

Boy Scouts get new face

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Matt Stuchlik is all about the movement. The Scouting movement, that is.

Since starting his job June 1, Stuchlik, the 23-year-old district executive of the Buffalo Bill and Wheatland districts of the Coronado Area Council, says he has been doing all he can to familiarize himself with the people in the regions. This is no easy task, considering that he has 12 counties to cover for the Boy Scouts of America.

"I have been at it for four or five months," Stuchlik said. "I hope to build an awareness of Scouting. People want more Scouting presence here. I want to be here as much as I can."

Stuchlik, who lives in Hays, said he tries to be in the Buffalo District — Thomas, Rawlins, Cheyenne, Logan, Sherman and Wallace counties and part of Gove — two days a week. Wheatland covers Trego, Rooks, Osborne, Russell and Ellis counties and the

east half of Gove.

"I'm trying to build relationships out here," he said, adding that he tries not to neglect any part of the community.



Stuchlik

Stuchlik has made some headway in Colby when it comes to meeting with local business leaders. He said he has visited Farm Credit, Stramel Law Firm and Palace Drug Store recently, for example.

"I'm doing the best I can with time I have," he added.

The council, representing the Boy Scouts in all of northwest and northcentral Kansas, is trying to raise enough money to hire a part-time district executive who lives in the Buffalo District. This person would only serve the people out in the far west area, Stuchlik said.

But until they raise the necessary cash, Stuchlik will continue making his rounds. He said he wants to build a solid base in the district, so if a person is hired, he will have something to build off of.

Department monitoring company

The Kansas Insurance Department is following up on consumer inquiries and monitoring the legal issues surrounding the receivership of Brooke Corp. and its insurance affiliates, said Sandy Praeger, commissioner of insurance.



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Commissioner Praeger said the department is working with the corporation's appointed special master and staff regarding contractual concerns between the corporation and its franchisees. The insurance department does not have regulatory oversight in those contractual matters, she said.

However, Praeger said that customers who paid premiums to those agents and agencies are considered to have coverage.

"Our consumer assistance, legal,

financial surveillance, producers (agents/company) and antifraud divisions ... continue to receive phone calls regarding the Brooke situation," Praeger said. "There are many concerns from Brooke agents regarding their contractual issues and inquiring about their clients' well-being."

"We want consumers to know that we will advocate for policyholders in every instance that we can. We are proceeding with the consider-

ation that policyholders have insurance in force."

Brooke, an Overland Park-based company with operations in almost half the states, operates an insurance agency franchise business, along with several related corporations. Lawsuits filed by financial institutions against Brooke concern loan contracts. A federal judge gave former Jackson County, Mo., prosecutor Albert Riederer control of Brooke on Monday, Sept. 15. Riederer is acting as a special master in handling Brooke business and dealing with lawsuits filed concerning loan agreements with banks.

"Those Brooke lawsuits deal

with contractual issues that are not part of the insurance department's regulatory authority," Praeger said. "Mr. Riederer has met with our department personnel here in our office and, through weekly calls, is keeping us posted on activities. We have always reminded him that premiums for policyholders were first priority and should be forwarded to the insurance carriers."

"We will step in as needed when our regulatory control allows us," Praeger said.

The Kansas Insurance Department assists and educates consumers, regulates and reviews companies and licenses agents selling insurance in the state. More about the department is online at www.ksinsurance.org.

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Junior high starts candy sales

Grant Junior High students will be starting their annual candy sale on Thursday after school and will run it until they run out of the candy.

They will be selling chocolate covered almonds, chocolate almond bars, mint melt-a-ways and caramel whirls. Each item is \$2.

The money raised will be used for student movie passes at Christmas, mini course expenses, spring clean expenses, popcorn party for perfect attendance at conferences, meals for Kansas Music Educators Association band trip, new student meals, pizza party for the top three

teacher advisory groups and the top 15 candy sellers, prizes for candy sellers and treats following the radio show.

The students have been selling the candy for more than 13 years, said Principal Steve Raymer.

Magic show on tap for Sunday at Hoxie High School Auditorium

In keeping with the time of the year the Eric Vaughn Magic Revue will have a magic and illusion show at 2 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Sunday at Hoxie High School Auditorium. The Western Plains Arts Association is sponsoring the show.

Vaughn will perform amazing illusions including a famous Houdini escape, hilarious audience participation tricks and his assistant Kelly will do a rope escape routine.

Adding to the show will be Squeaky, "The Amazing Chihuahua," who will steal the show with

his outlandish antics.

Admission is by association season ticket or \$10 for adults and \$5 for students at the door.

Western Plains Arts Association brings programs to the northwest part of Kansas. Programs can include bands, orchestras, ballets, theater, acrobats, western groups, bluegrass, rock and roll and magic acts.

They schedule performances for are school kids and the towns of Goodland, Colby, Sharon Springs, Hoxie, Atwood, Oakley, Quinter and Oberlin.



