

# Man starts chamber for non-profit groups

By Ron Wilson

*Director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University* “Let’s go to the Chamber office.” That statement makes me think of our local Chamber of Commerce, which is a very important association of businesses in our community. But what if there was a similar association of non-profit organizations in our community? What if there was a chamber - not of commerce, but of service? That innovative idea is now being implemented right here in Kansas.

Perry Schuckman is the executive director of a relatively new organization in south central Kansas called the Non-Profit Chamber of Service. Perry has been the executive di-

rector ever since the organization began five years ago.

Perry is a Kansan with truly rural roots. He came from the Gove/Ness County area, south of the town of Park - population 148 people. Now, that’s rural.

His family moved to Hutchinson and he went to San Jose State and then got a master’s degree in public administration with a certificate in non-profit management from Wichita State. Perry saw an ad seeking a director of a homeless shelter in San Francisco, applied, and got the job. He grew that organization from a staff of five to a multi-faceted service organization with a staff of 95 and 1,000 volunteers. But when his mother fell into ill health, Perry moved back to Kansas in 2004.

During this time, Sedgwick County government had asked

Wichita State’s Hugo Wall School and the Center for Community Support and Research to study the delivery of public services by non-profit agencies. After a lot of work, that study led to the creation of a new organization called the Non-Profit Chamber of Service - the first of its kind in Kansas.

The Articles of Incorporation were adopted in 2005 and the organization hired its first executive director: Perry Schuckman.

Perry said, “There are up to 1,400 non-profits in the Wichita area. This is a way to get them together and help them share ideas and best practices.”

Just like our Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Service is a dues-based membership organization. Members include not-for-profit organizations ranging

from A to Z - or at least from Abstinence Education to Youthville. This includes many social service agencies, including faith-based, government, and volunteer-led entities, plus theaters and museums like the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame and Wichita Art Museum. There are also a number of businesses and individuals who join as associate members. The Chamber is helping these non-profit organizations grow and succeed, through training, networking and advocacy.

For example, Perry spoke of Agape Care Cradle. This was started by a perinatal nurse who saw the heartbreak of families which had premature babies who could not survive. Of course, it is a tragic and tumultuous time in those families’ lives. The nurse created this service to help those families in those times

of loss. The Non-Profit Chamber of Service helped this nurse develop this project from a glimmer of an idea to an active service organization that is helping three to four families per month.

The Non-Profit Chamber offers various types of training, such as board member responsibilities, evaluating executive directors, understanding financial statements, recruiting volunteers and many more. The Chamber also hosts networking events such as a garden party in the spring.

Thanks to a grant from the Kansas Health Foundation, the Non-Profit Chamber of Service is expanding to include 10 counties from Salina down to the Oklahoma border. The Kansas Health Foundation will pay 50 percent of the dues for non-profit organizations outside Sedgwick

County. This has helped the Non-Profit Chamber of Service expand to nearly 200 members, and it has served some 300 non-profit organizations.

“It is exciting to see the diversity of non-profit organizations that are involved,” Perry said. “This is important, fun, and engaging work.”

For more information, go to [www.nonprofitchamberks.org](http://www.nonprofitchamberks.org).

It’s time to leave the Chamber office - no, not the Chamber of Commerce, the Non-Profit Chamber of Service. We commend Perry Schuckman and all the volunteers involved with this chamber for making a difference by encouraging best practices among these non-profit organizations. For them, it is a real service.

## matters of record

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

### Marriages

Marcos Antonio Ricky DeLeon and Brittney Nikole Culwell, Pampa, Texas.

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Hector Sarinana and Crystal Bueno, Goodland.

Justin Edward Burgess, Gering, Nebraska, and Christina Ann Noffsinger, Goodland.

Matthew Allen Wahl, Martin, Michigan, and Julia Grace Baird, Goodland.

Damon Wesley Rickard and Jenny Lynn McClellan, Goodland. Jerrod Davis Burk and Misty

Dawn Milke, Goodland.

Brock Delane Lohr, Pittsburg, Kansas, and Emily Anne Murray, Goodland.

### Divorces

Virgil R. Baumfalk, Sherman

County, and Jackie L. Baumfalk, Larimer County, Colo.

John G. Nichols, Warwick, Virginia, and Rebekah D. Nichols, Sherman County.

Robert A. Juleson and Lori Ann

Juleson, Sherman County.

Steven C. Johnson, Sherman County, and Julie Johnson, Douglas County, Wisconsin.

Raymond A. Eli and Christine M. Eli, Sherman County.

