

Ice cream, soda shop to open soon

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The chocolate, vanilla, coffee and even peanut-butter ice cream await. Thirty-five flavors of soda are ready. And people keep asking, "When are you going to open?"

Even though Timothy and Amy Isham hoped to open the Vault Creamery, an old-fashioned ice cream and soda shop, on the Fourth of July, and did sell more than 200 soft-serve ice cream cones that day, but they say they'll have to wait a week or two to open full time, as construction took longer than planned.

But once they open their doors, downtown shoppers will have a place to rest their feet, cool off and sip a soda or enjoy a malt.

Downtown workers can even stop in to get a sandwich for lunch, and while they're at it, why not some ice cream for dessert?

Mrs. Isham said she got the idea for the shop when she was walking down Main Avenue one day and realized there was no place she could sit down with her kids and have ice cream and a drink.

To have a place like that on Main, she said, where kids could go after school to get a snack and hang out — that's something the community needs.

The couple were using the north half of their building at 921 Main for Artisan Woodworking, and the south half was empty. And the



Amy Isham pretended to ring up a sale on the 100-year-old brass cash register at the Vault Creamery last week. The register is for decoration, though; the business will be using a modern cash register when it opens in a week or two.

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Ishams knew they wanted to fix the place up anyway.

"We wanted to restore it to its original condition," Mr. Isham said.

"People asking about the soda shop often are thinking of a shop like in the '50s, but what we are going for is more like the turn of

the (20th) century."

"Working on the front of the building," Mrs. Isham said, "we were trying to take it back to what it used to be, the right period."

There will be eight flavors of hard ice cream, Mrs. Isham said, along with vanilla, chocolate and twist soft-serve. The 35 flavors of sodas will be mixed by hand, one glass at a time.

The store will provide seating indoors and outside, she said, where people can enjoy banana splits, shakes, malts and sundaes. "No-sugar-added" ice cream will be available, she said, as well as sandwiches, chips and smoothies.

There will be special sizes of cones and drinks for kids, Mrs. Isham said, adding they are trying to accommodate the little ones.

"We have three of our own," she said.

The restroom will have two toilets and two sinks, Mr. Isham said, sized for adults and for children. Parents often get tired of holding their kids up to reach the sink, he said.

The Ishams have a daughter, 6, and sons, 4 and 2. Friends have volunteered their help with construction, they said, and Jan Wilson, a retired teacher, did a lot of the painting.

The shop will be open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and customers won't be kicked out at 9. The shop will have seven part-time employees, the couple said.

Shooting shows danger of hunting illegally

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The prosecuting attorney in a case involving a deadly hunting accident said he hopes hunters learn from the incident, and Sherman County's wildlife conservation officer agrees, saying the incident could just as easily have happened here.

Jurors convicted Theron Thomas Kent, 57, Topeka, of involuntary manslaughter, hunting without permission and criminal discharge of a firearm in the Dec. 15 death of 18-year-old Beau Arndt.

An article in the June 30 edition of *The Emporia Gazette* said the jurors deliberated for about three hours Thursday, June 26, in Lyon County District Court before rendering the verdict.

The state charged that Kent fired a rifle shot into the field at Roads 310 and D, where Arndt and two friends were hidden in blinds next to a flock of goose decoys. Kent said he was firing at a coyote, but the shot hit Arndt, killing him.

"It's illegal to just drive down the road and shoot at migratory birds," said Mike Hopper, wildlife conservation officer for Sherman, Cheyenne and Wallace counties. "He claims he was shooting at coyotes, then why was he shooting at goose decoys?"

He also shouldn't have been shooting onto private land without permission, Hopper said; unfortunately a life was lost because of illegal hunting. If he had been an ethical, law-abiding hunter, Hop-

per said, this would never have happened.

"We have the same problem in northwest Kansas," he said, "and this case shows someone could be hurt here — or worse."

People argue about the gun issue, he said, but it wasn't the gun that killed him — it was the action of someone who didn't want to comply with society's rules.

