



Three of the four members, Devin Mangus (left), Tanner Oharah and Bryan Gray, of the junior quartet sang to Charlene Mangus, Devin's mother, at the last vocal concert of the year for Goodland High School on Monday, May 19, at the high school auditorium. The other member of the quartet is Kade Sheldon.
Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Leave wild babies alone

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They may be cute and irresistible, but Sherman County's wildlife officer urges you to resist the temptation to "help" and just leave baby animals in the wild.

The babies' parents know best, the officer said, and people need to be reminded this time of year not to pick up and pet wild animals.

"We're starting to see a lot of baby animals," said Mike Hopper, Sherman County wildlife conservation

officer, "including snakes, birds, skunks, opossum, deer.

"Unless the animal shows obvious signs of injury, like a broken leg or wing, let its momma or dad take care of it."

If you find an injured animal, Hopper said, call him at 899-5199 or Sherman County dispatch at 890-4575. Don't hesitate to call, he said, day or night, if an animal is injured.

Otherwise, he said, the babies are best cared for by their parents.

Caldwell Ave. to open soon

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Concrete work on the Eighth Street half of the intersection at Caldwell Ave. has been finished and reopened, and the Caldwell sections should be open by next week, city commissioners heard last Monday.

Jerry Nemechek, a technician for Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, the engineers handling the city street projects, asked the commission to approve a change order to add a 16-foot section of concrete on the south side on Caldwell. He said that that would get rid of a patch and a dip south of the planned work.

City Clerk Mary Volk said the cost would come out of the city-county bond issue.

Vice Mayor Josh Dechant, who chairing the meeting, asked about the price and whether the original plan had been to do an extension on the south side.

Nemechek said \$6,900 was a maximum price for the extension. He said the plan originally was to do only three sides, and now this is the fourth. Nemechek said both will be done at the same time.

The commissioners approved the change order 3-0 with Commissioners Annette Fairbanks and John Garcia voting in favor with Dechant.

In other business, the commission:

- Approved a bid from B&H Paving of Scott City for \$49,093 to handle the street sealing project. Rich Simon, public works director, said the Scott City firm does the work and the city buys the oil and the rock, adding that the oil cost has gone up by 21 cents per square yard this year. The other bid was from Hi-Plains Sand of Kanopolis for \$83,365.
- Approved purchase of a 20-foot trailer for the parks department for \$2,085 from Cochran's Farm Supply. Dechant asked if the city had a

trailer, and Simon said they do but that it would only hold one mower. He said the new trailer would allow them to move all the mowers at one time. Other bids were received from Better Built of Grainfield for \$2,150 and Eastern Colorado Sales of Burlington for \$2,550.

- Approved a bid from Tri-State Exterminating for \$81.50 per month to spray city buildings. Dechant asked what the price was last year, and City Manager Wayne Hill said it was \$71.50.

- Approved an ordinance raising court costs in municipal court by \$10, from \$50 to \$60. Judge Leann Taylor said the state is adding \$9 to the court costs beginning in July, and she felt it was easier to round it off to \$10. The commissioners asked what the state would use the money for, and Taylor said the Legislature has passed an increase for the non-judicial salary adjustment fund. The city ordinance will take effect July 1.

- Heard a report from the Planning Commission that it had recommended no change to the ordinance dealing with nonconforming residential houses in commercial zones. The question had been referred to the planning group by the City Commission, based on a request from a homeowner who wanted to replace a home in a commercial zone.

Building Inspector Steve Criswell said the commission held a hearing and discussed all sides of the issue before deciding not to recommend any change.

Garcia asked if the homeowner had been at the hearing and Criswell said no one was there other than the commission members, Hill and a reporter.

Garcia said he felt the planning commission had considered all the options. Thanking the commissioners, Fairbanks said she felt it was a good decision.

Vocal students hold last concert

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High school vocal students sang together as a group for the last time Monday night at the Goodland High School Auditorium, with performances by the Mass Choir, Les Chantes, Mixed Chorale and X-Pressos.

Alexandra Borders, Kaitlyn Lambers, Ashley Archer sang solos with the Black and Gold Choir. Tiffany Wing, Devin Mangus, Kade Sheldon, Taylor McLemore, Callee Warren and Jake Kling sang solos

with the Goodland Mass Choir. Brennan Clouse and McLemore choreographed the number for the X-Pressos.

