

# Council hears project updates

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In her monthly report Dobbs said the contract is up on the two cell phones a former director had purchased and she was recommending the council cancel the two phones. She said she does not use them, and the cost is \$79 per month.

Council members discussed whether to keep the phone in case a new director is hired in the next month, but decided to cancel the phones at this time.

Dobbs said the county has a cell phone program the council might use if a need is determined in the future.

Dobbs asked to hire a part time person to help in the office, but the council decided to table that for a month to see if a director is hired.

Dobbs said the copier in the office is beginning to leave a black line on the pages, and that Derrick Leiker of High Plains Office Supply, said

it may need to be replaced in the future. Dobbs said the copier is about 7 years old

She said applications for the Business and Housing Grants will be reviewed by the committee next week. She said the office received two applications from businesses and 17 for housing.

Dobbs said she met with Sherman County Commissioners and Micro-Loan Committee. A micro loan for the bowling alley was approved and the money to fix the roof has been delivered. She toured the bowling alley to see progress, and said the plan is to open the bowling alley in a few weeks. She said they are doing some painting and finishing the kitchen.

The council members discussed potential names of a person to fill a vacancy, and said they had a couple who have indicated interest and will bring this up at the March meeting to make a decision.

# Census forms coming in mid-March

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Robert M. Groves director of the U.S. Census Bureau

“The advance letter we send before the questionnaire packet is an attempt to politely announce the forthcoming request to complete the census form. It functions to ask the household to be on the watch for the package when it comes. It functions to verify that the upcoming request will be a legitimate one from the official agency conducting the 2010 Census.

“Years of research have shown higher percentages of people receiving the mail questionnaire return a completed form after they receive the advance letter compared to those who receive merely the census form with a simultaneous request to return it. Every 1 percent of the U.S. households that return a completed questionnaire will save \$85 million in taxpayer money that would have to be spent sending people out to interview households in person. The research is clear the advance letter can save money for all of us.

“The advance letter is a way for us to protect the American public from any scams that use the census to exploit people. The scam artists don’t take the time, nor do they exercise the courtesy that we do, to alert the households of an upcoming request.”

City Manager Doug Gerber said

he knows the census numbers are important for the city in looking to the future. He said having as high a count as possible will help the city when applying for state and federal money.

The census representative for western Kansas, Lech A. Wisniewski, said some people are concerned about giving the information to the government, but he said it is information held in confidence and filling out the form is required under the provision in the constitution.

He said census workers will knock on the doors of houses where forms have not been returned several times in an attempt to collect the information. He said the effort will continue through the spring until July.

Census data is released to the President and Congress in December, and to the public, but the data does not give out any individual information. The census data is to be delivered to the states by March of next year for redistricting purposes.

Wisniewski said each 10-year census data base is kept confidential for a period of 72 years before it is released. Once released the information can be researched for genealogy and historical purposes. The most recent census data base released to the public was from 1930, and it will be 2012 before the 1940 census data is released.

# Women in Technology planned at Northwest Tech

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for evaluating automotive and vehicle damage.

Barbara Nash, from Olathe, a commercial pilot, artist and flight instructor, and chair of the Kansas Film Commission will be a guest and Michele Weigand, chief investment officer, for the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation from Topeka.

We hope these innovative and industrious women will be motivat-

ing to the participants and attendees of the day as they are all three quite accomplished in their fields said Dr. Ed Mills, Northwest Tech president.

This day is open to all female high school students, women in the area and anyone interested in attending this event. To register for a fun-filled day with entertaining speakers, you may call 1-800-316-4127 or email marilyn.hefner@nwktc.edu. Register by Friday. There is no charge for this day.

Classifieds work!

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# FUN BY THE NUMBERS

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# Masons ham and beans feed for scholarships



The Goodland Masons had their ham and bean feed on Monday night to raise money for their scholarships. The two on the right are Goodland High School students Tyler Jones and Brandon Fulcher who have been in the Shrine Bowl Band. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

# Attorney General candidate tours area

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Ralph De Zago says he's seeking the Republican nomination for Kansas attorney general because he doesn't think the position should be used as a stepping stone to bigger jobs.

