

Girl's coach, building supervisor resign

By Greg Stover
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The Goodland School Board accepted four resignations and hired two assistant basketball coaches for the junior high school at its regular meeting Monday night.

Chuck Lutters, the district's supervisor of buildings and grounds, submitted his resignation effective Dec. 5 to become the plant manager for Aircraft Seal and Gasket in Goodland.

Lutters has been with the district for more than 14 years.

Superintendent Marvin Selby praised Lutters, saying he would be hard to replace. That task has already begun, Selby said, and the district will accept applications until the job is filled. He said Lutters, after he leaves, has promised to help out in case of any emergency with the district's boilers.

Connie Livengood, a science teacher at the high school, resigned as girl's head bas-

ketball coach effective immediately. Livengood has been the basketball coach since the 1999-2000 season after serving a couple of years as an assistant. She said she resigned for personal reasons but will greatly miss being involved with basket-

ball. "I've had great opportunities with basketball," said Livengood, "and I want to thank everyone for them."

On Wednesday, Terry Daise, an 8th grade science teacher at Grant Junior High, who served as Livengood's assistant last year, accepted an offer to be head coach this season.

Nancy Zimbelman, a bus driver, resigned effective Nov. 1 and will retire after 26 years with the school district.

Tina Hickson resigned as a 3 1/2-hour-a-day cook at West Elementary.

Steve McCall, a Title I math teacher, was hired as the assistant 7th grade boy's bas-

ketball coach. Cleve Trachsel, a Goodland farmer, was hired as the assistant 8th grade boy's basketball coach.

In the superintendent's report, Selby reported the roof project at the high is progressing well and, depending on the weather, should be complete in about two weeks. He said the roof should be ready for the manufacturer's inspection this week. Selby told the board it will be a complete inspection and if the quality of any of the work is unsatisfactory, it will be immediately fixed. Once the inspection is final, the roof will be guaranteed for 20 years.

Selby said the steel work crew for the old gymnasium roof arrived on Monday and began removing the old shingles. He said, if the weather cooperates, the project should be complete within 10 days.

He reminded the board that the annual Christmas Dinner will be the first meet-

ing in December and will include supper at the country club.

In other business, the board:

- Was called to order by vice president Jane Philbrick with three missing members: Dick Short, Ron Schilling and Danny Whalen, who was about 45 minutes late.

- Heard a report from Sharon Gregory, Central Elementary's principal, about the result of the Kansas North Central Accreditation peer review team's visit to look at the district's plan for school improvement. The team recommended a few minor adjustments but said that overall it was in good shape and recommended the district proceed with it.

- Got a briefing and a demonstration of the practice test for the state online mathematics assessment for 7th grade students from Gregory and Tanya Gray, a 7th grade math teacher at Grant Junior High. The math assessment will be given to 4th, 7th

and 10th grade students, and a reading assessment to 5th, 8th and 11th grades.

- Heard a report from Mike Campbell on the Northwest Kansas Education Service Center meeting Oct. 16 in Oakley. The center is a cooperative of 21 school districts that share education assets such as special education and help troubled students. Campbell said the center's Headstart program received a national award and that the "second chance" school was moved from the center in Oakley to the school building in Monument.

- Selby, with the board's concurrence, approved a request for an exception to policy from the high school to allow the football team to practice on Sunday.

The Cowboys will be playing in the first round of the state Class 4A championships on Tuesday.

Location and opponent were not available at press time.

Council nominates members

By Tom Betz
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The Sherman County Economic Development Council decided Wednesday to recommend reappointment of one original member and one new person to fill two open spots on the board.

Chosen from six candidates nominated at the annual meeting Oct. 21, were Kim Bohme, co-owner of Miller Electronics, the council's treasurer, and Don Newell, salesman for S&T Communications.

Newell will replace Royal Reid, the council's first chairman, who withdrew from the voting.

Council Chairman Dave Daniels opened the meeting saying there had been six people nominated, but that real estate broker Tom Harrison did not live in Sherman County. Daniels said he had talked to Harrison and explained the situation.

"He told me that he understood about the Sherman County residence requirement," Daniels said. "He said he was willing to help in other ways, and I thanked him for his support."

The other candidates were Reid, retired farmer; Bohme, who as served as treasurer from the beginning; Tony Sieck, a farmer and manager of the Dorman Brothers' Goodland ag chemical facility; Dale Neill, owner of the KOA Kampground and chairman of the county Convention and Visitors Bureau; and Newell, a new member of the Convention and Visitors board.

Daniels said Reid told him before the meeting he had talked it over

with his wife and decided to take his name out of consideration. Reid said he had enjoyed being on the council, and that it was good to see things moving in a positive direction.

Each of the remaining candidates were invited to make a statement.

Sieck was first. He said he was a lifelong county resident who had been a farmer before going to work for Dorman Brothers. He said Sherman County agriculture is in tough times, and with his experience, he felt he could provide some ideas that might be helpful.