Vaughn

Club waiting till spring for grass

The Goodland Baseball Club had received a bid to install sod and a sprinkler system for the infield at Memorial Field.

It has been recommended that the grass and sprinkler system be done after the 2009 summer season. That will give the sod time to root

properly and be ready for the 2010 season.

The group also is interested in planting a windbreak around the field. If anyone is planning on moving healthy evergreen, blue spruce or pine trees off of their property, the club would like to have the trees.

The group is accepting donation for this project. For questions, call Roxann Kling at (785) 899-5011, John Dautel at 899-3444, Gary Smith at 899-6166 or any other Goodland Baseball Club member.

matters of record

Marriage Licenses

The following marriage licenses have been issued by the Sherman County District Court:

Brian Lee Bauman of Goodland and Brooke Michelle Jensen of Kanorado.

Rodney G. Blake and Sharmis L. Emig, both of Goodland.

Kerlin James Morgan and Angel Ann Brown-Corke, both of Goodland.

Divorces
The following divorces have been granted by the Sherman County District Court:

Randal S. Hazel and Sena K. Hazel, both of Goodland.

Jeffrey W. Gray and Tanya L. Gray, both of Sherman County.

Benjamin W. Bliss and Marilyn S. Bliss, both of Goodland

Real Estate

The following real estate transactions have been reported by the Sherman County register of deeds:

Ethel Chesnutt, formerly known as Ethel Murray, to John Patterson and Denise Patterson of Thomas County a tract in the N/2 of the SE/4 of Sec. 19, T8S, R39W.

Sharmis Emig quit claims to Tara B. Schultz, Tess B. Schultz and Tatum B. Schultz Lots 16, 17 and 18 and the W15' of the S93.33' of Lot 19, Block 77, Original Town of Goodland.

Stanley R. Krien, executor of the estate of Dean Krien, also known as Charles D. Krien, to Danny L. Krien the SW/4 of Sec. 16, T6S, R40W; and the NE/4 of Sec. 5, T6S, R40W.

Susan Phillips and Weldon Phillips, wife and husband, and Diana Heble and Alleyn Heble, wife and husband, to Bryan Varney and Lisa Varney Lots 10 and 11, Block 70, Original Town of Goodland.

B.E. Whalen and Marietta L. Whalen, trustees of the Marietta L. Whalen Revocable Trust, to Randy Zimmerman Lot 19, Block 65, Original Town of Goodland, 1111 Main.

George T. West of Ellsworth County to Brett M. McQuitty the W65' of Lot 7 and the W65' of the S/2 of Lot 8, Block 46, Beahm's Addition to Goodland.

Sherman County Sheriff Kevin Butts to Federal National Mortgage Association the N65' of Lot 13,

Block 1, Eastridge Subdivision of Academy Addition to Goodland, foreclosed property of Robert L. Woodrow and Brandy K. Woodrow.

Eddie Don Bowen and Linda Dian Bowen, trustees of the Bowen Family Trust, to Ashley Bowen of New Orleans the NE/4 of Sec. 27, T8S, R42W, except all oil, gas and other minerals and mineral rights.

Melton Lynn Durham quit claims to Debra A. Durham Lots 10 and 11, Block 36, Second Addition to Goodland.

Walter N. Adams and Elizabeth B. Adams convey and warrant to Sherman County Lots 17, 18, 19 and 20 and the S15' of Lot 21, Block 17, C.K.&N. Addition to Goodland.

Marjorie Van Vleet quit claims to Dennis Van Vleet, Linda Van Vleet, Barbara Waldman and Margaret Beierle the S70' of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 11, First Addition to Goodland.

Randy Zimmerman to Jeffrey R. McCully Lot 19, Block 65, Original Town of Goodland.

Robert E. Helderman and Penny L. Helderman quit claims to Jose Aguirre Jr. and Olevia Pena, husband and wife, Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block 15, Rules First Addition to Kanorado.

David E. Reuter conveys and warrants to Richard E. Short and Sarah Short the N/2 of Sec. 16, T8S, R40W, minus a tract.

Duane E. Harper and Sharon L. Harper convey and warrant to Jesus Balderas and Rosalba Balderas a tract in the SW/4 of Sec. 19, T8S, R39W.

Lonny Lee Kear Jr. and Jodie A. Kear to Robert D. Chapman Lots 8 and 9, Block 83, Original Town of Goodland.

G. Jean Smith-Richers, individually and as the trustee of the G. Jean Smith Revocable Living Trust, to Carl R. Clark, Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustee for a bankruptcy case filed by Kenneth Herman Richers and Gloria Jean Richers, Lots 7, 8 and 9, Block 34, Second Addition to Goodland.

Joffre McClung, successor trustee of the Peggy D. McClung Revocable Trust, of Fort Worth, Texas, to Joffre McClung and Andrea McClung of Dallas the SE/4 of Sec. 34, T7S, R42W; and the SE/4 of Sec. 36, T10S, R40W.

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