



City employees were treated to a hot dog lunch on Friday at the S&T Telephone building to thank them for the big cleanup effort the week before. Don Newell, Goodland office manager, cooked large hot dogs and Goodland Coke provided drinks for the employees. Newell said he thought the city employees deserved the special lunch for their efforts, and more than 30 employees came to lunch. While eating they talked about the cleanup experiences and said it was a lot of work, but worth doing.

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City collects 2,500 tires, 100 tons of trash

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City crews finally got the last of the trash piles and tires picked up on Wednesday, and the preliminary figures tabulated were tabulated on Thursday with more than 2,500 tires and about 100 tons of other trash.

City Manager Doug Gerber said he was amazed at the amount of trash the city crews collected, and said he wanted to commend all the citizens for helping clean up the town.

On Friday S&T Telephone held a

special thank you hot dog lunch for the city employees to thank them for their clean up efforts. Drinks were supplied by the Goodland Coke company.

More than 30 city employees had lunch at S&T, and enjoyed the large hot dogs cooked by Don Newell, Goodland office manager, and baked beans and potato chips.

Newell said he and Gary Slough, regional manager, felt it was good to thank the city employees for their more than week long clean up effort and quickly put together the hot dog

lunch.

The figures for the clean up included 2,527 tires of various sizes including some large farm tractor tires. The construction and debris hauled to the transfer station totaled 68.63 tons. The solid waste was 12.6 tons. Compost was 3.5 tons. Metal hauled to the transfer station was 5.71 tons.

An estimate of more than 20 tons of metal, Police Chief Ray Smee said, were hauled to Fixsen's for him to dispose of rather than haul to the transfer station.

Rich Simon, public works director, said the total did not include the tons of concrete hauled off, nor the tons of tree branches that were hauled away.

All the city employees agreed it was a great week, and they were glad to have been able to help clean up the city.

Simon said the crews were surprised by some of the things they picked up, and there were stories about some of the strange things that happened during the week.

Gerber said the city has learned

from this effort, but hope to repeat it next year.

Everyone agreed the weather certainly cooperated in the effort as it was pretty nice, except for some of the normal Kansas winds.

Newell said he was glad to be able to thank the city employees for their effort and said he would think about having his employees volunteer to help one day next year.

City Clerk Mary Volk said she thought that was a great idea. She

said it had been fun to get out of the office and go out with other city employees to help in the clean up.

"I think we need to improve the pride in the community," Newell said, "and I think this is a great start."

Simon agreed it was a great start, and with the places cleaned up he said the city would increase efforts to enforce city ordinances to keep it clean.

Website tells about judges

Kansas voters have access to a valuable tool to improve judicial accountability when they consider the judges on the Nov. 2 General Election ballot.

In the past, voters have often been frustrated by the lack of credible information about judges and justices on the ballot. That information is available and easily accessible. Voters should take advantage of the evaluations provided by the Kansas Commission on Judicial Performance.

The Kansas Judicial Report Card is an educational, non-partisan evaluation available to Kansas voters in judicial retention elections. The report card is based on independent, confidential surveys of lawyers, jurors, witnesses and others who have had direct experience with a judge's professional performance.

This report card can be found on the website of the Kansas Commission on Judicial Performance: www.kansasjudicialperformance.org. Judges are asked to evaluate their own performance and identify their strengths and weaknesses.

As the November election approaches, voters are being reminded of the availability of the report card

as a resource to help them decide how to vote in judicial retention elections. No longer should a Kansas voter say as she or he leaves the polling booth, "I didn't know a thing about those judges on the retention ballot."

The Kansas Legislature established the Kansas Commission on Judicial Performance and mandated the judicial performance evaluation process.

The goals of the process are to improve the judicial performance of individual judges and justices and thereby improve the judiciary as a whole; to disseminate the results from the performance evaluation process to enable voters in retention elections to make informed decisions about whether to continue judges and justices in office; and to protect judicial independence while promoting public accountability of the judiciary.

The Commission evaluates judges standing for retention in Kansas, including district magistrate judges, district court judges, Court of Appeals judges, and Supreme Court justices.

The Commission's website summarizes the results of the surveys,

provides biographical information on each judge, and makes a recommendation about whether the judge should be retained on the bench. Kansas voters are encouraged by the Commission to carefully review the information on the website and then arrive at an independent conclusion on whether to vote to retain a judge or justice.

In addition to providing voters with helpful information, the evaluations serve as a useful tool for judges' self-improvement. Because judges are treated with a great deal of deference by the people who appear before them, judges seldom receive candid criticism. The anonymous nature of the Commission's surveys allows judges to receive honest feedback about their job performance.

Judges to be on the Nov. 2, ballot include Supreme Court justices,

Carol A. Beier, Dan Biles, Marka J. Luckert and Lawton R. Nuss. Court of Appeal justices, Michael B. Buser, Nancy Landis Caplinger, Henry W. Green, Jr., Stephen D. Hill, Thomas E. Malone, Patrick D. McAnany and Melissa Taylor Standridge.

The report card on these judges are all favorable and the Commission on Judicial Performance recommends retention of all of the judges.

The "flip side" of judicial independence is judicial accountability. Kansans are entitled to both. Visit www.kansasjudicialperformance.org before you vote in November.

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The Board of Education intends to utilize the alternative project delivery method and shall allow public comment on this intention at the regular Board meeting to be held on November 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Office.

Public comment on this intention shall occur at the November 8, 2010, Board meeting before the selection process of the construction management at risk shall begin as set forth in K.S.A. 72-6760e.

For further information please call Shelly P. Angelos, Superintendent of Schools, 785 890-2397.