

# Shine On action teams to hold forum

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People can join roundtable discussions with the action teams, and there will be an open microphone and open discussion at the end.

Linin said the planning process began about a year ago with the aid of Terry Woodbury, a consultant and founder of Kansas Communities. A steering committee formed from people throughout the community, representing the four sides of what Woodbury calls "the public square," education, business, human resources and health care.

Woodbury and member of the steering committee interviewed about 70 people and collected more than 230 surveys to pinpoint what people thought was important.

The interviews were the basis for a "Community Conversation" in October, attended by more than 190 people who identified community priorities. People were asked to nominate at least one person from each

part of the public square to attend a "vision retreat in December to boil the priorities down into doable goals and a vision statement.

"We worked hard on the vision statement," Linin said. "What we came out with was 'Sherman County Shining On ... An engaged community building economic diversity through family, agriculture, energy, transportation and business.'"

He said the retreat developed five goal areas and ask people to join an action team to produce actual progress based on the goals. Those teams began working in January.

"We are asking the city to support the process," Linin said. "We are not here to ask for any money. We know some of the action teams will probably come to you asking for assistance, and some already have been to talk to you."

The five action teams include:

- Youth development, which Linin said is working on a skate park as its first project.

- Community beautification; he said the team helped in the citywide cleanup. It is working on plans for American flags on Main and working with businesses to add planters and benches downtown.

- Government services alliance, to propose plans for combining or coordinating city and county services.

- Resource development, which is promoting and educating people about the Sherman County Community Foundation and how to raise money for community projects and scholarships.

- Regional health care, to make health care in northwest Kansas the best it can be.

Linin said the steering committee plans another community forum in September or October to decide if people want to go ahead with year two of the program with Woodbury.

City Manager Wayne Hill said the health care team was interested in improving the city bus system, and had talked to him about that in relation to the proposed veterans clinic.

# Chamber plans open house

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The manager said the Chamber hopes to rebuild its base.

"Membership is one key area where we need help," Nelson said. "Five years ago, we had 171 members. Now we have 92. Like many organizations in our community, declining support makes it increasingly difficult to provide the services we desire."

Nelson said the Chamber has declared June 4 through June 8 as Membership Week, with the open house from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. next Wednesday.

She said for Membership Week, the Chamber will draw one winner from the new members to receive a \$100 credit on dues.

"We are excited about the possibilities that are within the grasp of our community," Nelson said. "With community support and ideas, we are certain that any goal is achievable."

Nelson said one of the things the Chamber does is to help promote tourism. Prospective visitors often call the Chamber for information, she said.

The Chamber provides educational opportunities for business people, she said. Armed with knowledge of business practices, marketing strategies and information from other communities, businesses have the opportunity to improve their operations.

Nelson said the Chamber promotes area businesses through its Business After Hours program, holiday promotions, the Ambassadors and trade shows.

She said the Chamber strives to improve the look and beauty of the community, a critical component of attracting visitors and new businesses.

The Chamber encourages people to move to Goodland, Nelson said, distributing information packets to people who call or write.

These contain information about merchants, community services and demographics. In the past year, the Chamber distributed 140 of these packets.

Chamber projects and events for the past year included holding the first Chamber Christmas dinner and dance; having a professional photographer take pictures on several weekends to memorialize children's visits with Santa; organized the Taste of Goodland and Home Based Business Show; and a Christmas Parade, Shop Local Campaign, and horse and carriage rides.

This year, Trachsel said, the Chamber already has had four Business After Hours events, at the Goodland Regional Medical Center, the Handy House, Bankwest of Kansas and Newman Vision Care.

The group has continued to hold long-standing events such as the annual banquet, the Farm-City Banquet, the community Easter egg hunt, the citywide clean-up, and a multitude of Goodland Ambassador events to welcome new businesses and support students going to regional, state and national meetings and competitions.

For businesses, the Chamber hosted a presentation on fraud and a workshop on "hypergrowing your business."

Nelson said Chamber members are informed through newsletters, regular visits at their store or office, and discussions and consultations on civic affairs, legislative issues, upcoming Chamber and community events and information members want distributed.

For more information, or to pass on an idea, contact Nelson at [gdchmbr@eaglecom.net](mailto:gdchmbr@eaglecom.net) or 899-7130.

# Skies brighten for annual Memorial Day services

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the colors by the VFW Color Guard, accompanied by a rifle squad from the Kansas Army National Guard.

As taps played at the end of the service, Koons Funeral Home released red, white and blue balloons.

Goodland High graduate Michael Smith sang the National Anthem and America the Beautiful.

Legion Service Officer Ken Baum read the orders of the day from 1868 establishing Decoration Day to

honor those who died in the Civil War, and directing that May 30 be the day all graves of those who died in service be decorated.

Legion Vice Commander Mary Lycett gave the invocation.

Chet Ross, a retired Air Force chaplain, read the six names from the last year to be added to the roll call of departed veterans: Jack Johnson, Floyd Wegner, Gordon, Becker, John Finders, Kenneth Peck and Casey Cooper. At Kanorado, the name of Paul Frye was read.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary President Carlene Fenner laid flowers at the monument in memory of the departed.

VFW Senior Vice Commander Jim Ross gave the Memorial Day prayer. The benediction was given by Legion Commander Marshall Squires II.

A rifle squad from the 170th Maintenance unit of the Kansas National Guard fired a 21-gun salute, and Michael and Devin Mangus, brothers from Kanorado, played "Taps" at Goodland and Kanorado.

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