



Gas station moves to Goodland

Two bucket trucks (above) accompanied the tall antique gas station on its journey along old U.S. 24 lifting power lines over the tower of the station along the 17-mile voyage. The Goodland city utility (right) crew was in position at K-27 and Business U.S. 24 to hold the power lines up for the station to pass as it drove down Cattletrail on its way to 17th and Clark Ave. Sherman County sheriff deputies escorted the station to town and city police blocked traffic at the intersection of K-27 and Business U.S. 24 as the station arrived. The station swerved around the large stop lights and then went under the power lines and down onto Cattletrail. The station took the back route along the railroad tracks and then over the tracks near 17th and Clark where the police again blocked traffic. A large crowd of people gathered along the route to watch the old station make the trip. One person said, "Rod sure knows how to draw a crowd."

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out of Goodland.

She said the center covers 29 counties in western Kansas, and the mobile unit has made a tremendous difference. She said they do have a center in Colby and Scott City, but the cases do work better with the mobile units.

She said Sherman County has a signed agreement to be part of this program.

"We are seeing great progress with the children," she said, "but it takes a long time."

Garcia asked what kind of support the advocacy center gets from other counties.

Robbins said the average is \$5,000. She said the highest is \$14,000 with a low down to \$500 with an average of \$5,000.

"We will be here, even if you do not support us," she said. "We do this for the kids."

Commissioner Bill Finley asked if the advocacy center gets federal money.

Robbins said the center does get some federal money, but lost about 30 percent of their grant money last year and lost one person. She said the goal is to bring the staff up to full strength to better serve the wide area

they cover.

Interim Police Chief Joni Showalter said the advocacy center provides a great service.

"I have worked these cases," she said, "and they work well with the kids and the kids find it a great way to handle this. The families do better with the follow up."

"It is hard to make a police department child friendly. They make the families and the kids comfortable and have things to help the kids deal with the situation."

Garcia thanked Robbins for her presentation and said the commission will consider the request in the upcoming budget process.

Next up was Judy Herl representing Options, the new name for the Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence Services that covers 18 counties in northwest Kansas with offices in Colby, Hays and Phillipsburg.

Herl said she lives and works in Goodland.

She said the number of domestic violence victims from Sherman County rose from 10 two years ago to 23 last year, but the number of sexual assault victims rose from 1 two years ago to 2 last year.

She said in the 18 counties the program served 429 victims.

"When people are in trouble they will always get someone to talk to," Herl said. "We have 24 hours coverage. We have a shelter in Hays, but we work with other shelters in surrounding town including Garden City and Great Bend."

"We work with the law enforcement and courts to help people in domestic violence situations."

She said some women leave with their kids and car and without anything else.

"We try to set them up with some basics," she said.

She said the organization has a new person who is trying to do more presentations in the area high schools. She said the message is this is more than the hitting it is the controlling of the person and their lives.

She said Goodland contributed \$850 two years ago, but did not do anything last year. She said it costs \$506 a day to operate a shelter and the 24 hour crisis coverage costs \$373 per day.

She is asking the city to consider supporting the program for the next year.

Garcia thanked Herl for the presentation and said the commission would consider the request in the upcoming budget process.

Rural development has money for home buyers

Are you in the market for a new home this summer, but are having difficulties finding a lender?

If so, contact the U.S. Agriculture Department Rural Development about its Guaranteed Rural Housing loan program, which can provide a guarantee on your home loan with no down payment needed.

Rural Development's guarantee loan program is administered by a local lender who takes the application, processes it and determines the acceptability of the home to be financed. One such lender is Lyons Federal Bank located in Lyons, who has partnered with Rural Development to provide 54 Kansas homebuyers nearly \$3.3 million in

guaranteed home loans over the past six years.