Council member Steve West asked Sieck if he had any thoughts about the direction the economic development effort was going.

"I think it is doing well," Sieck said. "I had some very positive help from Carolyn (Applegate, the council's director) and am glad to see the effort of the people. I was disappointed about some people who were discouraging our efforts to bring a new business to the county. I feel it is a very positive group and would like to be part of that effort."

Neill said he has been in Sherman County for the 12 years and that he took the KOA from a place that barely met the standards to a gold-award level. He said he has been on the visitors bureau for eight years. Before coming to Kansas, Neill said, he was a banker in upstate New York, and felt his experience and ideas could help the council.

Newell said he has a passion for the community, and that it was true the community has gone through tough times.

"I am sure we will see other tough times," Newell said. "We need to keep the passion going, and I believe it is our community responsibility to help in any way possible. I believe my marketing and sales experience can be of help in the economic development effort. I like what I've seen with economic development, and the work that Carolyn has done."

Bohme said she has been with the group since the beginning, was part of the steering committee that formed it and then was nominated to the board. She has served as treasurer for the first two years.

"I have been in business for over 20 years," she said. "I would like to stay on the board and help to keep the progress going."

Daniels said he had ballots for each board member with the names on them, and that the two receiving the most votes would be recommended to the county commissioners for appointment.

There were eight members present, and Daniels said Patty Eckhardt had given him a ballot because she was not able to attend the meeting.

When the ballots were counted, Bohme had 9, Newell 4, Neil 3, and Reid 1. A motion to approve Bohme and Newell passed unanimously.

Members present were Daniels, Bohme, John Garcia, Larry Harper, West, Reid, Randy Schoenthaler and Cara Daise. Absent were Harlan D. House, Larry McCants and Eckhardt.

Daniels said he would take the names to the county commissioners.

Family fights hardship of separation

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week for story time. The kids go to people's houses, she said, and are active in church.

"I keep them busy," she said, "pass the time until their parents come home."

Morris keeps in touch with her daughter and son-in-law as much as she can, calling them on the phone, baking things to send to them and sending pictures and the twins' school projects. Veronica said she has a whole wall of the twins' stuff, Morris said.

Morris said her aunt Elsie Matthews of Kanorado also writes Chris and Veronica and keeps them informed about what's going on.

She said the family needs to stay in touch to keep up with all the changes that can occur in eight months time. For example, the twins have grown so much they need a whole new wardrobe.

Madison has gained six pounds, she said, and Madeline has gained seven. And the twins act older, Morris said.

"They have jobs I give them to do," she said, "responsibilities."

Morris said she also teaches them memory verses at church.

"They do quite well for 4-year-olds," she said.

But it's not so easy for the Hootens to keep the family here up to date.

"They have taken pictures there but can't develop them," Morris said, "and can't send the film to us."

And the soldiers can't tell Morris everything over the phone.

"I don't know how many have been hurt or killed," Morris said. "There's a lot they can't tell me over the phone. Iraqis listen to conversations."

Veronica says there's things going on that don't hit the newspapers, Morris said, and probably never will. The unknown tends to make a mother worry.

"I don't know what's going on," Morris said. "No matter what, she's my daughter."

"She's a soldier and a staff sergeant, and she does her job well, but she's my little girl. I'm not for women being in combat."

Morris said Veronica may be able to come back soon for a visit, and as much as she would like to see her daughter, it may be too difficult for Veronica to go back.

Veronica thinks she's coming

back for 15 days in November, Morris said, but is not sure. But then she would have to go back until March or April, Morris said.

It would be really hard on the twins to let her go back, she said. Morris said she'd prefer to have her daughter back permanently.

"The hardest thing I've done in my life," she said, "is worrying about them."

"Whenever I hear of a woman dying in combat, I hold my breath."

Venture capital group to organize

By Greg Stover
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A venture capital group, "People in Progress," is being formed to make the Goodland area more attractive to potential new businesses.

People in Progress is a limited liability company that will maintain a pool of immediately available cash to help new businesses with start-up costs or businesses looking to relocate with their expenses.

Randy Schoenthaler, vice president of Peoples State Bank, said the idea came out of the experience in raising the capital to help bring Aircraft Seal and Gasket Corp. to Goodland. He said Steve West, president of Western State Bank, is the person who initially developed the idea.

"We don't need to re-invent the wheel every time we need to do this," Schoenthaler said. "This way we already have capital available."

