



The winner of the Yard of the Month belonged to Joe and Jean Cech at 1511 Clark.

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Yard of the month selected

Yard of the Month for July was Joe and Jean Cech, 1511 Clark Ave., and Reva Bauman said they have received a number of great nominations for the award. The Business of the Month was Preferred Properties,

112 W. 12th, and the Beauty by the block award went to the Shine On Sherman County Beautification Committee for the planters and flowers on Main Ave.

“There have been so many really

neat yards nominated,” she said, “it has been hard to decided and they all deserve to be mentioned. Maybe people can take a Sunday drive and look at these great yards: Scott and Nancy Gilmer, 819 W 8th;

Kim Boehme, 817 Eustis; Chris and Karla Thompson, 214 W. 12; and Gary and Lonnie Newell, 622 W. 11th. August nominations are due by Sunday.

Board hears from college

By Pat Schiefen
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Northwest Tech’s President Ed Mills was at the Goodland School Board meeting on Monday sharing his enthusiasm for the next school year.

The dorms are full, he said, and some of the programs are full. The collaborations with Colby, Norton and Scott City are going well. So far he said there are 21 signed up for the wrestling program, three signed up for women’s golf and seven men and women signed up for rodeo.

The enrollment is about 100 more than last year so far at 235, said President Mills. We have been working to increase the numbers of women and hispanics.

Principals Verna Milnes, Sharon Gregory, Jim Mull, Harvey Swager, Steve Raymer were all at the meeting saying the buildings are ready and that some teachers have already been working.

Teachers will start off with a breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on Monday

morning as their first official day back. They will have discussions on how to implement the walk-throughs, make better use of Professional Learning Community and learn revised emergency responses.

The board gave Superintendent Angelos permission to accept the best bid from the local banks on the district’s certificates of deposit.

On the district’s Quality Zone Academy Bond of \$1.5 million Superintendent Angelos said there was a five percent issuance cost and the cost for the district would be a total of \$75,000 with \$30,000 coming out of the bond and \$45,000 out of the general fund. The district could not use money from capital outlay.

The board paid \$205,670 in bills.

Thomas Smith was hired as a custodian for Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The next school board meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 23, at the administration building, 1312 Main.

Business woman asks for incentives

By Tom Betz
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A business woman who has recently opened a business asked the city commissioners to consider approving some economic development incentives for her business based on the incentives package the city commission approved in December, and the commissioners expect to have an answer at the upcoming meeting on Monday.

City Manager Doug Gerber told the commissioners he had spoken with Paige Harper, owner of Healthful Solutions that she has opened along Business U.S. 24 where Bowman Heating and Air Conditioning used to be.

Harper presented a letter to Gerber in June saying she felt her business fit three of the seven criteria “to foster quality and economic development.”

The areas she cited were the business created new jobs, stimulates additional private investment and improve the overall quality of life for the citizens of Goodland.

She brought up the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, and the city commissioners told her she needed to go to the county appraiser to get the forms for that program.

She is asking for the city to waive all permit and inspection fees and the reimbursement of the city utility connection fees.

“As the utility load of the business will be negligible,” she wrote, “I ask for free trash, water and electricity for two years.”

Gerber said he told Harper the granting of the incentives would be a commission decision. He said he did not think the city could reimburse the utility deposits as it is city policy for those to be returned if the person or business is a customer for two years.

Harper said she had talked to Brian James, city fire chief and building inspector, and wanted to thank him for answering all her calls.

She told the commissioners she was asking for utilities for a year, and did not feel she was asking for much. She said the bill for heat was \$34 per month and water was \$63 per month.

“I am asking for free trash,” she said. “I would like to see my rooms going steadily and am working on other things I can have in my building. I feel I am bringing quite a bit to the community.”

Mayor Josh Dechant thanked Harper for waiting for the commission and taking the time to come to the meeting. He said the purpose of the incentive package was to encourage people to open new businesses and thanked her for coming to ask.

Dechant asked if Harper had all the required city permits.

Harper said she had checked with James and has everything.

Commissioner Rick Billinger asked if the incentives had been broken out by the number of jobs created.

Gerber said it was not and that was open for the commissioners consideration.

Commissioner Annette Fairbanks asked if the commissioners needed to make a decision that night.

Gerber said the commission could make a decision or delay to the next meeting.

Billinger said he would like to take some time and be fair and equitable. He said he would like to look at the city package and see what the city has agreed to do for the grocery store. He said it has been a high priority to work with the idea of bringing a grocery store downtown.

“There is no doubt it is important,” Harper said, “and it is sad we have empty buildings on Main. I appreciate your help.”

Dechant said they would get back to her at the next meeting.

New sign to greet park visitors



Dick Emig (left) put the last screw in a new sign erected at Smoky Gardens on Wednesday afternoon. Cara Bauman (far right) of

Vinyl Designs designed and made the vinyl sign. Dennis Musil (right) represented the Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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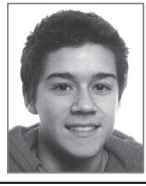
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