

# Help being organized for victims

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away. They said their homes have lost a lot of windows, but the roofs and basic structure is ok."

Reicks said her grandmother is staying with her parents who are in Dodge City, and once the trailer is filled it will be taken to Dodge City and the Ministerial Alliance has agreed to help distribute the collected goods to the people of Greensburg.

She said the people do not need any more clothes, but do need household items like bedding, furniture, pots and pans and toiletries. She said there is a need for generators as well.

She said she has been talking to Superintendent Shelly Angelos about having the schools help with the collection, but has not heard back.

"I will find a place to park the trailer," Reicks said, "and as soon as we can get it filled FedEx will deliver it to Dodge City."

She said her family was in Greensburg and were uninjured, but four of the dead were family friends.

People interested in learning more or donating should contact Reicks at 890-5838.

Mary Ellen Coumerilh, wife of pastor John Coumerilh of the Word of Life Church, said the ladies at her church wanted to do something to help the kids of Greensburg who are in the shelters.

She said the ladies are gathering games, books, toys, crayons and other items that will fit in gallon size bags to be sent to the shelters as "Busy Bags."

"We are a small church," she said,

"but we wanted to do something for those people."

Coumerilh said people who want to donate can contact her at 890-7043, and the church ladies will be putting the bags together at 7 p.m. on Monday at the Word of Life Church at 10th and Clark.

She said the effort is being coordinated through the Four Square Church office in Salina to help get the filled bags to the Greensburg kids who are in the shelters.

For information she said people can go to the church web site at [www.wordoflifegodland.org](http://www.wordoflifegodland.org).

Schlyer Goodwin of Goodwin Law and Bankwest said a fund has been set up at each bank branch for Greensburg Disaster Relief Fund, and people can drop checks for Greensburg Relief at the customer service counter at Wal-Mart.

Bankwest of Kansas' main office is at 924 Main, and the branches are in Colby, St. Francis, Sharon Springs and Sunwest Bank of Colorado in Idalia.

Goodwin said he has a list of items that are needed in Greensburg, and they are posting the list in the bank and branches.

People who are interested in help can call Goodwin at the bank at 899-2342 or on his cell at 821-4653.

He said he has been talking to relief people about bringing volunteers down to help with the cleanup, and said he was told that might be something for next week or the week after. He said the people told him the cleanup will take a long time, and there will be plenty of work for people in the coming weeks and months.

# City alcohol policy to remain unchanged

POLICY, from Page 1

take," Hill said. "If they have been here 20 years and it happens once, are they gone?"

"Has our policy worked that we have now?" Daniels asked.

"It depends on who you talk to," Mason said. "I think it has worked to answer the needs we as a city have, and has given us the flexibility to handle things that have happened."

Hill said there are always going to be some cases where there is an emergency, and if an employee is asked to come to work and says he has been drinking, there may have to be a judgment call.

Volk said she liked a chart that gives an estimated alcohol level after one drink based on the person's size, weight and gender.

Mason said the chart says a man of 170 pounds would test at .02 if he had a beer and was tested immediately. He said he would not recommend the city adopt the chart because there are so many variables the chart cannot cover.

Fairbanks asked if the city has a "three strikes and you're out" provision?

"No, we have been going on each situation," Volk said.

"We have been going on a case-by-case situation," Mason said, "and we are figuring it would be two violations before the person would be terminated."

He said finding a cup containing liquor in a city vehicle would be an automatic termination. There are some precedents the city has used in the past, he said.

"The current policy has worked," he said. "I think the question is you

can change it or be willing to defend it."

"I don't mind defending it," Fairbanks said.

Dechant said he did not feel the policy needed to be changed, but asked if it applied to everybody.

Volk said the basic policy is for everyone, but the government requires random testing for those with a commercial drivers license or in "safety-sensitive" jobs.

"We have a reasonable suspicion policy for everyone," Hill added.

The manager said he and some of the department supervisors went to Garden City for a course on how to determine if someone is intoxicated.

"Do we need a 'two strikes and your are out' in this policy?" Dechant asked.

"Need, I am not sure," Mason said. "We have done that in the past on a case-by-case basis."

Garcia said he felt there should be more structure in the policy to leave less room for misinterpretation.

"I think there has to be some structure," he said. "I know we have good employees who do good things for the community, but it only takes one time for something to happen and get the city into a liability situation."

"I think it is structured enough now," Mason said, "so the employees know what will happen, and gives the employer flexibility to handle each situation."

"I agree," Daniels said. "I don't think it is that bad. I think it has been working and I think it is good enough to handle the situations."

Simon said the important thing is that you have to document every-

Hill said the disciplinary action section gives him guidelines as to what he can do, but it is not set in stone. He said Police Chief Ray Snee works with his officers so it is more like a zero tolerance policy.

"That is because the people know they have to be on duty," he said. "That is the same thing the highway patrol does even though it is not spelled out in their policy."

Volk said the policy should be an agenda item at a regular meeting and have the commission approve it. She said every employee would get a copy of the new policy, and will sign off that they have received it.

Hill said the proposed policy would be standardized across the board with the .02 level.

