

Commission praises crews on storm effort

By Tom Betz
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City crews drew praise from city commissioners Monday for the way they cleaned streets and handled the heavy snow from two holiday storms.

"It has been an interesting couple of weeks," said City Manager Wayne Hill. "I would like to thank our people who have been out there getting this snow cleaned out, and handling the problems created by the weather.

"I have heard many good comments about the way the snow was handled."

Hill said people had called to volunteer places to haul the snow off the streets. He said Rich Simon, public works director, had brought the snow blower from the airport and was using it on some of the streets.

Simon said they were using the blower some places, but not everywhere.

"It is underpowered," Simon said, "and we knew it when we got it. It doesn't throw the snow as far as we want it. We were missing a pair of snow chains, but we found part of one today."

The city commissioners all said they had heard good things about the city crews, and that they appreciated the long hours the crew had been putting in. Simon said he was proud of the work his people were

doing, and that they had sacrificed a lot of home time to keep the streets open.

Commissioner Annette Fairbanks asked if the crew could pour some of the snow along the sides of the pond at Pioneer Park to allow kids to sled.

Commissioner Josh Dechant said he told Simon to give his phone numbers of people who were calling to complain.

"I had one lady call," Dechant said, "and I talked to her. I think it is good for the crews to give people our phone numbers. It is better for us to handle the calls and let them keep working."

Mayor Rick Billinger said he had heard mostly good things, and only had the one call after Dechant gave the lady his phone number.

Dechant said he felt it would be good for the city to consider posting emergency snow routes, requiring people to get vehicles off the streets during a storm to make plowing easier.

Commissioner John Garcia, a store owner, said the one thing he'd suggest might be to get to the downtown alleys a little quicker.

Hill said workers have started remodeling the front of the City Administration Building, installing new handicap-accessible doors and the security work where people come to pay utility bills.

In other business, the commis-

sion:
• Approved a low bid from Dan Brenner Ford for a police car. Hill said the bid from Brenner of \$22,196 was the lowest and was below the budget of \$25,000. Billinger asked Chief Ray Smee what unit was being replaced and how many miles were on it.

Smee said the oldest car, a 2002 Ford Crown Victoria, has about 90,000 miles on it and will be over 100,000 when the new one arrives in May. The other bids were \$22,591 from Yost Ford Mercury of St. Francis and \$22,829 from Burtis Motors of Garden City.

• Approved the annual contract between the city and Sherman County to allow county residents free access to the city library. The county pays the city \$15,000 a year.

• Heard an update on the animal shelter. Hill said Sandy Rogers had called and thanked the city for the \$2,500 they had approved in December. Hill said he would be meeting with Rogers later in the week to talk about the future needs and what can be worked out with the city.

• Reviewed a mowing-cost complaint from Dave Walker that was brought up in November. Walker had complained that he was overcharged for the city mowing weeds on one of his properties in July. Commissioner Dave Daniels asked what had been decided, and Hill said that he and Criswell had ana-



City of Goodland public works crew used a snow blower hooked on a front loader to remove ice and snow from the middle of Eighth Street on Monday morning. Snow removal from the recent winter storms has been a monumental task.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

lyzed the bill and could not find anything wrong. Billinger said the city should send Walker a letter saying the charge would remain, and that as mayor he would sign it.

• Held a 20-minute closed session

on personnel matters with Mason, Hill and City Clerk Mary Volk. No action was taken afterward.

The next city meeting will be at 5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 22 upstairs in the City Administration Build-

ing, 204 W. 11th. Press the button inside the first set of doors and the dispatcher will let you in.

Sherman County, the City of Goodland and law offices will be open.

Paper has new advertising rep

Jordan Mann has joined the advertising department of *The Goodland Star-News*, serving customers on the west side of town and in Burlington.



Mann

Mann said she wants all her customers to know that there are going to some exciting opportunities for them to promote their businesses.

"I want to make sure that my customer's advertising is done at the right time so they ben-

efit the most from the exposure," she said.

The Star-News is sponsoring a Taste of Home cooking show in February, she noted, and the show is expected to attract people from a wide area, which will give advertisers a great deal of exposure.

Jordie, as she likes to be called, grew up and graduated from high school in St. Louis.

From there, she said, she went to Denver to go to Regis University,

then transferred to St. Louis University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in communications.

After college she went to Durango, Colo. and decided she wanted to be a paramedic. She then went back to school in Denver.

While Mann lived in Denver, she said, she created her own shuttle business that took people to the airport in Colorado Springs. She later sold it to the Yellow Cab Co.

In Eagle, she was a dispatcher for the state patrol, a detention officer and worked with people on land use regulations. She also was an opera-

tions agent at the Eagle County Airport for American Airlines.