The freshman quartet and the junior quartet sang their contest numbers which received Is at regional contest and the junior quartet got a I at state. The freshman quartet was not old enough to go to state.

Members of the junior quartet were Tanner Oharah, Brian Gray, Kade Sheldon and Devin Mangus. Members of the freshman quartet were Michael Pettibone, Andrew Shores,

Tyler Jones and Talison Crosby. Les Chantes sang "My Heart will Go On" from the movie "Titanic" with vocal teacher Randy Berls and Oharah singing the men's parts.

Berls thanked the parents for their support of the program and recognized accompanists Nancy Shores, GERALYN PARKER and Renea Reasoner.

The winner of the Margaret Martin Piano Award was Reasoner, who also won the Goodland Music Boosters Scholarship.

Kling won the Music Student

of the Year award and Andrew Philbrick won the Outstanding Choral Music Student of the Year award given by Birkley Barnes for the Goodland Federated Music Club.

Members of the X-Pressos were Amanda Amthor, Julica Bonsall, Ashley Christians, Clouse, Kaitlin Fugleberg, Gray, Chris Irvin, Kling, Mangus, McLemore, Oharah, Philbrick, Dallas Price, Samantha Raymer, Ren Scherling, Courtney Sheldon, Kade Sheldon, Halli Stone, Forrest Trachsel, Warren, Shonna Webster and Wing.

Tickets on sale for Western Plains Chute-Out

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Tickets go on sale on-line Sunday for the Western Plains Chute-Out Professional Bull Riders event on Wednesday, Aug. 6, and organizers asked the Sherman County Economic Development Council on Thursday to help with the cost of the programs.

Randy Whitmore and Jim Weeter attended the council meeting, which had been delayed from Tuesday to Thursday, and asked the group to help them pay for the programs.

Steve West, a council member from Western State Bank, made a motion to contribute \$1,000 to the

event, and it passed unanimously. Weeter said the organizers felt they had budgeted enough for everything, but found the cost on the programs to be about three times the \$5,000 they had figured.

Whitmore said they expect to have a sellout crowd for the event, and are bringing in enough bleachers to bring the total seating at the fairgrounds to about 3,000.

Weeter said they expect to have some top-name bull riders among the 40 who will perform that night. He said the top 10 riders will get a second ride to determine the champion.

He said the group is getting a lot

of support, and believes the Professional Bull Riders, headquartered in Pueblo, Colo., is a good program. He said hockey great Wayne Gretzky and former Denver Broncos quarterback John Elway have become promoters of the program.

Chuck Wilkens, council chairman from Wilkens Truck and Tractor, asked Weeter what was different about this event than the bull riding they have had at the county fair in the past.

Weeter said the previous events were open and anyone could enter, but this one is sanctioned by the PBR and the rules are different. He said there are four levels of events and this one is an Enterprise level, with Ford being the top series.

Whitmore said the arena will be on the track in front of the grandstand and bleachers will add 1,080 seats. He said the organizers will be wearing pink shirts and raising money for the Relay for Life that night.

Nancy Cole, council member and owner of Klip 'N Kurl, said she thought it was a great event and would bring a lot of people to town.

Weeter said the flyers are going out early to make sure people get their chance at the tickets. He said the tickets go on sale on June 1, and will be sold on-line through the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair site.

Steve West, council member from Western State Bank, said he felt the council ought to help, and suggested taking \$1,000 out of the project development fund.

Shelly Thompson, council secretary from Bankwest, said she agreed with giving the group money, but was thinking of \$2,000.

West made the motion to give \$1,000. It was seconded by council member Walt Linthacum of L&W Andrist Insurance and passed unanimously.

correction

In Friday's edition of *The Goodland Star-News*, in an article on the sports page about the Colorado Truck and Tractor Pullers Association, it was incorrectly stated that David Clark, son of Craig Clark, a member of the association, died of multiple sclerosis. He died of muscular dystrophy. This was due to incorrect information given to the paper.

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**Robbie Herman
320 West Webster
St. Frances, KS 67756**



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