

# Goodland wants designation to be on signs

**By Tom Betz**  
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Goodland doesn't appear on Interstate 70 destination signs between Denver and the Kansas state line and from Salina to Oakley because it's never been designated as a "control point" along the freeway. Carolyn Applegate, executive director of the Sherman County Economic Development Council, said Monday she aims to change that.

"A number of people have asked why Goodland does not show up on highway signs," Applegate said at a meeting at the Western State Bank. "I asked the officials at the Kansas Department of Transportation in Topeka and was told that it was because there is not a control city between Denver and Hays.

"I was told that Hays was given a control designation two years ago,

and that as the signs are replaced, there will be more with Hays on them between Denver and Goodland and between Salina and Hays.

"The people said there is a federal highway group that has the responsibility of overseeing this plan, and that Sherman County and Goodland are going to present an application to be designated as a control city."

Once the application has been accepted, Goodland would be added to highway signs as they are replaced.

"We talked to City Manager Ron Pickman," Applegate said, "and he agreed the city should apply to be a control city because there is a wide gap between Denver and Hays."

The distance to control cities appears on destination signs every few miles along the Interstate. Other cities, like Goodland, appear only

within a few miles of their exit. Being on all those signs ought to bring in some extra motel and restaurant business, if nothing else, Applegate thinks.

Efforts continue to find an operator for the old Apple Trail truck stop, and Applegate said she showed a possible buyer around the property on Monday. They were to meet with a banker on Thursday. She said there is a backup buyer for the truck stop, and that Flying J is not one of the two involved.

She said they have applied to Aquila for \$1,000 for a professional website design, and that a University of Kansas professor may be able to help with the project this summer.

Applegate said the economic development office is helping host the Tri-State Initiative meeting and water conference Thursday at the

Sugar Hills Golf Club.

She said the micro-loan money for Reynaldo's has been received and paid out to them. There are two more applications out at this time, she said.

During the past month, Applegate said, she has made follow-up contacts with businesses, had phone conferences with offices of Sen. Pat Roberts, Sen. Sam Brownback and Rep. Jerry Moran about federal grants and programs for housings, transportation and health care.

She said the people in these offices say that getting federal money is a long-term project and could take five to 10 years. Applegate said she told them her idea was to let the senators and congressman know the areas the county is interested in pursuing down the line.

Committee reports were given by

Harlan House, who said that he and Patty Eckhardt are working with their chairman, Larry McCants, on the business incentive package, but that they have more research to complete before a report is made.

House said the Agriculture Committee has not met because it is now the busy season, but they will continue looking at what the best direction may be for the council to support agribusiness efforts.

Eckhardt asked what was being done to pursue the various contacts that Applegate is reporting monthly. She wondered if there was a way to let people know what was happening, and if there were opportunities that could be pursued to help local businesses.

House said he felt the council needs to analyze the opportunities that they hear about in other cities like Colby and let business people

here know what is available and how to qualify.

Steve West, a board member and president of Western State Bank, said many of the programs available to help businesses produce intense frustration with the paperwork. He agreed that the council should look into what was available.

Applegate said her office has information on a wide variety of programs.

"We try to match people with the best potential source of help," she said.

At the end of the meeting, West made a motion for the council to go into closed session to review some sensitive information from a potential business.

The next council meeting will be 5:15 p.m. on Monday, June 9, in the basement of Western State Bank, 815 Center Ave.

## Kanorado wants to be site for recycling

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A company that specializes in recycling freight pallets is looking for a plant site in Sherman County. Economic Development Director Carolyn Applegate said she and Kanorado Mayor Hazel Estes want to see it in Kanorado.

Applegate told Sherman County Economic Development Council board members Monday that she and Estes had traveled to Natoma, southeast of Hill City, to meet with Don Schneider of Schneider Pallets. The firm is associated with five other plants in Minnesota, Iowa and Indiana.

"We were excited to see the plant and the 13 people who are employed," Applegate said. "Estes came back very excited and is looking for someone in Kanorado who would like to check this out and pursue opening such a plant."

The home office of the recycling operation, Tasler Inc., is in Webster City, Iowa. There are associated recycling facilities in Storm Lake and Waterloo, Iowa, Duluth, Minnesota, Natoma and Logansport, Ind.

