

# Household hazardous waste collection Saturday

Sherman County citizens will be able to bring their household hazardous waste to the county facility at 1820 Cherry Ave., across from Pizza Hut, from 7 to 11 a.m. on Saturday.

People who want to get rid of old half-filled paint cans, batteries, cleaning products or fuel cans sitting around the house or farm will have a chance to do it Saturday.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede, Rural Fire Chief Kenny Griffith, who

works for the county road and bridge department, and Daryl West, head of the Noxious Weed Department, will be on hand to handle the waste. Tiede said that a supervisor will come from Hays to help with the collection, and be there for the bulking of flammable liquids.

“We are having a problem with people dropping things off at all times of day and night,” Tiede said. “This is a problem, because it is considered illegal dumping and

could get the county in trouble if an inspector saw it.

“The best thing is for people to hold their waste until the collection date.”

The county facility will accept a number of products that are considered hazardous waste and should not be placed in the trash dumpsters.

Under auto products these items include oil, gasoline, transmission fluid, brake and starting fluids, auto batteries, carburetor and fuel clean-

ers, waste fuels and solvent contaminated waste oil.

Household products include ammonia-based cleaners, bleach, disinfectants, drain cleaners, floor and furniture polish, general all purpose cleaners, mothballs, metal polish, nail polish and remover, oven cleaners, pool chemicals, photo chemicals, rug and upholstery cleaners and toilet cleaners.

Home improvement products such as adhesives, enamel or oil-

based paints, paint stripper, thinners and turpentine, stains, finishes or preservatives and latex or water-based paints which may be recycled. Pesticides include ant and roach killers, arsenicals, botanicals, carbonates, chlorinated hydrocarbons, herbicides, organo-phosphates and rat and mouse poisons.

Miscellaneous household items include batteries, both wet and dry cells, pet products, photo processing chemicals, fingernail polish re-

mover, pool chemicals and electronic items.

The county will also accept old fire extinguishers, which will be taken apart and recycled by Dennis Bentzinger.

Among the items that will not be accepted are explosives, ammunition, dioxins, compressed gas cylinders, infectious waste, asbestos, radioactive waste, commercial hazardous wastes and unknown materials.

## Clean-up creates bigger problems

By Patty Decker

*Colby Free Press*

Landlords, do you know what the renters are doing in your houses?

A Thomas County man found out his renters were cooking meth after the Quad County Drug Task Force raided the home in Levant.

Although Tom Hillary, the landlord, was not implicated in any wrongdoing, Doug Murphy, coordinator of the task force, he may be stuck with some repair bills. Owners face expensive remodeling, even the loss of their property, in drug cases, Murphy said.

Murphy said the renter at 115 Fourth St. in Levant was served with a search warrant this summer. Officers found drug paraphernalia and what appeared to be a meth lab.

No major damage was done to the house as the team entered, Murphy said, but police take no responsibility for damage during a raid. That's up to the renter, or more likely, the property owner will be stuck with it.

Murphy said that not long ago, a Salina landlord ended up spending thousands of dollars to remodel a rental property damaged by methamphetamine production.

“We don't try to tear things up when executing a search warrant,” he said. “We try to leave a home as

close to the condition it was in before we entered.”

The chemicals used to cook meth can permeate a house, Murphy said. A HazMat team will be called in to take care of the physical items associated with meth labs and remove toxic substances.

The problem for landlords is that even after the HazMat team completes its work, there is still going to be a smell permeating in the walls that could require tearing out the drywall and remodeling.

