



Demi Mitchek, 7, daughter of Jack and Becky Mitchek, sang and danced for the crowd at the Relay for Life. Demi, who won a singing competition in Colorado Springs, drew a crowd of kids her age and older at the fence to watch and listen.

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Miller wins contract for airport entrance

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The Goodland City Commission approved a \$286,000 Federal Aviation Administration grant to help build a new concrete airport entrance road last week, then awarded the contract to Miller Construction of Goodland.

The entrance will be south of the existing divided-lane entrance. It will be a single two-lane street with curb and gutter, said Darin Neufeld, the engineer with Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates who designed the project. Included in the plan is a concrete parking lot in front of the terminal, where Neufeld's firm leases an office.

The engineer said the city had received a letter from the federal agency approving the contract with Miller as long as the firm spends part of the money with "disadvantaged" subcontractors.

Neufeld said that when the bids were opened on July 25, Miller's was the lowest of four received. However, in the bid specifications, the city reserved 6 percent of the contract for the federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program, which gives contracts to businesses owned women or minorities.

The Miller bid was \$485,220 to do the project in concrete, Neufeld

said. APAC Shears of Hays bid \$569,690 to do the project in asphalt, Sporer Land Development bid \$582,001 and Venture Corp. bid \$690,566.

Neufeld said his estimate for the project in asphalt was \$465,547 and his estimate for concrete was \$532,647.

He told the commission he thought Miller had made a good-faith effort to meet the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise figure, and recommended that the contract be awarded to the firm. He said later that the federal officials had approved Miller as the contractor, and that Miller had agreed to hire a disadvantaged business to reach the percentage.

"We can start the project now," said City Commissioner Josh Dechant.

Neufeld said they could start whenever Miller is ready, but probably not be until next spring. He said owner Mike Miller told him they may do some work on the entrance this fall but would not do the parking lot until next year.

Neufeld said \$57,000 of the project was not eligible for grant money, covering the parking spaces in front of the terminal that are considered part of the city's revenue-generating rental property.



The "Daytona Dancers" (Jessica Kannady's Right Combination Dancers) had a tent at the Relay for Life on Friday. The theme was

racing and the kids offered walkers a pit stop with root beer to help raise money.

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Relay for Life raises \$43,000

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the Candle Burning." Schyler Goodwin told his story of battling cancer and how focused he was on staying in law school and getting to drive a lap in a race car. Jessica Kannady sang "Amazing Grace."

The 21 teams including Rollback Wal-Mart, Northwest Kansas Technical College, Golden West, Good Samaritan, Teachers 4 Life, Future Career Community Leaders of America, Kennedy and Coe, DECA, two from First National Bank, We Are the Champions, Lonny's Angels, TTOB, Rasure's, Bankwest, BAB, Daytona Dancers, the Goodland Star-News, the B Team, Goodland Regional Medical Center, Palace Barber Shop and Paw Wash.

The money collected beat last year's total of \$31,000 by \$12,000, said Sherida Shoff. Teams also raised money with an ice cream social, garage sales and food sales. Some of the money is used to help cancer victims here pay for transportation and other costs of getting treatment.

The Relay was organized by a committee including Jennifer Vaneaton, Ashley Kear, Brooke Lohr, Jessica and Darren Kannady, Kim Horinek, Josh Dechant, Paige and Cliff Leach, Toni Hoss, Sherryl Ketter, Kelly Flanagan, Janet Redlin, Michelle Shoff, Dan Hayden, Sherida Shoff, Trevor Linton, Chris

Biel, Kris Yost, Cara Short and Andi Nelson.

At 7:30, a live auction by Terry Richardson including a t-shirt signed by cancer survivors, lawn ornaments made by Clayton Hoss, a birdhouse by Keith Baker and a quilt made from old Relay T-shirts by Nancy Kear, owner of Lonny's Quality Auto Body. A silent auction featured gift baskets put together by the relay teams, some including cookies, car-care items and others. A tent and grill were auctioned off; Brad Bergsma won the grill.

The Hero of the Relay contest featured members of each team dressing with three items they selected from a pile of clothes. Their team came up with a name for the character and a slogan. Skyler Goodwin's Bankwest team won with "Captain Colon Cancer" and the slogan, "Let us scope you out." There was also a "Braveheart," a Hulk tearing his shirt and a South Seas honey.

The band Pieces of Eight, including Richard Johnson, Andrew Media and Howard Culver, entertained. The Kiwanis Shack served burgers until 10 p.m., with the Knight of Columbus serving breakfast from 5 to 9 a.m.

During the night, contests and games included bingo, a scavenger hunt, water balloon volleyball, an egg toss, an "alligator tackle" and a sand castle contest.

Linda Rumpel won the alligator

Growers tour test plots

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are too fat for the insect to weaken the stem."

He said it is important not to over seed sunflowers. Over planting makes the flowers compete against each other for moisture and the heads are smaller, he said.

Doug Jardine, K-State plant pathologist, talked about red rust.

"Rust has just started the last seven to 10 days," he said. "It increases exponentially. Treating rust can raise yield up to 20 percent. Rust needs night temperatures from 70 to 80 degrees and free moisture

from rain or dew for six to eight hours."

Goodland High School activity buses transported growers to the test plots. The 4-H Ambassadors served a lunch of hamburgers and chips before the afternoon speakers, including National Sunflower Association President Larry Kleingartner, Bruce Rosken of PepsiCo (Frito Lay, a big sunflower-seed buyer), Mike Williams of Red River Commodities and a representative of U.S. Congressman Jerry Moran from Hays. People got to tour processing facilities after that.

Crossword Puzzle

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CLUES ACROSS

- Turn informer
- Billiard ball receptacle
- Long and boring
- 1972 Tyson & Winfield movie
- Morning
- Information processor
- The Egyptian sun god
- CNN's founder
- Instinctive motives
- Assistance
- Our federal union (abbr.)
- MASH star Kellerman
- Used informally; very small
- Turkish city
- Cord used as a fastener
- Collect large quantities
- Stages of a vegetative ecosystem
- Aside
- ___ contendere, no contest
- Grow weary
- Niches
- A sharp end
- Blackthorns
- Dip lightly into water
- Clairvoyants
- Broadcast on radio
- Deck for divination
- ___ agawea: US dollar coin
- Free from gloss
- ___ Christensen, actress
- Senior military officer
- To the same extent
- Cowboy luggage
- 1/100 liter (abbr.)
- Old LPs
- Rechristened
- ___ Montagu, Am. anthropologist
- Greek prophetesses

CLUES DOWN

- Social rank
- Bane
- Home of Yellowstone
- Spasmodic twitch
- Organ sound
- Organic component of soil
- S.W. Indiana county
- Belonging to us
- The brain and spinal cord (abbr.)
- ___ Lang (country singer)
- Spookiest
- Skilled labor occupations
- Jack who couldn't eat fat
- Stone of King Ezana
- Hybrid between grapefruit and tangerine
- A large sofa
- Cognizance
- Got to one's feet
- Exchanges for money
- Twining perennial plants
- ___ Antoinette, beheaded queen
- ___ Angeles
- Men's tennis tour
- Fake names
- 3 layer fishing net
- Winged fruit
- ___ anelles: Turkish strait
- Taulm ___: bow found by Regis
- Fire iron
- Water burns
- A woman's sleeveless undergarment
- Progressive bodily wasting
- The sun in spanish
- They ___
- Black tropical American cuckoo
- Talk
- Check (chess) (abbr.)
- Belonging to me

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Bids Needs to be turned in no later than August 30, 2007 in the County Clerk's Office.

For more information, contact William McKnight at (785) 821-2298.