

New face at helm of Churches Thrift Store

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The Goodland Churches Thrift Store has a new face at the helm, Jim Powell. Powell moved to Goodland three months ago and started at the thrift store shortly after.

Powell said that Jo Simmons is a tough act to follow. Some of the ideas he is implementing are things he talked about with her.

He is in the process of moving departments around in the store and separating the men's and women's clothing.

"I want to stabilize pricing so that people can afford what they need," Powell said. "We had a lot of clothing on hand especially women's clothing."

He said the warehouse was over full and that it has been thinned down 30 percent by donating items to other charities, having garage sales and running sales. Powell said he doesn't want to sell junk. The appliances need to work and the clothing needs to be in good shape.

Powell wants to rotate the stock on a schedule keeping it fresh.

We are planning a sack sale around Thursday, Nov. 27, he said, to reduce stock to get ready for the Christmas Shoppe that will be the second week of December. Kids Christmas will be on Saturday, Dec. 13. Powell said he is working on a website.

Powell has three sons, Ryan, Jaden and Kendrick. He said that Ryan, 18, stayed in the Modesto, California area. Jaden and Kend-



New Goodland Churches Thrift Store manager Jim Powell moved toys to their new location at the front of the store. Employees have been rearranging the store to put the men and boys clothing on one side and the women and girls on the other. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

rich, 20, moved with him. Powell said his wife is dead.

He said he taught school for 22 years in California. The various subjects he taught were algebra, geometry, biology, calculus, trigonometry and culinary arts. When the school district he taught in ran into money problems his job disappeared.

Besides being raised in Coffeyville he said that he liked the strong tradition of individuality that the people of Kansas have and wanted to get his family out of California. The cost of living is also not as high.

"It doesn't matter what your background or your face is, it is who you are," he said.

Powell said that Jaden is a freshman at Fort Hays State University of Hays but he is home a bunch because he has only one traditional on-campus class with the rest being online. Jaden is a business administration major. Next semester Jaden will be considered an instate student and Powell said that will help his finances. Kendrick has learning disabilities but is a terrific organizer.

He said what he likes about working at the thrift store is the people and the volunteers.

"The customers are loyal and come from all walks of life," he said. The board has been supportive.

"Our store is the number one recycling center," Powell said.

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John P. Winne, 72, Overland Park, \$141 for unlawful parking.

Sept. 1: Stephanie A. McNicol, 19, Parker, Colo., \$192 for speeding, 93/70.

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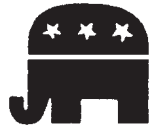
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