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# Street projects move ahead

STREETS, from Page 1

and the contractor plans to have the intersection done by May 18 and reopen the intersection at 17th and Main. He said under the contract they have until May 25 to have the intersection done.

Once the intersection is done Sporer Land Development will pour the rest of the south side of 17th, and then expect it to take about four weeks to do the north side of the street. He said the north side will move quicker because all the utility work has been done.

He said there are no bills to pay Sporer yet because the city prepaid about \$600,000, and the work has not reached that level yet.

The commission approved requesting payment of \$54,287 in bills to Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates for engineering work on the projects and to Bryant and Bryant for the intersection work.

Caldwell and 17th Street are part of the joint city-county street and road projects being paid for by a one cent sales tax approved a year ago by Sherman County citizens.

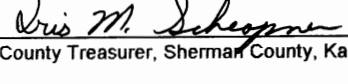
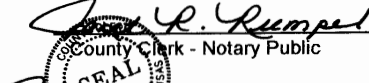
Neufeld also updated the commissioners on the first phase of the geometric improvement project on

K-27 north of the I-70 interchange. Neufeld said the project is being planned to be done in three phases to maximize the state's participation of \$750,000.

Commissioner Josh Dechant said Mayor Rick Billinger's concern about the project is to keep the city's cost as low as possible.

Neufeld said the city's maximum for each phase is \$37,500.

"We always try to keep the project down to the maximum amount from the state," Neufeld said.

SHERMAN COUNTY KANSAS TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT		
April 30, 2007		
Total Cash in the Treasury as at the above date		\$16,538,148.90
FUND	FUND BALANCE	
APPRAISER'S COST	\$44,676.31	
AUTO MOTOR SPECIAL	\$39,140.77	
BOND & INTEREST	\$100,906.37	
NO FUND WARRANTS	\$32.51	
COUNTY HEALTH	\$55,222.89	
DIRECT ELECTION	\$30,525.11	
TRASH HAULING	\$294,916.19	
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$263,416.08	
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS HEALTH RESERVE	\$223,002.44	
EXTENSION	\$3,584.01	
GENERAL FUND	\$850,362.96	
HOME MAINTENANCE	\$18,524.00	
LANDFILL	\$150,000.00	
LANDFILL EXCAVATION	\$175,434.00	
NOXIOUS WEED	\$34,980.92	
REGISTER OF DEEDS TECHNOL	\$2,117.23	
OUT-DISTRICT TUITION	\$20,624.17	
OVER & UNDER	-\$33.94	
PROS ATTY (TRAINING FUND)	\$259.41	
PROS ATTY (DIVERSION)	\$10,914.10	
ROAD AND BRIDGE	\$690,753.98	
SALES TAX	\$14,980.81	
SC RURAL FIRE DIST #1	\$175,547.64	
SHERMAN CO SPILL CONTROL	\$220.05	
SOLDIERS MEMORIAL PARK	\$22,321.07	
SOLID WASTE FUND	\$499,765.34	
CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$93,982.00	
SPECIAL PARKS & REC	\$2,275.37	
SPECIAL MACHINERY FUND	\$200,471.00	
TORT LIABILITY	-\$3,271.36	
CONCEALED WEAPONS	\$675.95	
JAIL COMMISSARY	\$12,364.18	
DRIVER'S LICENSE	\$0.00	
SECRETARY OF STATE	\$2,368.80	
NOXIOUS WEED CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$6,550.16	
SPECIAL PRAIRIE DOG	\$13,791.45	
SC RFD #1 EQUIP RESERVE	\$28,282.66	
HERITAGE TRUST FUND	\$318.69	
SHERIFF DRUG SEIZURE FUND	\$13,441.05	
COUNTY HEALTH CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$25,830.15	
AUTO MOTOR STATE	\$3,441.16	
HEALTH CARE SERVICES	\$161,872.48	
COUNTY REDEMPTION	\$37,806.42	
CURRENT TAX	\$553,393.53	
DELINQUENT PERSONAL TAX	\$5,497.50	
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE TAX	\$2,303.96	
MOTOR VEHICLE TAX	\$144,183.98	
MICRO LOANS	\$22,983.43	
SHERIFF REWARD DONATION FUND	\$50.63	
911 WIRELESS	\$18,547.97	
SCRFD #1 SPECIAL FUND	\$3,823.50	
911 TELEPHONE SERVICE	\$57,341.70	
SUSPENSE FUND	\$23,586.81	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$128,039.31	
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MCPHERSON/GENERAL	\$0.00	
SHERMANVILLE/GENERAL	\$90.48	
STATELINE/GENERAL	\$52.51	
WASHINGTON/GENERAL	\$0.00	
CDBG GRANT	\$100.36	
USD #352/GENERAL	\$1,783.39	
USD #314/GENERAL	\$1,509.00	
PROJECT FUND-GO ROAD PROJECT		
LOCAL 1% SALES TAX FOR ROAD PROJECT	\$10,558,868.44	
	\$693,602.37	
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$16,538,148.99</b>	
STATE OF KANSAS SHERMAN COUNTY ss.		
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 County Treasurer, Sherman County, Kansas		
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