Tasler has been in business for over 30 years. The old damaged and scrapped pallets are broken down in an automated tear-down lines and recycled pallets are made.

The scrap lumber left from this line is run through a hi-tech grinding process, making mulch or sawdust. Nothing goes in the landfill, and the recycled pallets offer the same performance at a reduced price.

Applegate said the operation in Natoma was started as a part-time business, but today they employee 13 people and have a growing business.

"We are hoping to locate this business in Kanorado," Applegate said, "but this is the type of business that we could locate in Edson or Goodland if we are unable to make it work in Kanorado."

## matters of record

**District Traffic**

The following fines have been paid in district court:

**Feb. 27** — Karen T. Duell, 34, of Goodland was fined \$119 for speeding, 70/55.

Randal L. Bahe, 44, of Goodland was fined \$95 for speeding, 66/55.

Saul L. Musquiz, 29, of Goodland was fined \$131 for speeding, 82/65.

Victor Moua, 24, of Broomfield, Colo., was fined \$254 for speeding,

101/70.

**March 10** — Nicholas E. Crowder, 20, of Costa Mesa, Calif., was fined \$239 for speeding, 100/70.

Kurt D. O'Brien Jr., 28, of Emporium, Pa., was fined \$389 for speeding, 110/70.

Amalia Torres, 65, of Goodland was fined \$79 for no child restraint and \$10 for no seat belt.

Christopher J. M. Sena, 19, of Aurora, Colo., was fined \$203 for speeding, 96/70.

Kansas Truck and Equipment of Hays.

He said the one from Midwest had a Thomas body and a Mercedes-Benz engine at a cost of \$49,774. The one from Kansas Truck and Equipment is a Bluebird body and a Caterpillar engine for \$49,282.

Harkins said he would recommend the higher-priced bus because the Thomas body has been better at keeping dust out, and the Mercedes-Benz engine would be better on fuel mileage, which could save the difference in cost.

"This would be a better bus for our money," Harkins said. "It has a

better body and will get better gas mileage for the \$492 difference.

Campbell asked if there was a local dealer who could handle any warranty work and Harkins said there is a Colby dealer who is certified to do warranty work on the engine.

Board member Kathy Russell and Mike Campbell made the motion and second to purchase the bus from Midwest Sales.

There was a question about why there was no trade-in, and Selby said it was because the only spare bus was the one that was burned up.

Harkins said there are 13 buses this size, the oldest is 1995 with 200,000 miles on it.

The money for the new bus will come out of the transportation fund and was budgeted for this year. The motion passed unanimously 6-0. Ben Duell was absent.

# District to buy new bus for fall

There will be a new 36-passenger school bus in the fleet when school starts in the fall after the Goodland School Board approved the purchase at their meeting Monday.

Bob Harkins, head of transportation, said there were two bids for the bus, one from Midwest Bus of Bonner Springs, and the other from

ily for their support.

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In kindergarten, the students took a driving test and passed with flying colors, Linin said.

Throughout school, he said, they were filling their gas tanks.

In high school, he said, they ventured onto faster roads.

At graduation, Linin said, the students are fresh from the car wash, all shiny and clean.

The mirrors and windows are clean, he said, so they can see where they are going and where they have been.

In the future, he said, some will end up on the freeway in fifth gear. Now it's time to honk our horns, he said.

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# Eighty-five receive diplomas

**GRADUATION, from Page 1**

In the first of the valedictory addresses, Schwasinger compared school to a journey.

The first day was so scary but so exciting, she said, and starting the journey was the most important thing the students ever did.

Members of the class helped each other, she said, and the class has survived and triumphed.

She said they had many good memories from high school and thanked her teachers, coaches and parents for their help and her fam-

ily for their support.

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## corrections

An article, "Goodland student honored by governor," on Page 9 of the Friday, May 16, issue of *The Goodland Star-News* incorrectly said that the top a percent of Kansas high school seniors are honored by the Governor's Scholars Award Program. It should have said the top 1 percent. This was an editing error.

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In the same issue, the name of Brandon VanVleet was inadvertently omitted from an item on band awards. VanVleet was presented the Espirit de Crops award at the band concert in Gulick Park on Monday, May 12.

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