

Students want to explain free enterprise system

By Michelle L. Hawkins

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The Goodland High School DECA Club has named this week Free Enterprise Week and have several projects planned to inform the community, businesses and students about the importance of free enterprise.

This week is part of a project the club is doing for the state DECA convention March 1-4 in Kansas City.

Club President Tiffany Schwasinger said

this week the club will be visiting businesses in Goodland and showing support for local merchants. Members will be talking with the sixth-grade classes about free enterprise and how to be more aware of the economy.

The club has created a Monopoly-style game based on Goodland and has had classes at the high school playing the game to make them more aware of the local economy.

A scavenger hunt for the high school involving the local businesses is planned for

this Friday.

"We want to inform consumers about free enterprise and get them to spend their money in Goodland," Schwasinger said.

Schwasinger and club member Bryce Chatfield will be traveling to Topeka on Wednesday, Feb. 19, to be a pages for state Rep. Jim Morrison in the Kansas House of Representative. Schwasinger and Chatfield said they hope to learn more about how the government and economy are intertwined.

The students had the opportunity to talk with Congressman Jerry Moran when he was in Goodland for the town meeting on Jan. 22. Moran is sending a letter of support for the club's venture to add to the 30-page scrapbook which will be submitted with their project at the state convention.

"We want people to stay in Goodland, support bringing in new businesses and keep our economy alive," Schwasinger said. "Buying in Goodland would help the economy go up."



Schwasinger



Chatfield

City OK's pacts for airport plans

By Tom Betz

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The Goodland City Commission approved two engineering contracts Monday, Feb. 3, for projects at Renner Field.

Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates of Goodland will handle the engineering for the slurry seal and crack repair of the crosswind runway, five of the taxiways and the parking apron around the hangars. The firm also will do an environmental assessment for work on the runway safety area on the north-south runway.

The total cost of the seal and crack project is \$193,318, with the state providing 75 percent of the money and the city the 25 percent. The engineering cost will be a maximum of \$39,500. The design and bidding portion is \$16,500 while the construction service will have a limit of \$23,000.

City Manager Ron Pickman told the commissioners that he does not expect the portion to be as high as the maximum, but rather that it will be about half or less.

"The money is still there," in the state budget, Pickman said, "at least so far, and we will go ahead planning to get it done."

Engineer Darin Neufeld said this project should go to bid and be completed this summer. He said that Scott City got a similar grant, and they will be trying to bid the two projects at the same time to encourage contractors to consider doing both for a lower combined price.

The engineering cost for the environmental assessment will be a maximum of \$8,013. This project is to examine the north end of the main runway and to review the safety area between Caldwell and the north end of the airport property.

The Federal Aviation Administration is requiring the airport to upgrade the runway safety area, but before this can be done, an environmental assessment must be done. Neufeld said this money will be reimbursed next year when the actual project is done.

He said the project is to improve the slope at the north end of the main runway to provide a safety area for a plane to stop one overshoots the runway.

Pickman said the federal agency has given the city money this year to replace the runway and taxiway lighting on the main runway. This project is estimated to be \$400,000 and the government will pay 90 percent.

Neufeld said the lighting project will be bid this summer because the money has to be committed before October.

Later, the commission looked at banking proposals from the four banks in the city, and on the recommendation of City Clerk Mary Volk approved one from Bankwest of

Kansas.

Volk said the city requests proposals from the banks every three years, and that the best proposal was from Bankwest for all the services. This does not involve the city deposits, which she said are being held in all four banks.

Tiffany Schwasinger and Bryce Chatfield from the Goodland High DECA chapter presented a short program on "Free Enterprise Week," and asked Mayor Tom Rohr to sign a proclamation declaring this as Free Enterprise Week in the City of Goodland.

The presentation, Open Your Eyes to Free Enterprise," detailed the history of the free enterprise system and the main points of Competition, Profit Motive, Freedom of Choice, Adaptability to change and growth and Ownership of private property.

Schwasinger and Chatfield said the mission of their program is to "Keep our local economy alive."

In his manager's report, Pickman said a recent meeting of the Kansas League of Municipalities he heard some tough news about the state budget and what to expect.

"The demand transfers are, going, going, gone," Pickman said. "Even if the lawsuit is successful, it would probably be followed by the Legislature passing a new law to repeal the transfers."

"They said not to expect to receive any money, and if you do, consider yourselves lucky."

"They are going to examine all the sales tax exemptions, but don't expect any that will really affect the cities to be repealed."

"Expect revenues to decrease and expenses to increase, and be willing to cut services if you are not ready to raise taxes."

The demand transfers are money that is collected in Goodland and sent to the state. Under the current laws, the state is supposed to send part of that money back to the city or county where it was collected.

The city received about \$250,000 each year from the state through the demand transfers.

In other business, the commission:

- Appointed Mike Elliott and Jan Lohr to 3-year terms on the cemetery board.

- Appointed Gilbert Thomas to a 3-year term on the zoning appeals board. There is one vacancy, and the city is looking for someone willing to serve on this board.

