

Car club makes plans for festival

The Early Iron Car Club held its April meeting at the Veterans of Foreign Wars. President Scott Lockhart called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given, and bills were presented for payment. Club correspondence told of a couple more rod runs that are going to be held in the area.

In old business, the new convention and visitor's bureau brochure is at the printers. The Early Iron Car Club in mentioned in the brochure, as well as in the Kansas Department of Travel and Tourism web page.

The advertisement letters have been mailed out.

In new business, updated 2003 regional events schedules will be handed out at the next meeting.

Representatives of the car club met with the Chamber of Commerce and others involved with the Flatlander Festival to discuss several issues. Participants don't want to pay for dumpsters placed on Main to handle the excess trash. The car club will pay for port-a-potties placed behind the school. The Chamber may do something other than buttons, and vendors will be discouraged from selling silly string and other messy items.

We will have the same streets blocked off as in the past. Street cleaning will be on Sept. 25. The stock car club will give us some information sheets to be put in our goodie bag.

The antique tractors want to be on Main. Other ideas discussed with the Chamber were to have a vendor map and to make the festival more inviting for kids.

Scott will send out e-mail flyers and post our flyer on web sites. Marilyn will check into the availability of the school and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Randall will check on the deejay.

The next meeting will be May 1 at Randall Fixsen's quonset at Fourth and Caldwell.

And here's the pitch . . .



Landon West pitching for the Outlaws baseball team at their last game. The independent high-school-age team was to play Colby here on Monday. Photo by Liz West/The Goodland Star-News

Spring teams back in action after breaking for Easter

The Goodland High Cowboys and Cowgirls had some time off for Easter weekend, but they're back in action this week with lots of sports activities.

The girls softball team was to play Liberal at home on Monday and be at Hays High School today for a 3 p.m. start. On Friday, the team will be at Colby with both the varsity and junior varsity squads starting at 3 p.m.

Boys junior varsity tennis players will be on the court at 2 p.m. (Mountain Time) today in Colby. Thursday, the varsity will host the Goodland Invitational with Colby, Ulysses and Garden City starting at 2 p.m.

The golf team was to be on the links at Hays High on Monday. The

golf junior varsity will be playing at home with a 1 p.m. start today, while the varsity will be in Scott City for a 2 p.m. tee time.

The Cowboys and Cowgirls track team should be at the Scott City Relays starting at 8:30 this morning. On Friday, the team will be in Holcomb for a 2 p.m. meet.

Senior chosen for All-Star football honors

Wes Hatcher, son of Bryan and Cinda Hatcher of Goodland, was named honorable mention all-league defensive end and selected to play in an all-star football game.

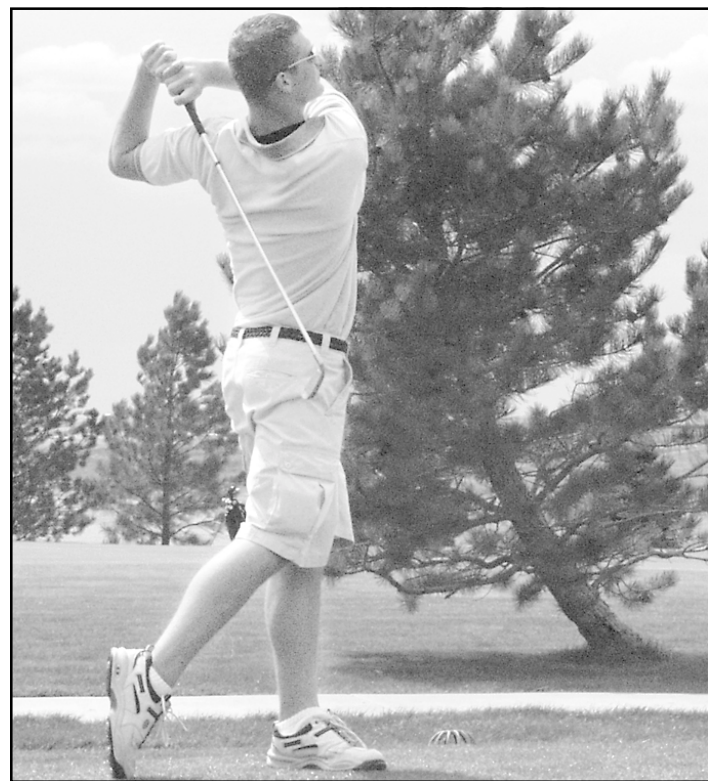
Hatcher, a senior at Baker University, received the Heart of America Athletic Conference honorable mention, and was selected to play in the Heartland Classic All-Star Football game at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at Benedictine College in Atchison.

The game will be played between the Heart of America Athletic Conference All Stars and the Great Plains Athletic Conference All Stars. Both teams are made up of seniors.



Hatcher

Swinging into spring



Donald Raymer took a swing at the annual Goodland Invitational Golf tournament last Tuesday. Raymer shot an 85, and the Cowboys took second in the tournament. Photo by Bill Wagoner/The Goodland Star-News.

