AP) — A former Blue Valley High School teacher was found guilty of engaging in a sexual relationship with a student.

Thomas E. Gault, 30, is the second former Johnson County teacher in two days to be found guilty of the misdemeanor charge of contributing to a child's misconduct.

William Van Hecke, a former Bishop Miege High School teacher and coach, pleaded guilty Tuesday to the same charge.

Both cases involved girls who were 16, the age of consent in Kansas. Their cases helped prompt the Kansas Legislature to enact a law last year making it a felony for a school employee to have sex with a student younger than 18.

Gault, 30, a drama and forensics instructor, resigned after the allegations surfaced in 1999.

District Attorney Paul Morrison said Wednesday that Gault and the girl developed a friendship.

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