She and her husband Brack moved north of Kanorado on the Colorado side in November 2004. They have two children, 3-month-old Page and 2 1/2-year-old Logan.

Brack has worked for CenturyTel, a phone company in eastern Colorado and Burlington, for 10 years.

His parents live in Quinter, where they raise pheasants, quail and chukars.

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District Traffic

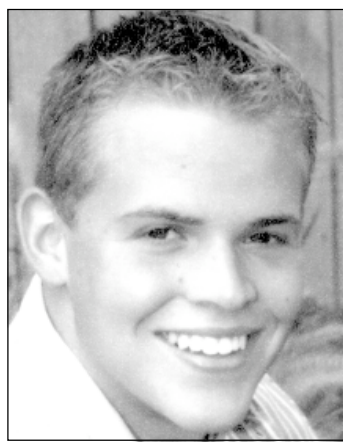
The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:
Sept. 4 — Harlintony A. Austin, \$192 reinstated for speeding.
Sept. 17 — Martin S. Chavez, \$126 reinstated for speeding.
Sept. 23 — Norma Ramirez, \$165 for speeding, \$10 for no seat belt and \$60 for no child seat belts.
Oct. 3 — Jerry B. Andrews, \$156 reinstated for speeding.

Oct. 6 — Keith D. Pierson, \$336 for speeding.
Oct. 8 — Elizabeth K. Estes, \$150 for speeding.
Oct. 23 — Robert T. Knudsen, \$156 for speeding.
Oct. 27 — Rodney A. Arnold, \$132 for speeding.
Oct. 30 — Danny R. Weaver, \$132 for speeding.
Oct. 31 — Crystal D. Worley, \$166 and \$100 for motor carrier

rules and regulations.
Nov. 8 — Jean P. Borrero, \$144 for speeding.
Nov. 9 — Hussein I Ziyadeh, \$174 for speeding.

Nov. 16 — Charles M. Mushonga, \$144 for speeding.
Nov. 19 — Steven J. Suson, \$96 for defective tail lamp and dismissed for liability insurance.

student of the week



Name: John Mosbarger
Parents: Jim and Darla Mosbarger
Grade: Senior
Age: 18

We've nominated this student because: of his performance in the classroom. John comes to class everyday with a positive attitude and is a positive contributor to class discussions. He offers encouragement to his classmates as well as demonstrating his individual ideas. He is a good role model for the under classmen and will be

very successful in his farming career.

Student Comment: I will always remember the memories I made on the football field; and all the hard work and dedication in the weight room that it took to make them memorable.

Activities involved in at school: Football, NHS, G-Club, Golf, X-Pressos.

My choice of movies, books, and games: I'm open to all kinds of music, but I usually listen to country. My favorite movie is Walk the Line.

After I leave Goodland High School I intend to: attend Kansas State University and pursue an Agribusiness degree.

And 10 years from now, I think I'll be: starting a family and enjoying the farm life.

Favorite Quote: "Work hard and become a leader; be lazy and never succeed."

Proverbs 12:24

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17TH STREET IMPROVEMENTS

The City of Goodland will receive sealed bids for the **CALDWELL AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS** at the **SHERMAN COUNTY COMMISSION ROOM, 813 BROADWAY, GOODLAND, KS 67735** until 9:00 p.m. MST (10am CST), **Wednesday, January 24, 2007**. Bids received after this time will not be accepted. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately after the specified closing time.

Major items of work include: 9,800 square yards of 8" Concrete Pavement with 8" Subgrade Modification including 800 tons of Fly Ash, 2,350 cubic yards of Excavation, 1850 tons of milling, 4150 feet of Remove/Replace Curb & Gutter, 825 square yards of 6" Concrete Pavement, 11 Water Valve Adjustments, 290 feet of waterline pipe replacement, 22 Storm structures, 2570 feet of Storm Pipe, Seeding, Traffic Control, and various other appurtenant work.

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Bidding Documents may be examined at City Hall and at the Engineer's office.

Bidding Documents may be obtained at the Engineer's office upon depositing \$150.00 for each set of full-size drawings, \$50.00 for each set of 11x17 half size drawings, \$50.00 for each paper copy of specifications and \$30.00 for each electronic set of drawings and specifications. No refunds will be made.

Bid security in the amount of 5 percent of the bid shall accompany each bid in accordance with **Instructions to Bidders**.

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Offices close Monday

Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a federal holiday, and banks and federal offices, including the Goodland post office, will be closed.

The Goodland Star-News will print on Monday but since the post office will be closed, some copies may be delivered a day

late. Deadline is noon on Friday, as usual.

There will be no school for the Goodland School District, with Monday being a teacher training day.

Sherman County, the City of Goodland and law offices will be open.

corrections

The Goodland Star-News will correct any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story. Please call our office at (785) 899-2338 to report errors. We believe that news

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