The 61-year-old Herington lawyer, during a tour of northwest Kansas Monday, said he doesn't like it when attorneys general uses the position to push their own political and social agendas. De Zago said the attorney general has a responsibility to enforce laws, not create them. He cited Vern Miller, who served in the 1970s, as someone who enforced the state's laws, even if he personally didn't agree with them.



De Zago

former district judge, took over the job in 2008 after Paul Morrison resigned in the midst of a sex scandal involving a former colleague he had an affair with. She later accused him of sexual harassment and legal misconduct. De Zago said Six really hadn't been in office long enough for him to criticize him.

An attorney general needs to have four kinds of experience, De Zago said: working in an attorney general's office, running an office of lawyers, working in criminal law and having run an office within a

larger organization. De Zago said he worked for former Attorney General Phil Kline from 2003 to 2007, served in the Army and held leadership posts from 1971 to 1975, was a trial lawyer for 28 years, serving as a prosecutor and a defense lawyer, and ran an office of 10 lawyers and a support staff for 16 years while he was the chief public defender for north-central Kansas. He is currently the city prosecutor for Junction City.

During his time in the attorney general's office, he said, he wrote opinions and defended state agencies against lawsuits. De Zago said the agency he spent the most time

defending was the Department of Corrections. He said he handled thousands of cases from misdemeanors to murders during his 28 years as a trial lawyer.

De Zago said he spent the first 23 years of his life in New York City. He was an officer in the Army, serving as a platoon leader, company executive officer, company commander and staff officer in the division support command of the 1st Infantry Division. De Zago received an honorable discharge and went on to get a master's degree from Kansas State University in 1977 and a law degree from the University of Kansas in 1981.

# Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1. Frank McCourt's "Angela's \_\_\_"
  - 6. Snail-mailed, say
  - 10. Turns down, in a way
  - 14. Try to clear the bar
  - 15. Ox team's burden
  - 16. Skip past
  - 17. Phil Silvers's TV sergeant
  - 19. One of the Ephrons
  - 20. Vitamin-bottle fig.
  - 21. Surface calculation
  - 22. Futz around
  - 24. Felt excited
  - 26. \_\_\_ Valley (Reagan Library site)
  - 27. Jed Clampett's find
  - 28. Showered with TLC
  - 32. Howard of satellite radio
  - 35. It's chopped liver
  - 36. "Dumb" comics girl
  - 37. Didn't give way
  - 38. Christmas Club member
  - 39. They "try harder"
  - 40. Double Stuff brand
  - 41. Take, as advice
  - 42. Word accompanying a slap
  - 43. Long-distance trucker's route, maybe
  - 45. Browne who created Hägar
  - 46. Hockey heavy
  - 47. Trouser that resembles a skirt
  - 51. PTA part
  - 54. Venetian blind part
  - 55. Guffaw syllable
  - 56. Run \_\_\_ (go berserk)

## Knockout Endings

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- 57. Fugitive in a 1937 French movie
- 60. "Check this out!"
- 61. Imitative sort
- 62. \_\_\_ up (rose on the hind legs)
- 63. Flying "A" competitor of old
- 64. Set of antlers
- 65. Dope's lack
- 10. 2001 Jake Gyllenhaal title role
- 11. Reassurance after a fall
- 12. Mucky stuff
- 13. Walk of Fame implant
- 18. Belgian tunesmith Jacques
- 23. Little devil
- 25. Michael Douglas's "Wall Street" role
- 26. Filled beyond full
- 28. Unlike a dirt road
- 29. Go from pillar to post
- 30. Largest dwarf planet
- 31. Sprinter's event
- 32. "Scram, fly!"
- 33. U. of Maryland athlete
- 34. "Waiting for the Robert \_\_\_"
- 35. Hymn of praise
- 38. Score a 72, perhaps
- 42. Oil-change needs
- 44. "Apollo 13" director Howard
- 45. Like a Jekyll-Hyde personality
- 47. Bob Cratchit's job
- 48. Androcles extracted one
- 49. Makes off with
- 50. Decrease, as popularity
- 51. Like some ales
- 52. Andy's cohort, in old radio
- 53. Outback hoppers
- 54. Blueprint detail, for short
- 58. Clean Water Act org.
- 59. Fannie or Ginnie follower

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