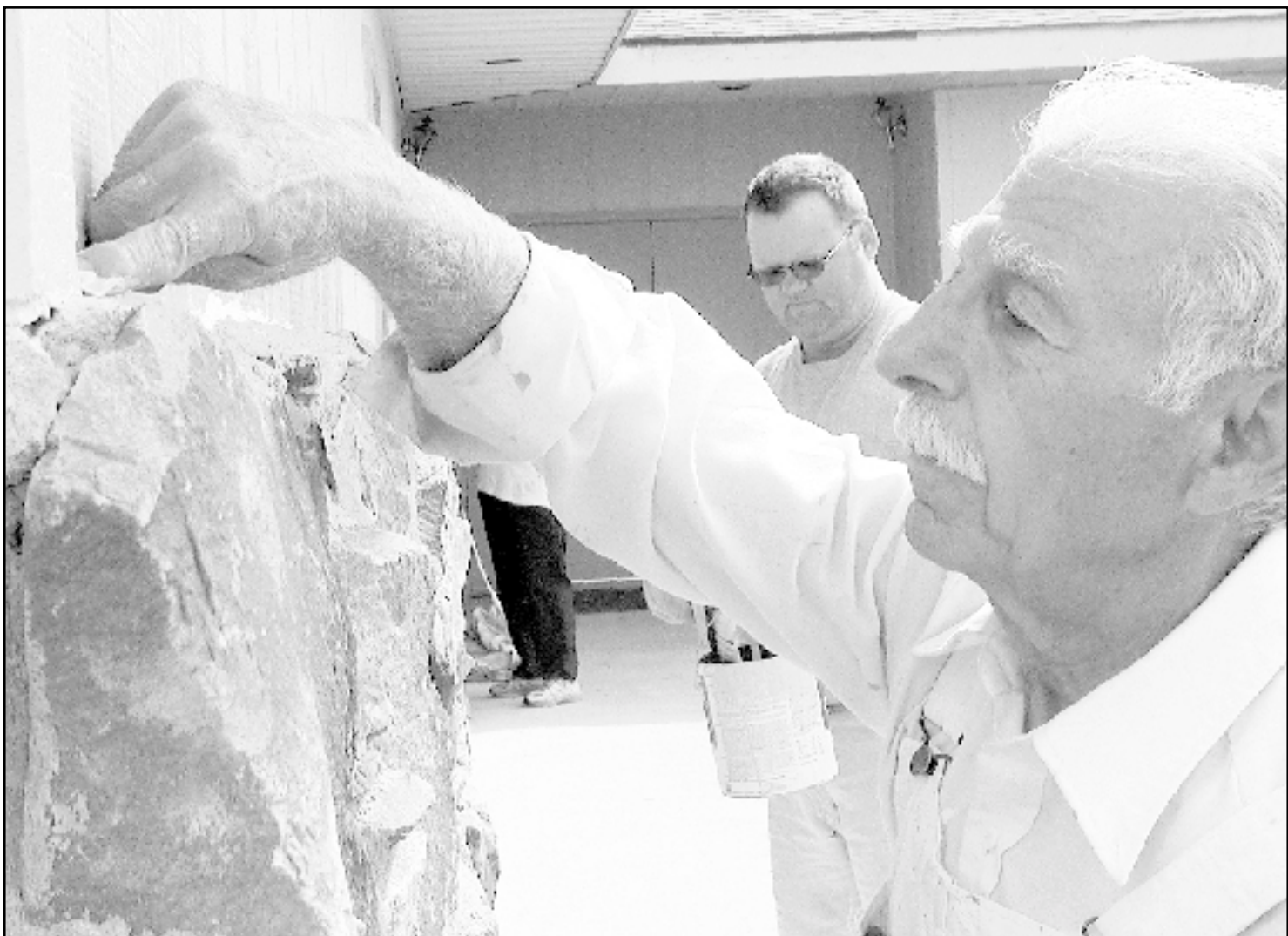
Landlords need to be careful once a renter has been arrested for making meth or dealing in other drugs, Murphy said.

Most landlords, like Hillary, wouldn't be aware of illegal activity until the police came in. However, once a renter is charged with selling drugs or operating labs, Murphy said, the landlord might not want to continue renting to that person.

Officers can seek to have property used in drug crimes seized. The first time it comes to the landlord's attention, Murphy said, there is an “innocent owner defense,” which protects the landlord. After that, the property owner is taking greater risks by keeping the renter.