- Approved putting the old steel radar tower at the airport up for sealed bid to have it torn down.

The next city commission meeting will be 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

The commission meets in the commission room on the second floor of the City Administration building, 204 W. 11th.



Gordon Colip stood behind bars Thursday for Cardiac Arrest, a fund-raiser for the American Heart Association. After people were

sentenced and fulfilled their punishment, they got to pose in prison garb. Photos by Michelle L. Hawkins/The Goodland Star-News.

'Criminals' pay with their hearts

By Michelle L. Hawkins

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More than 50 people were charged with "crimes of the heart" Thursday afternoon and had to stand before Judge Heartless for sentencing.

Their records will show community service, since they were participating in the annual Cardiac Arrest to benefit the American Heart Association.

Donna Pickman, Cardiac Arrest parole warden, said so far \$3,800 has been raised for the heart association.

"This wasn't as good as last year," Pickman said, "but we still have money coming in."

When all money has come in, she added, she hopes they will surpass the \$6,000 raised last year.

"The Goodland Cardiac Arrest is unique as it combines fund raising and fun into one event," Pickman said.

Arrestees are asked to collect \$100 and bring the bail money to



Sabrina Twombly stood before Judge Heartless (Steve Evert) to receive a sentence for her "crime of the heart." Twombly was asked to name three towns in Sherman County, not counting Goodland, for her punishment. She did.

the mock courtroom before appearing in front of the judge.

Participants came in on Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to appear before Judge Heartless, also known as Steve Evert. As he

read the charges against them, a punishment was selected for their crime. As the "criminals" filed through, they were asked to do anything from answering trivia question to jumping jacks to com-

pensate for their "crimes."

Before leaving, photos were taken of each arrestee in prison attire and they were treated to a lunch by Pizza Hut, Gambinos, Subway and Frontier Equity.

February is designated as American Heart Month by the American Heart Association. Contributions raised from the volunteers will go to support research and education programs, Pickman said.

The association's goal is to reduce coronary heart disease, stroke and risk factors by 25 percent before the year 2010, and organizers here hope that others will help make that a reality by giving to the cause.

Pickman said about 40 arrestees didn't show up on Thursday. They can still turn in donations for bail money to either her or the person who asked them to participate. People who were not asked help with bail money can leave donations with Pickman.

Rain rally planned by Brewster farm couple

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drought, which affects everyone. We need to get back to our normal rainfall. We need to speak directly to the Lord."

The rally, said Kinkade, will begin at 3 p.m. and conclude at 6 p.m.

"People can come and go as they need," he said. "We hope to have clergy say a few words, read scripture and lead us in prayer."

A large map will be posted in the building and each person on hand will be asked to take a pin and stick it in their home, Kinkade said.

"We will probably ask people to come down front, state their name and offer a prayer for rain," he said.

He said prayers will be offered for political leaders who have the influ-

ence to assist with the problems associated with the drought.

"We need to ask God to point them in the right direction," he said. "We need to break this drought.... It affects everyone.... If I get 2-3 inches of rain at my place (3 miles southwest of Brewster on the Thomas-Sherman County line) and nobody else gets any rain, only I benefit. The drought continues."

He stressed the need to ask the Lord to break the drought, which, he says, has driven some farmers and ranchers from their land.

"The drought is not just a rural problem," he said. "It is also felt in all our towns in northwest Kansas, too."

Kinkade said he has no idea as to the reception his prayer rally will

receive.

"This is the first time for such an event in such a wide area," he said. "We pray for rain in our churches, or we pray individually, but we need to bring all of us together in a common plea to our Lord."

Kinkade said he got the idea for the prayer rally some months ago while traveling and listening to the

radio.

"They were talking about doing this, and that sparked my interest," he said. "I guess I am the person the Lord selected to carry out the project in northwest Kansas."

He asks that minister ask their congregations to take part "in this show of unity" in Colby.

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4-H club news

PRAIRIE DALE

The January monthly meeting of the Prairie Dale 4-H Club was held Friday, Jan. 10, at the 4-H building. In the absence of Chance, Drew Wilkens acted as president and called the meeting to order.

Roll call of "Your New Year's Resolution," was answered by 23 members, one guest and one leader.

During new business, Jonathan presented an idea for selling 4-H plush bears. After some discussion, Jonathan moved and Jace seconded to set up a committee to check into the idea further.

A committee of the McClung's, Thrigs and Tituses was appointed. With no further business before the

club, the meeting was turned over to Vice President Nicole for the program.

Andrew Miller presented a demonstration on how to mount a photo for display at the fair. Whitney Shields gave a demonstration on how to mount a photo for display at the fair.

Whitney Shields gave a demonstration on how to put her clarinet together and play it. Lindsey Shields gave a project talk on her art project. For health and safety, Jake Kling gave a talk about gun safety.

Grant Wilkens played a song on the piano for music. Hazen Deeds led the club in a game of Tic Tac Toe.