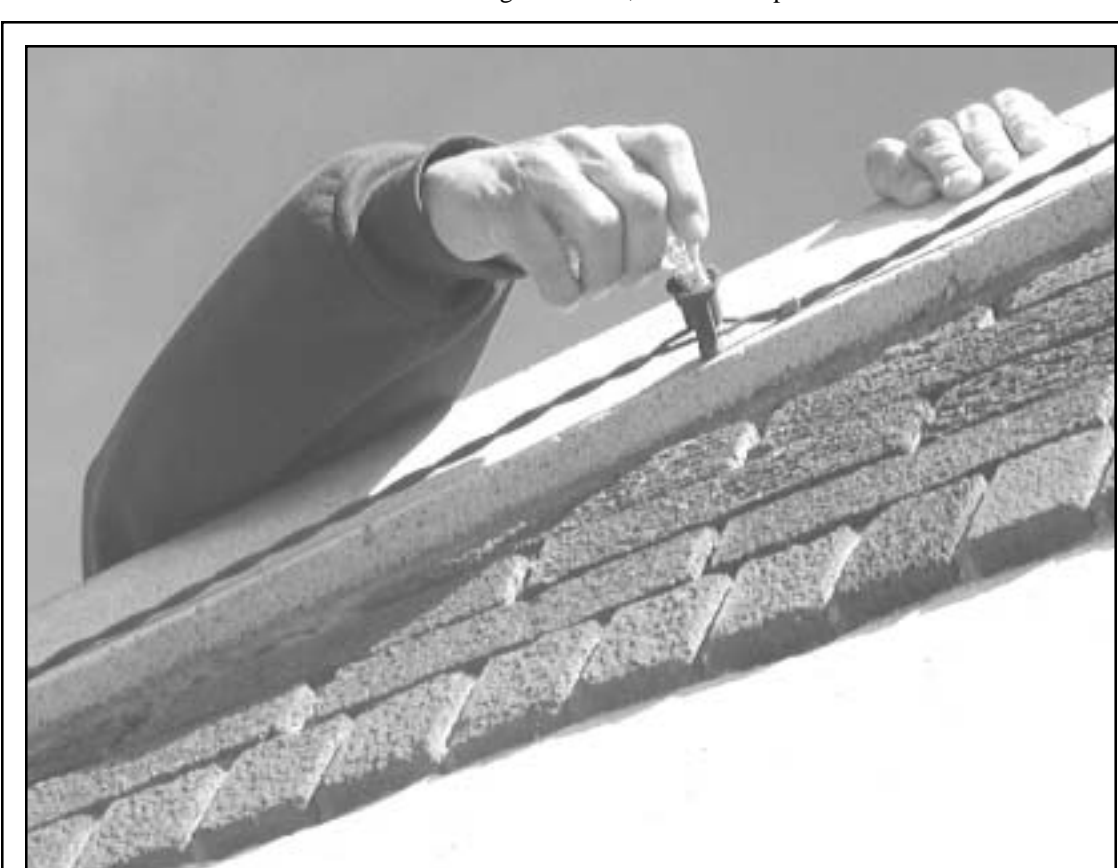
West said the Sherman County Economic Development Council and Goodland lawyer Pete Whalen both contributed ideas to creation of the group.

Schoenthaler said the group will act similar to corporate venture capital groups in major cities that help attract new businesses, but in this case, it is an investment in the community rather than an invest-

ment for profit. He said some money for the pool is already in an account.

"We are looking for people interested in investing in the community," said Schoenthaler.

Capital from investors will be consolidated into a pool from which money can be drawn to help businesses getting started in the Goodland area, he said. Money paid back by the businesses will be put back into the pool for future ventures. Money not in use will be earning interest, which also goes back into the pool.



Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce volunteer Roger Studer had to feel his way to change one of the bulbs on the Shores Brothers Auto Supply building last Sunday afternoon.

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Chamber members change lights

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Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce board members volunteered a few hours of their time Sunday afternoon to replace Christmas light bulbs along Main Avenue.

Volunteer Roger Studer, along with board members Linda Knott, Cindy Bowman and Steve Riebel, joined interim director Justin Bentzinger to replace burned-out, broken or missing light bulbs for business' along the west side of Main Avenue. The group utilized Bentzinger's bucket truck to get to the lights.

Bentzinger and Knott, along with volunteer

Gary Moore, did the east side last Thursday and Friday.

Business owners taking advantage of the effort were charged \$5 per replaced bulb with the maximum charge for one building \$45 for Chamber members and \$50 for non-members. Businesses were told they could decline the service and choose either to replace bulbs themselves or not do anything at all.

This is the first year the Chamber is replacing the bulbs. Previously, the work was done by B and B Electric Service.

The money earned by the volunteers will go into the Chamber's general operating fund.

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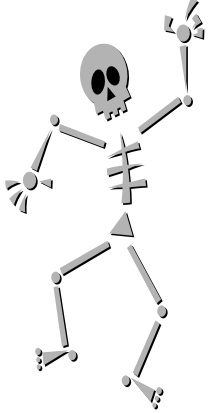
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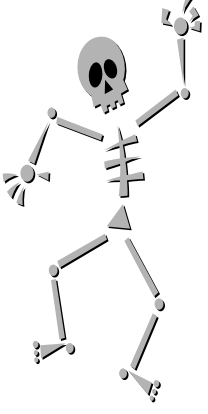
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