

Eye cornea donors help save sight of 272 in Kansas

Last year 272 Kansans escaped a lifetime of blindness thanks to the generosity of eye donors — including three from Goodland — and the work of Heartland Lions Eye Banks.

Because of each donor’s remarkable gift, sight was saved for those suffering from an ocular disease, disorder or injury, said Dr. Ron Walkenbach, executive director of the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation.

Patricia, a cornea recipient said, “I don’t know what I would have done without my donors. Who knows how many more years I would have been able to function without the surgery. Their gift means everything to me.”

“Receiving the gift of sight from a corneal transplant is truly an amazing gift that many can give as an eye tissue donor. Heartland Lions Eye Banks is proud to work together with Goodland Regional Medical Center and the Goodland community to help provide corneal tissue for those in need of this sight restoring procedure,” said Linda Conyac, Hays Eye Bank branch manager.

Conyac has worked for the Eye Bank since 1998 and has been a Certified Eye Bank Technician since 1999. She has a Masters of Science degree in Communication from Fort Hays State University.

Last year 607 Kansas residents, including three patients from Goodland Regional Medical Center, donated the gift of sight through the Eye Bank.

March is National Eye Donor Month, and the Heartland Lions Eye Bank — in its 50th year of saving

sight — encourages Goodland-area residents to join the organization as Partners in Donation by pledging to become eye, organ and tissue donors.

If you are older, have poor eyesight, or are afflicted with a non-communicable illness, eye donation may still be a viable option, Conyac said.

Kansas residents can pledge to be eye, organ and tissue donors in one of two ways, Conyac said. You can visit www.mwtn.org/html/admin/donorregistry.pdf to download, print and complete the donor registration form or you can indicate your donation wishes when renewing or obtaining a Kansas driver’s license.

Heartland Lions Eye Banks is a division of the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation, a not-for-profit organization with the mission to preserve and restore the sight of people. Since its founding, the Heartland Lions Eye Bank has helped give the gift of sight to more than 33,000 people in the U.S. Approximately 46,000 people received a corneal transplant from an eye bank last year, and the Heartland Lions Eye Bank did 2,770 transplant surgeries last year.

The Eye Bank operates eight branches throughout Kansas, Missouri and Illinois with headquarters in Columbia, Mo. The Eye Bank is one of the five largest eye banks in the U.S. and offers high quality donor cornea tissue to transplant surgeons. The Eye Bank is committed to research for causes and cures for eye diseases.

For more information, please visit www.hleeb.org.

25 years of history coming to and end

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projects, the unit expanded the very small motor pool area by 9,600 square feet, and added power disconnects on the back side of the building so mobile shop trailers could be powered in June, 1994.

A few months later, in September, the unit again provided support in the form of tools, equipment and manpower to install playground equipment at Central School.

Storm Shelters staffed by the unit included: April, 10, 1995, which accommodated 111 stranded motorists, March 23, 1996, which accommodated 82 stranded motorists at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, March 12, 1999, which housed 21 stranded motorists, Nov. 11-12, 2000, which housed 18 stranded motorists, March 24-25, 2002, which housed 160 stranded motorists, Nov. 1-2, 2005, which housed 3 stranded motorists and Nov. 27-29, 2005, which housed 207 stranded motorists.

Since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, 34 unit members have deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Of these 34, one, Sgt. Derrick J. Lutters, was killed in ac-

tion, 2 others received the Purple Heart for wounds and 10 received the Combat Action Badge for directly engaging or being engaged by enemy forces.

In November the Kansas Adjutant General announced 18 armories would be closed due to state budget short-falls, and on Dec. 11, the official list, including the Goodland armory, was made public.

The armory was emptied between Jan. 18 and 29, with the last piece of unit equipment (copying machine) removed on March 3. A Storm Spotter’s Training session was conducted on March 4 as the last official event. This annual training event has been held at the armory since 1993.

SSgt. Reasoner, the last Goodland unit administrator, has been working out of the Colby armory since March 1.

At the time the consolidation of the Goodland unit moving to Colby was taking place, one unit member was deployed to Iraq and 9 others — including SSgt. Reasoner — had started training to deploy with another unit scheduled for Iraq late this fall.

matters of record

Municipal Court

These are cases decided by the Goodland Municipal Court:

Feb. 24: Monica A. O’Brien, disorderly conduct, fined \$160. Omar H. Salazar, battery - simple,

fined \$260.

Gary L. Searle, Jr., disorderly conduct, fined \$160.

Alysha K. Tadlock, parking vehicle without current registration, fined \$100.



Inside work continues at house

Carpentry students from Northwest Tech continue to move ahead on the “green” house project on Center Ave. Last week the students were texturing the walls (right) and working on some finishing touches for the ceiling in the kitchen area (top photo). Bryant Nemechek (holding the piece in place) said the next steps will be to start putting in the fixtures and items in the design plans of the high school decorating class working with Sara Short. Photos by Tom Betz The Goodland Star-News



CONTRACT MOWER WANTED

The City of Goodland is accepting bids for contract mowing services for the 2010 season. Interested individuals must be at least 18 years of age and carry a minimum of \$1,000,00,000 in liability insurance. The individual must be able to work on an “as needed” basis with the City when contracted to mow specific properties. Bid Specifications can be picked up at City Hall at 204 West 11th Street. Please submit your bid to the Planning Director/Building Official’s Office at City Hall by March 25, 2010 at 10:00 AM. Bids should be based on an hourly rate. Bids will be opened on March 25, 2010 at 11:00 AM. Bid award will take place at the following Commission Meeting, April 5, 2010. The City of Goodland is an E.O.E.



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General Notice to Control Noxious Weeds

The Kansas Noxious Weed Law K.S.A. 2-1314 et seq requires all persons who own or supervise land in Kansas to control and eradicate all weeds declared noxious by legislative action. The weeds declared noxious are: field bindweed, musk thistle, johnson grass, bur ragweed, Canada thistle, sericea lespedeza, leafy spurge, hoary cress, quack grass, russian knapweed, kudzu and pignut. Bull thistle and Multiflora Rose is/are County Option Noxious Weed/Weeds declared noxious by the Board of County Commissioners of Sherman County. Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to every person who owns or supervises land in Sherman County that noxious weeds growing or found on such land shall be controlled and eradicated. Control is defined as preventing the production of viable seed and the vegetative spread of the plant.

Failure to observe this notice may result in the County:

1. Serving a legal notice requiring control of the noxious weeds within a minimum of five days. Failure to control the noxious weeds within the time period allowed may result in the county treating the noxious weeds at the landowners expense and placing a lien on the property if the bill is not paid within 30 days or,
2. filing criminal charges for non-compliance. Conviction for non-compliance may result in a fine of \$100 per day of non-compliance with a maximum fine of \$1,500.00.

The public is also hereby notified that it is a violation of the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to barter, sell or give away infested nursery stock or livestock feed unless the feed is fed on the farm where grown or sold to a commercial processor that will destroy the viability of the noxious weed seed. Custom harvesting machines must be labeled with a label provided by the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture and must be free of all weed seed and litter when entering the State and when leaving a field infested with noxious weeds. Additional information may be obtained from the Sherman County Noxious Weed Department or by contacting the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture, 109 S.W. 9th, Topeka, KS 66612.

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