

## Flower power is back



Tickets are still on sale till Monday at the Carnegie Arts Center for the mini musical comedy "Everything's Groovy." The tribute to the 1960's will appear at 6:30 on Saturday, April 30, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 1, at the Goodland Elks Lodge, 1523 Arcade. The comedy is about a group planning a free concert of the Beatle Bugs at an apple orchard. George Adelgren (left photo), the owner of the orchard talks to Michelle Preston one of the organizers of the event. The organizers want to promote the power of beads, flowers and music. Catie McGinley (above on far left) passes out flowers. The nay sayers are the sheriff and a neighbor sitting on the bench. Another promoter of the event is Randy Topliff (above far right).  
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# Commissioners set fairgrounds policy

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Sherman County commissioners Tuesday took steps to set a policy on use of fairgrounds buildings to give Sherman County citizens a priority when it comes to scheduling conflicts.

The issue came up about a spring pig sale by Aubrey Winter. A scheduling conflict developed last year when a person from Sharon Springs scheduled a pig sale at the same time Winter usually has held her sale.

Winter said she went ahead and did her sale the next weekend, but did not sell as many as she had expected.

She had scheduled her sale earlier this year for the same weekend as the one the Sharon Springs person had scheduled last year.

Commissioner Cynthia Strnad said the problem is the people from Sharon Springs have asked for the date for next year.

"Last year they got their contract in first," Winter said.

"I did mine the next weekend, but did not sell as many. This year I got in before them. I found out they

are trying to get ahead of me for next year."

Strnad said she felt it was something for the commissioners to discuss.

She said it was her feeling Aubrey being a Sherman County resident she should have priority in renting fairgrounds buildings.

Commissioner Max Linin said he agreed Sherman County residents ought to have a priority.

Commissioner Larry Enfield said he felt it was proper to give Sherman County residents priority.

County Attorney Bonnie Selby asked if there was a contract in place for next year.

Strnad said the Wallace County people have brought one in, but it has not been approved. Strnad made a motion to give Sherman County residents priority in renting fairgrounds buildings. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

A second motion approved Winter's contract for next year, and it was suggested a letter be written to the Wallace County people to let them know about the county policy and see if they want another date.

A question was asked about why they don't do a sale in Sharon Springs, and Winter said it was her understanding the county would not allow the sale at the Wallace County fairgrounds.

In other business the commissioners:

- Voted to lift the burn ban at 10 a.m. and notified Sherman County Dispatch the burn ban had been lifted. The commissioners said they were glad to see some moisture, but will review the situation again if the weather gets dry again.

- Discussed the roof repairs on the Ag Building at the fairgrounds. Weathercraft will be doing the shingles, but the insurance company wants someone to patch the Duralast part of the roof damaged last year. A Colby company had submitted a bid, but Enfield requested a closed session with the three commissioners and county attorney to discuss a potential legal situation. When the meeting reopened the commissioners voted to contact Duralast and ask for a contractor recommendation.

- Discussed the county cell phone contract with Shelly Terry of Viera.

Butch Vandiver had reported the demonstration phone had worked well with a little antenna he had been given for his pickup.

Terry said they could provide an antenna for those vehicles that need them.

Enfield said he thought it would be Vandiver and Doug Thrall's vehicles that would be out where the antenna would be needed.

He asked Terry what the county would be saving if they switch cell phone companies.

Terry said she looked at the bills over the past year and felt it would be about \$111 a month.

Enfield said the county would have some savings.

Strnad said the county would have to buy the phones.

Terry said the phones are about \$55 each and can keep the same phone numbers.

Strnad said the county has six cell phones, but one is not used. It would be about \$275 to buy five phones, but felt the county would still save money.

Enfield asked how long the contract would be.

Terry said two years. She said looking at the county existing contracts several are about to end.

Linin suggested waiting until May 12 to switch because four of the cell contracts end at that time. The other two existing contracts end on Aug. 27.

Strnad said waiting was a good idea and there would only be one contract to buyout.

Terry said the county will have an early termination penalty, but she would have a form for the county to send in and there would be a credit on the cell phone account after 60 days.

Enfield asked if insurance was included on the cell phones.

Terry said the county has only had one phone insured, and it was \$5.95 for insurance.

Linin asked about a deductible.

Enfield said if there are phone problems they will deal with the local Viera office.

Linin made a motion to switch to Viera on May 12 and to insure two phones. Enfield seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

- Decided not to give any money

to the Professional Bull Rider event. The commissioners said they felt it was taken care of by the city and economic development.

- Discussed the mowing contract, and decided to have County Attorney Selby revise the contract. So far two people had picked up the contract, but no bids have been submitted.

Strnad suggested a Plan B if no one bids is to have the farmers do their own mowing and the county agree to pay them a certain amount of money.

- Discussed a revised purchase policy and reviewed the bills. Agreed to pay bills totaling \$130,846.

The commissioners had decided to pay bills twice a month and Darla Lambrecht, the deputy clerk who handles the bills asked about the City of Goodland and Black Hills utility bills that need to be paid on specific dates.

The commissioners agreed to give approval for those two bills to be paid on the due date and to be approved at the next meeting.

## Identity theft workshop offered

The Northwest Kansas Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is planning workshops on "Identity Theft: What You Need to Know" at two locations.

The Goodland workshop will be at 7 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Thursday at Emmanuel Lutheran

Church, 222 W. 13.

The free 50-minute workshop will help participants learn how identity theft can occur, how to protect themselves and what to do if identity theft happens to them. The workshops will be led by Jim Jordan, a Thrivent representative.

Participants are asked to bring a nonperishable food item to donate to Genesis. Refreshments will be served. Call Wilma Mai at (785) 852-4455 or wilma@maifarms.com for information.

## corrections

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### Easter Service

**Harvest Evangelical Free Church**  
April 24 at 10:30 a.m.

Come and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with us!

**STATE-OF-THE-ART AND GREEN TECHNOLOGY**

April 22-28  
**HOP (PG)**

Nightly 7 PM  
Sunday Matinee 1:30 PM

Movie bucks make great gifts!

**Sherman**  
1203 Main - Phone 899-6103



### Lesser Prairie-Chicken Initiative (LPCI) Second Sign-up Announced

Friday, April 29, 2011, is the deadline for interested applicants in the second sign-up for Lesser Prairie-Chicken Initiative in Kansas.

Stop by your local U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Service Center and visit with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or local conservation district staff to get more information about helping address your resource concerns.

**Office address:** 210 West 10th St., Goodland, KS 67735  
**Phone:** 785-899-3070 ext. 35  
**Web site:** www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/lpci.

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## BLESSINGS AT EASTER

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND EASTER SUNDAY MASS

### St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Center and 13th Street, Goodland, KS

## April 24, 2011, at 10 a.m.

## with 11:20 a.m. reception for Father Hal Lycett, Celebrant





### Easter Sunday Brunch Buffet

April 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Call For Selected Tables-785-899-2785

Ham, scramble eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, pancakes, biscuits & gravy, cold fruit salad & desserts & small Danish  
**\$8.95/person \$4.95 kids 12 & under**

"New Members & Guests Always Welcomed"

### Sugar Hills Golf Club

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