## public notice

### RESOLUTION NO.1320

A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT SOUTH ELEVEN FEET (S 11’) OF LOT FOUR (4), ALL OF LOT FIVE (5), BLOCK TWENTY-THREE (23), IN THE THIRD ADDITION TO THE CITY OF GOODLAND, KANSAS, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, ALSO KNOWN AS 1310 COLLEGE STREET, GOODLAND, KANSAS, IS UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS AND DIRECTING THAT THE STRUCTURE BE REPAIRED OR REMOVED AND THE PREMISES BE MADE SAFE AND SECURE.

WHEREAS, the Enforcing Officer of the City of Goodland, Kansas, did on the 7th day of June 2010, file with the governing body of said city, a statement in writing that the structure, hereinafter described, was unsafe and dangerous; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body did by Resolution No. 1316, dated the 7th day of June, 2010, fix the time and place of a hearing at which the owner, his or her agent, and lienholders, any occupants and all other parties of interest of such structure could appear and show cause why such structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished, and provided for giving notice thereof as provided by law; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1316 was published in the official city paper on the 11th day of June, 2010, and on the 18th day of June, 2010, and a copy of said resolution was served upon all persons entitled thereto as provided by law; and,

WHEREAS, on the 2nd day of August, 2010, the governing body did conduct the hearing scheduled in Resolution No. 1316 and took evidence from the following: the Enforcing Officer on behalf of the City and the Owner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GOODLAND, KANSAS, THAT:

1, The governing body hereby finds that the structure located at South Eleven Feet (S 11’) of Lot Four (4), All of Lot Five (5), Block Twenty-three (23), in the Third Addition to the City of Goodland, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof, also known as 1310 College Street, is unsafe and dangerous and directs that such structure is to be repaired and the premises made safe and secure.

2. The owner of such structure is hereby directed to commence the repair of the property within ninety (90) days of August 2, 2010. Provided that upon due application by the owner and for good cause shown, the governing body, in its sole discretion, may grant the owner additional time to complete the repairs to the property.

3. If the owner fails to commence the repair of the structure within the time stated, or any additional time granted by the governing body, or fails to diligently prosecute the

same until the work is completed, the governing body will cause the structure to be razed and removed and the costs of razing and removing, less salvage, if any, shall be collected in the manner provided by K.S.A. 12-1,1115, and amendments thereto or shall be assessed as special assessments against the lot or parcel of land upon which the structure is located or both, all as provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the owner fails to commence the repair of the structure within the time provided herein or fails to diligently prosecute the same, the governing body may take such further action as it deems necessary to raise and remove the structure without further notice to the owner or other parties in interest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall cause this Resolution to be published once in the official city paper and mail a copy to the owners, agents, lienholders, occupants and other parties in interest.

Adopted this 2nd day of August, 2010.

Joshua Dechant, Mayor (SEAL)

ATTEST:

Mary P. Volk, City Clerk

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### RESOLUTION NO.1321

A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT LOTS THREE (3) AND FOUR (4), BLOCK FORTY-THREE (43), IN THE BEAHM’S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF GOODLAND, KANSAS, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, ALSO KNOWN AS 714 & 718 EUSTIS STREET, GOODLAND, KANSAS, IS UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS AND DIRECTING THAT THE STRUCTURE BE REPAIRED OR REMOVED AND THE PREMISES BE MADE SAFE AND SECURE.

WHEREAS, the Enforcing Officer of the City of Goodland, Kansas, did on the 7th day of June 2010, file with the governing body of said city, a statement in writing that the structure, hereinafter described, was unsafe and dangerous; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body did by Resolution No. 1317, dated the 7th day of June, 2010, fix the time and place of a hearing at which the owner, his or her agent, and lienholders, any occupants and all other parties of interest of such structure could appear and show cause why such structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished, and provided for giving notice thereof as provided by law; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1317 was published in the official city paper on the 11th day of June, 2010, and on the 18th day of June, 2010, and a copy of said resolution was served upon all persons

entitled thereto as provided by law; and,

WHEREAS, on the 2nd day of August, 2010, the governing body did conduct the hearing scheduled in Resolution No. 1317 and took evidence from the following: the Enforcing Officer on behalf of the City and the Owner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GOODLAND, KANSAS, THAT:

1, The governing body hereby finds that the structure located at Lots Three (3) and Four (4), Block Forty-three (43), Beahm’s Addition to the City of Goodland, Kansas, according to the recorded plat

thereof, also known as 714 & 718 Eustis Street, is unsafe and dangerous and directs that such structure is to be repaired and the premises made safe and secure.

2. The owner of such structure is hereby directed to commence the repair of the property within ninety (90) days of August 2, 2010. Provided that upon due application by the owner and for good cause shown, the governing body, in its sole discretion, may grant the owner additional time to complete the repairs to the property.

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