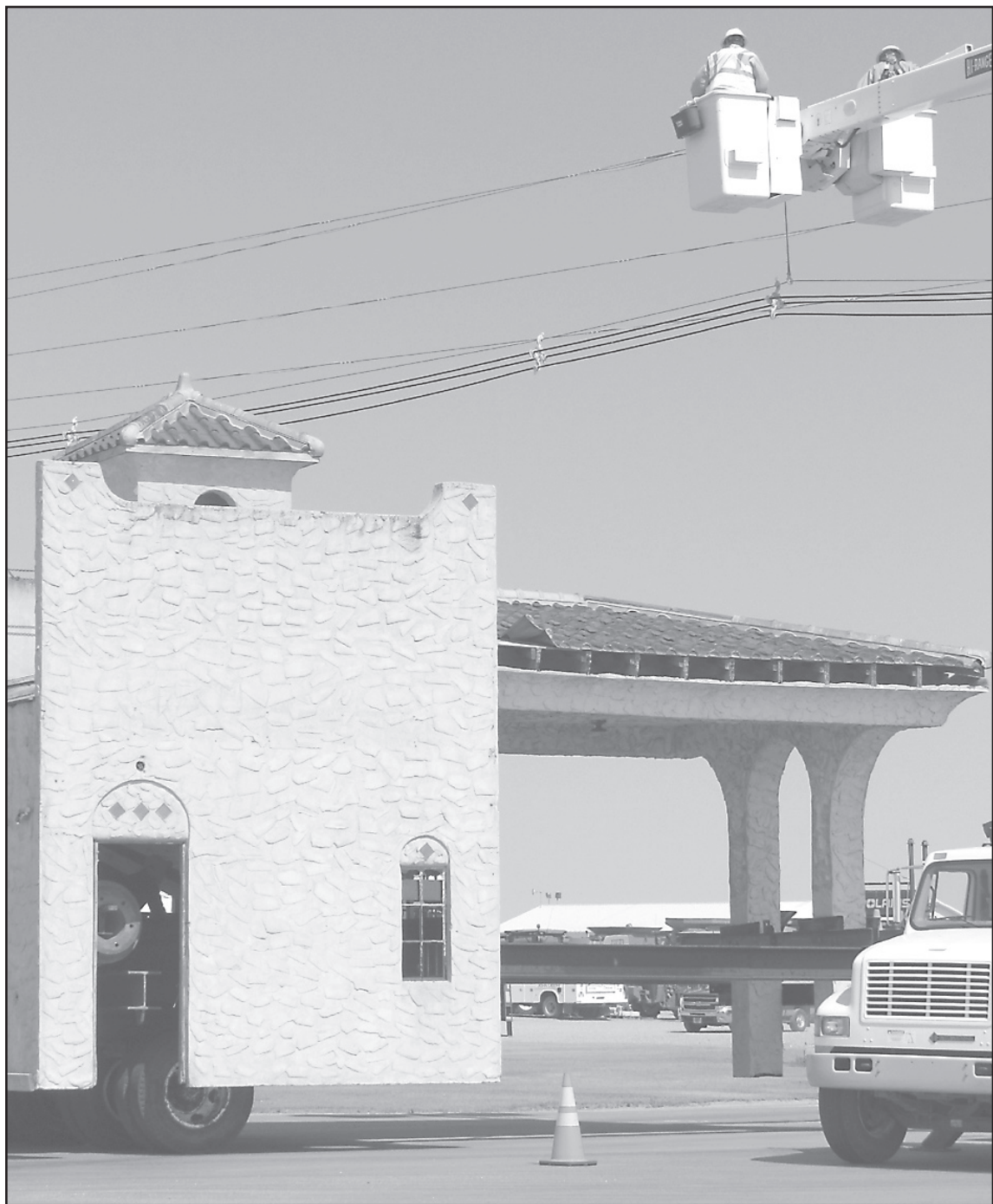
"We utilize the program because it is the best option available for clients in the communities we serve," said Cathy Shanelec, bank vice president. "The program doesn't require a down payment on a home, which is a huge relief to our lower-income clients, especially first-time homebuyers. The partnership with Rural Development has allowed several residents in our county to purchase a home, and help keep individuals in the rural areas to support local businesses and their community."

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In most cases a family of four with an adjusted annual income of up to \$74,050 may qualify for a loan.

To see if you qualify for a loan or to acquire a list of approved lenders, contact the Rural Development Area Office located in your region. Garden City Area Office - (620) 275-0211, Ext. 4 and Hays Area Office - (785) 628-3081, Ext. 4.



Dear Goodland Star-News customers:

Signs of recovery and progress continue in Sherman County, Goodland, Kanorado and Brewster. We ask you to join *The Goodland Star-News* in celebrating as part of our annual progress section.

Topics this year are: City projects — Main Avenue and water treatment project; Hospital improvements and future plans for dialysis clinic, new construction, remodeling in town and an update on Northwest Kansas Technical College expansion and mobile application program.

Other topics will include the city, county economic development combined effort and new director. Hopefully progress on a grocery store, and how the city and county can work together on fire services. What's next for the Goodland school district?

We encourage your business to submit — at no charge — a few brief paragraphs highlighting significant changes or expansions since the spring of last year. We are interested in a description of what your business does or the products available, names of the owners and staff, address of business, hours of operation, your phone number and web address if you have one.

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Sincerely,

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