The man shouldn't have been shooting from a vehicle, Hopper said, or hunting on someone else's land without permission. He shouldn't have taken that shot, and once it was fired, he couldn't take it back.

Hunters need to know their target and what lies behind, he said, and they need to obey the law. Hunting

regulations are there for everybody's safety," he said. "There are reasons why the law reads as it does."

The laws are there for wildlife management, ethics and safety, Hopper said.

"It's just a horrible case," the article quoted Lyon County Attorney Marc Goodman as saying after the verdicts were read. "It's unfortunate that we have to enact laws for something we think people would understand without the necessity of putting a statute's name on it."

He said he hopes hunters learn a lesson from the incident.

"On behalf of Beau," Goodman said, "maybe anyone thinking of hunting or using a firearm illegally might learn something from this, especially in rural areas. I hope so."

City raised court costs from \$50 to \$60 July 1

City court costs raised by \$10 effective on July 1, and a revised ordinance approved on Monday — on a 3-2 vote — keeps that increase in place with more of the money going into the city general fund.

The commission approved an

ordinance changing municipal court costs to keep more of the money in the general fund rather than sending \$9 to the state. Municipal Judge Leann Taylor said the original ordinance the city had passed two months ago was a raise of \$10, with

\$9 of it to go to the state courts, but she said Monday the city was not being asked to fund the state courts.

Taylor said she had reread the state law, and then had Jeff Mason, city attorney, recheck what she had found.

"I originally thought we had to do the increase to help pay for the district courts, but on further reading it appears that cities are not required to pay this additional fee," Taylor said.

She said the revised ordinance left the \$10 increase in place, and the difference would go into the city general fund. The raise takes the municipal court fee from \$50 up to \$60, effective July 1, she said.

Mayor Billinger asked why it had been increased, adding that he must have missed the meeting when it was

approved. City Manager Wayne Hill said it was up to the commission; the court fees did not have to be raised.

City Commissioner Dave Daniels said it was something that had been voted on a couple of months ago.

Billinger asked how much was collected in court fees last year and Taylor said it was about \$9,000 at the \$50 amount.

Daniels made the motion seconded by Commissioner Josh Dechant and Commissioner Annette Fairbanks joined to vote in favor while Billinger and Commissioner John Garcia voted against. Billinger said he voted against because he did not see a reason to increase the court fees. Garcia said he voted No because the city does not have to pay the \$9 to the state.

correction

In the identification under the photo of a Goodland Slammerteam member, on Page 10 of the Tuesday, July 8 edition of *The Goodland Star-News*, sliding into home, the

runner was identified incorrectly as Gabby Rangel. The runner was actually Megan Siruta. This was a reporting error.

clarification

An article in the Tuesday, July 1, edition of *The Goodland Star-News* about the Goodland Arts Council's yard and garden tour may have left readers thinking only 15 people attended, while there were actually about 50 people involved in the event. The fund raiser included carriage rides provided by Jack Eisenbart, which were available to tour participants and others.

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Former resident shot in the back

A former Goodland man who lives in Burlington remains in serious but stable condition at St. Anthony's Central Hospital in Denver after being shot in the back with a shot gun early Friday morning and two Burlington men have been charged.

Joel Purvis, 37, — known as J.D. — was shot in the back by a shot gun apparently fired accidentally said Burlington Police on Wednesday.

Michael Rogers, 33, turned himself in around noon on Friday, and has been charged with first degree assault.

Jerome Humrich, 34, had been picked up a few hour earlier, and has been charged with prohibited use of a weapon and reckless endangerment. Both charges are misdemeanors.

Burlington Police Investigator Barry Romans said he obtained a warrant and searched Purvis' home where he collected evidence in the case.

Both men were released on bond this week after being advised of the charges.

A spokesperson at St. Anthony Central in Denver said Thursday Purvis remains in serious but stable condition. The spokesperson said he had been able to talk to family members.

Purvis is a son of Tom and Patti Purvis of Goodland, and his brother Tracy works for S&T Communications.

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