

Profile video gets showing at meeting

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The long awaited community video has been completed, and members of the Sherman County Economic Development Council viewed it at their meeting last Tuesday.

Economic Development Director Tiffany McMinn said the new video "Welcome to the good life" is six minutes long, and the DVDs will be used to market Goodland and Sherman County to prospective businesses looking to relocate or expand.

"I think part of this is to get people who live here to know more about the community," McMinn said. "The video is on the web site (www.gogoodlandks.com), and we will be giving copies to the motels and hotels in hopes they will show it to guests who ask about Goodland."

"We are looking for other ways to use the video, and will be taking copies to the trade shows and sending them out to our new business prospects."

McMinn passed around a pad of Goodland and Sherman County profiles, which are being given to the hotels, motels, banks and other businesses to be given out to people who ask about the city or county. The profile is a single sheet of paper with information about the location, elevation, population, employment breakdown and climate on the front. The back of the sheet has information about the Goodland Industrial Park's offer of free land. Transportation options, and distances to major cities are listed. A breakdown of the average cost of residential homes in the county is included.

"Stay a night or a lifetime. Either way, you will fondly remember the time you spent with us," is the tag line on the profile, which includes phone numbers for the economic development office, convention and visitors bureau and Chamber of Commerce office.

McMinn said the pads are about 100 each, and can be picked up at the economic development office or call (785) 890-3743 to ask for them.

McMinn said the new Goodland Guide is in production and should be shipped by the end of January.

The first order of business for the council was to elect officers for the year. Don Newell of S&T Communications was elected chairman and farmer and rancher Harlan House was elected vice-chairman.

Outgoing Chairman Shelly Thompson of Bankwest was elected treasurer and Richard Breining of Sunflower Computers was re-elected secretary.

Newell welcomed new council members Nancy Cole of Klip 'N Kurl Salon and Jerry Fairbanks of First National Bank.

Under the treasurer's report McMinn said the council is carrying over a little more than expected from last year because some of the things will be paid for this year instead of last year. She said the DVDs and community profiles will

matters of record

Real Estate

The following real estate transactions were reported by the Sherman County Register of Deeds:

Linda L. House and Norman K. House to Amy Michelle Sederstrom, an undivided 1/18 interest in S/2 Sec. 28, T8S R41W.

Norman K. House and Linda L. House to Jonathon K. House, an undivided 1/10 interest NE/4 Sec. 23, T9S R39W.

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Norman K. House and Linda L. House to Patrick A. Hosue, an undivided 1/16 interest in SW/4 Sec. 28, T9S R40W.

Kenneth Grayson and Jean Grayson of Texas County, Okla., mineral deed to Jean Grayson, Sec. 32, T10S R39W.

Myra Porter, trustee of Gertrude A. Porter Living Trust, to Harry C. Haverly and Kathleen M. Haverly, N/2 NE/4 Sec. 35, T8S R41W.

be paid for this year. The carryover is \$102,501 she said.

Steve West of Western State Bank said he was impressed with the work McMinn has completed in the seven months she has been in Goodland, and that she has completed nearly everything that was on the original list the council discussed with her when she was hired.

In other business the council:

- Heard an update on the Shine on Sherman County program, and McMinn said the action teams are meeting and getting organized. She said there have been good comments about people getting involved in the process, and that the steering committee meets Thursday. She said the group will report back to the community in six months and at the end of the first year.

- Heard that information is being gathered to help market the free land at the Goodland Industrial Park. McMinn said Fairbanks was helping gather the information. City Commissioner Dave Daniels asked if the council could consider erecting a billboard advertising the free land. Newell said that was a good idea and the council would look at that as part of the marketing effort. "We are researching the possibility for billboards," McMinn said. "We know we can put one up, but we want to be prepared when that is ready." Fairbanks said guidelines are being worked out about what the industrial park can offer and what the options are. "There are lots of things we need to get ready before we put the information out," he said.