Low interest seen for grants from 'micro loan' program

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The loan program was approved Jan. 1, 2002, Hrabe said, and the grant expires Dec. 31 of this year. Ron Harding handed out several applications when he was the director of the Chamber of Commerce, Hrabe said, but only the one from Reynaldo's has been returned. He

said he doesn't understand that.

"You would think with the low interest," he said, "there would be all kinds of people wanting to get a loan."

Carolyn Applegate, director of the Sherman County Economic Development Council, said she had 20 requests for information and/or applications since January. A

couple are ready to be submitted, she said, and one has been approved.

The program is not intended to compete with banks, Hrabe said, but to supply loans to new businesses who could not get one from a bank. No down payment is required, he said, and collateral is negotiable. The interest is 5 percent.

The maximum loan for one business is \$15,000, and the minimum is \$3,000.

The requirements, Hrabe said, are that the business create at least one job for every \$15,000 loaned. The job needs to be in the low to moderate income level, he said, \$28,000 or less for a four-person family.

That is based on past income, he added, not on what you're planning on making. It's a normal business loan, he said, that is designed to help marginal businesses grow in the hope they will have jobs for more people over a period of time.

A local committee approves the loan, he said, then sends the application to him. Hrabe said he then does the closing documents, sends it out to state agencies for their input and gets signatures from the county commissioners before the

money is sent from the state.

The down side, he said, is that the quickest the loan can be approved is 45 days, 60 at most. Once the loan is approved on the local level, he said, a banker may be willing to go ahead and loan some interim money on the promise that the state money will be here in 60 days.

When the money is paid back, Hrabe said, it can be loaned out to another business. The idea, he said, is for the county to have that pot of money to help new businesses and to keep that money revolving.

The amount of time to approve and receive loans will be cut down, he said, when it's loaned out of money paid back to the county and state approval is no longer required.

Nine out of 18 counties in north-west Kansas have this kind of micro loans, Hrabe said.

Kansas secretary of state wants to resurrect Kids Vote

KIDS, from Page 1

Garcia, a downtown furniture store owner and incoming city councilman; Marty Melia, owner of KLOE Radio and an incoming school board member; Sherman County Clerk Janet Rumpel; and Deb Lindsten deputy county clerk in Cheyenne County, who was to take the program back to St. Francis.

Thornburg said the program will provide all the materials for teachers, including an in-service training class. The program needs a two-year commitment, he said, so the schools will have time to get things

set up to run the program in the 2004-2005 year.

The local group will have to round up volunteers to man the kids' polling place. McCants said having just one polling place in the county, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, would make that easy. He said he thought one reason the program died here after the 1994 election was the difficulty of manning the multiple polls then in use.

While kids votes are counted together, the secretary said, their ballots are not all the same. From kindergarten through third grade, study materials and ballots feature pic-

tures of the candidates for statewide office. Fourth through eighth graders vote regular ballots for statewide office, while high school students study and vote the entire ballot.

Thornburg said the national Kids Voting USA program started in Arizona in 1988, and Kansas joined the movement in 1992. He is spear-

heading a campaign to more than double the number of communities taking part, from the current 30 to about 65, before the next election.

Goodland was one of the first communities to join the program, he said, and he hopes it will come back for the long haul.

Brewster All-Star Booster Club

April 22 - April 30, 2003

Tuesday April 22 - High school track meet at St Francis at 3 pm, Board of Education meeting 7 pm.
Friday April 25 - High nschool track meet at Oakley 3 p.m.
Saturday April 26 - State Music Competition (small group and solos).
Tuesday April 29 - High school track meet at St Francis 3 p.m.
Wednesday April 30 - Western Kansas Liberty League scholarship contest 10 a.m., Administration meeting at Healy 10:30 a.m.

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April 22 to April 28, 2003
Tuesday April 22 - "Gold Day", Seminar - Stuco, Grace, scholars bowl, department head meeting 7 a.m., KU Honors Program at Oberlin 5:30 p.m., junior varsity tennis at Colby 2 p.m., track meet at Scott City 8:30 a.m., softball at Hays 3 p.m., junior varsity golf 1 p.m., varsity golf at Scott City 1 p.m.
Wednesday April 23 - "Black Day", Seminar - Students who attended the Leadership Conference at Technical College meet in library.
Thursday April 24 - "Gold Day", Seminar - FCCLA, Tennis 2 p.m.
Friday April 25 - "Black Day", Track at Holcomb 2 p.m., softball at Colby 3 p.m., DECA National Conference at Orlando, Florida April 25 - April 30, KLOE Home and Garden Show 4-8 p.m.
Saturday April 26 - KLOE Home and Garden Show 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the fieldhouse, State Music Festival.
Sunday April 27 - KLOE Home and Garden Show 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the fieldhouse, Taylor's Basketball team practice high school gym 5 to 6:30 p.m.
Monday April 28 - Board of Education meeting, DECA Nationals, Orlando, Florida, Science Olympiad night 6 p.m. Technical Building, auditorium a.m. Mr. Kizer, Project Graduation 2006 meeting 7 p.m. cafeteria

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