Hillary said he wanted to let other landlords know about the risks.

### Filling the gaps



Richard Bouziden of Goodland sealed cracks between the building and the rock trim with caulk Saturday morning at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Eighth and Wyoming. Jim

Carver, Goodland, (behind) got his brush ready to paint over the caulk. They were among about 40 volunteers who helped with painting, removing gutters, trimming trees and gardening.

Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

## Goodland regains bus ticket agent

You can buy a Greyhound bus ticket in Goodland again.

Goodland Sinclair, 2320 Commerce Road, became a ticket agent for Greyhound Bus lines last week. Along with ticket sales, Greyhound package service also has been restored, said manger Arlo Hansen.

When the station closed in July, Goodland lost its Greyhound agent. Travelers had to purchase their tickets in either Colby or Burlington or to board the bus when it arrived and buy them at the next stop. However, the bus could not be always counted on to stop in Goodland.

Buses are now scheduled to stop daily at Sinclair at 12:10 p.m. for buses heading east and at 5:15 for buses headed west.

Travelers should arrive at least 30 minutes prior to scheduled departure, Hansen said. Passengers are allowed two pieces of stored baggage and two carry-ons per ticket. Each stored baggage must be tagged with each tag, as a minimum, indicating the point of origin and destination. Tags are available at Sinclair.

Goodland Sinclair is open daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. For ticket and/or schedule information, call (785) 890-6855.

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## Remembrance of 9-11 ceremony Thursday

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There will be comments from a representative of the American Legion, and by City Manger Ron Pickman on behalf of the city.

Fire fighters and law enforcement officers with be recognized, as

well the county Red Cross workers, medical professionals and the service men and women.

Dennis Fredrichs, a high school teacher, will be one of the special speakers along with Megan McCall, a student; Connie Jo Johnson, a nurse's aide; Pastor Rains; Law-

rence Tedford of the Goodland Lions; and Mary Mruillo, an exchange student.

At the benediction, Isabelle Hellerud will play Taps.

Chester said most older people can recall where they were on Dec. 7, 1941, when the Japanese attacked

Pearl Harbor. It is the same for people who remember the Sept. 11 attacks, he said

In some ways, Chester said, Sept. 11 will be even more memorable.

“This is the second time we were attacked on our own soil,” he said, “in our own country.”

## Drug seizure money provides adaptive equipment

By Patty Decker

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Thanks to money provided by the drug seizure fund, Citizens Medical Center has an adaptive equipment library, so people can check out materials on how to use medical equipment in the home.

Tama Unger, marketing director for the hospital, said the donation came from the Thomas County Drug Abuse Education Committee, which reviews requests for drug money seized by the sheriff's department.

With the \$500 award, the library will include information on devices such as bath benches, grab bars,

reachers, sock donners, low vision equipment, aids for dressing, bathing, toileting, feeding, cook and other day-to-day life skills for people to use in their homes.

She said the equipment will help patients who had hip replacements, strokes, low vision or heart attacks until they are able to return to normal activities.

“With an adaptive equipment library,” said Nichole Baker, an occupational therapist at the hospital, “people would be able to check out materials, be trained in the proper use of the equipment and then implement the equipment in their homes.”

Baker said make people's return home more safe and allow them to try equipment before having to buy something that might not work for them.

Gina Jennings, another occupational therapist with the hospital, said with contributions like the one from the drug fund, the library can continue to add equipment and training materials.

Unger said one goal of the library is to help patients who might balk at the price of this equipment and not buy it before returning home.

“Since insurance rarely picks up the bill for adaptive equipment,” she said, “people are forced to re-

turn to their homes without assistive devices making them at risk for further injuries while trying to do simple daily tasks.”

Now these injuries can be avoided, she said.

Unger said anyone who would like to know more about the adaptive equipment library can call Baker or Jennings at (785) 462-7511.

Donations would be appreciated to continue improving the library's holdings.

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