- McMinn said she is working with Amy Griffy of Northwest Kansas Planning and Development to look for a Community Development Block Grant to rehabilitate houses in Goodland. She said the city can ask for \$400,000 from the state. Cole asked if this is for houses to be fixed up or torn down. McMinn said it is mostly for fixing up houses, but some demolition might be part of the grant request.

- Heard about the recent trade show in Kansas City that McMinn attended. She said the weather had reduced the number attending. Newell asked what kind of questions the people ask. McMinn said the top question from people is if Sherman County has a work force and if they are skilled workers. The second question is if their spouse will be able to shop, or be close to shopping. The next questions are about what activities are available and what the schools are like.

- Agreed to hold a planning session to develop goals for this year and the next few years. Newell said he thought it was a good plan, and Fairbanks said it might take more than an hour. Tentatively the meeting will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 6, and Sugar Hills Golf Club was suggested as a place. McMinn is to see if the room is available and let people know by e-mail.

- Tabled a request for dues from the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce. McMinn said she had received a letter from the Chamber asking for \$600 in dues for the year, but that she was told that was not the right price. Newell said he thought the Chamber was a vital part of the community, and Fairbanks said he thought the council should be a member, but that \$600 was a bit much.

The next council meeting will be 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20 in the basement at Western State Bank.



City employee Dale Davis used the repaired snow blower to clear snow off the runways at Renner Field on Friday morning. Rich Simon, public works director, said a belt in the snow blower broke when it was in use on the city streets the week before, and it took

several days to get the parts and get it back into action. The city crews continued to scoop and haul snow from city streets through the week.

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Instructor gives board shop tour

By Pat Schiefen

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Industrial arts instructor Jonathan Whisnant gave a tour to the members of the Goodland School Board Monday night of the shop in the Industrial Arts building.

Two of his students, Tyler Hillmer and Matt Miller, were there to answer questions from board members.

Whisnant said he let his students do some decorating on the walls so they felt they had some ownership in the shop.

He showed the board the new drill press they got this year. The old one had to be unplugged to be turned off.

He also said the first thing his students did was take a safety test. His production students make things from cabinets to book cases to bowls.

"I like to expose the kids to different woods," he said.

He said his students have grand ideas of what they want to make until they find out what it will cost and the projects get scaled down.

"What would you like to have that you don't have," asked board member Dick Short.

"Another table saw," said Whisnant.

He said his classes ranged in size from eight for fourth period to 22. The largest class has production 2 and 3 students mostly juniors and seniors.

"What would be the ideal class size," asked LeAnn Friedrichs.

"Ten to 12," Whisnant said.

He said his classes keep him always on the go. There has been talk

of changing the name of the production classes to cabinet making.

Whisnant showed off the department's laser cutter and talked about what could be done and how it was run using a computer. He said the department has three computers, one Apple and two from Dell.

The board approved payment of bills in the amount of \$75,659.

The board accepted the resignation of Courtney Lopez as a teacher's aid at North Elementary effective on Jan. 30.

High school students get 10-day suspensions

Three male students at Goodland Senior High School left the school last Tuesday without permission, smoked marijuana and were caught.

The three, a 19, 18 and 17 year old, admitted to leaving and smoking pot, said Goodland Superintendent Shelly Angelos.

The school called the Goodland

Police department.

The police were unable to arrest the students since they had none of the pot on them, said Police Chief Ray Smee. According to the state, a person has to have the drug in possession to be charged for a crime.

The boys were given 10 day suspensions from school.

Pickup hits truck; driver in critical condition

A Kanorado man's pickup struck a truck heading east on County Road 64 when he failed to stop at 9:40 a.m. Friday.

Truman (Leon) Hooker, 68, was driving his 2002 Chevrolet pickup north on the road between I-70 and old U.S. 24 when he hit the passenger side of the truck. Hooker was taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center and then life flighted to St. Anthony Central Hospital in Denver. His vehicle was towed by Alex's Radiator.

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The driver of the 1995 Freightliner was Tom Burns, 54, of Ulysses. Burns had his seat belt on and was uninjured. McB's towed the truck.

A spokesperson for St. Anthony said Hooker was in critical condition.

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