

Vet Hunters stop in town on ride to St. Louis

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create the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day. He said making this day a national celebration is one of the things the group will talk about with Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki in St. Louis.

Talking about homeless veterans Kreider said in a lot of people's mind they think of those who served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, but said the younger soldiers coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan have become the new homeless.

Kreider said the Vet Hunter Project is the idea of Joe Leal, and grew out of his passion for helping homeless veterans in the Los Angeles area. Kreider said the national statistics about homeless veterans show 11 percent live in the Los Angeles area.

He said sometimes it is good to have a veteran talking to a homeless veteran to have the bond of service help open the communications and find ways to help the person find their way out of the homeless trap.

"This is not a veteran issues," Todd said. "This is an American



Todd Morgan and Steve Kreider being interviewed on Tuesday evening before going to the Derrick Lutters Armory to get some rest. The riders left Goodland Wednesday afternoon.

citizen issue. I am not a veteran, but I believe it is up to all of us to find ways to help the homeless."

Kreider said they had a good reception from the VFW, and were given a donation of \$50 toward their project.

"As we move forward we want to be sure all our veterans are getting their benefits," Todd said, "and taking care of those who are homeless and want to get out. We include everybody because we see this as a basic humanitarian effort for all our citizens who are in this situation."

"We realize we cannot stop those who keep drinking, doing drugs or do not want any help, but members of our group can talk to the vets from a personal perspective and maybe get them to open up and that is the first step."

Kreider said they rode down the beautiful bike path along Cherry Creek in Denver and found some homeless Native Americans under one of the bridges. He said while the riders were talking with the homeless guys some Denver Policemen walked up.

"I thought here we go," Krieder said, "but the police were very

friendly and said they work with the homeless and try to get them into shelters. The police said they do not want to see the homeless become victims of crimes."

While doing the interview a film crew was taping the session as part of an effort to document the whole trip. Film crews and photographers taped and took photos of both interview sessions.

Kreider said the film crew is not getting paid, but they have a passion for the project.

He said the bike riders are a mixed group of veterans - including three active duty people - friends of veterans and relatives of veterans.

The tired riders spent the night at the armory, and delayed their departure from Goodland until the afternoon. They rode east through Colby and somewhere east of Colby took a break at a Dairy Queen where the owner gave them a \$20 donation. A bit further east they found a homeless family of a female ex-soldier and spent time helping get her into housing.

The group can be followed on Facebook at The Vet Hunter Project, and online at www.vethunter.org.



Vet Hunter Project members are filmed as they are interviewed by Bryce Kesler at KLOE on Tuesday. The Vet Hunter Project riders were on their way east to St. Louis.

Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Complaint brings issue to the city

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OK," Butler said. "We were told it could be parked on the property and not on the street. We back the truck in to keep it off the street."

James said he did not have a problem when first asked because it was a business, and the truck was not there all the time. He said another similar business on 11th and Texas Ave., has a lot for their trucks. He said that had been there since he has been in town. He said during the day the trucks are gone.

Garcia asked if other letters were sent to people who have trucks.

City Manager Doug Gerber said no other letters were sent.

"We got a complaint," he said. "Brian addressed. As Mrs. Butler points out it exists all over town. We have a complaint about trailers being parked on the street. We do not go looking for this, but when

we get a complaint we do have to address it.

"I feel there are some good reasons to address it, noise, and the streets are not designed for heavy trucks."

Butler said the city has heavy trucks and dump trucks on the city streets.

Gerber said he felt it would be good to have the commission discuss this, and take time to check it out.

"Is it the noise or the parking," Commissioner Bill Finley asked.

Gerber said it is the noise.

Garcia said the issue came up before, and it was his understanding it was because the trucks were parked out on the street. He said he felt the idea was to tolerate the trucks if parked on private property. He said people could get a permit to park recreation vehicles on the street. Out of fairness we need to look at it.

Butler said she had talked to people who live nearby and they say they do not have a problem with the truck. We have the shop set up to be able to work on the truck.

"We have to evaluate what the ordinance and zoning says," Garcia said, "and bring it back up at another meeting for discussion."

Butler said she was told they had until Tuesday, Aug. 9 to move the truck.

Finley said the city could give Butler an extension at least until the commission had a chance to discuss the issue. He asked how much of where the truck is parked is city property.

Gerber said they would have to measure, but was sure some of it was city right of way.

He said they would grant Butler and extension and put the item on the agenda for an upcoming meeting.



USD 352 Goodland School begins August 22, 2011

ENROLLMENT:

Enrollment procedures will include: verifying schedules, paying fees/lunches, and confirming transportation.

Proof of Identity: State law requires proof of identity be provided to the school for all students new to the district.

Late enrollment: Students unable to report to enrollment as scheduled should contact their school for late enrollment information.

Elementary:

August 9, 10 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at West Elementary School. A parent or guardian must be present. Proof of birth and immunization records are required. Social Security cards are requested for enrollment in Kindergarten. All new students age 8 and under will be required to have a health assessment.

Grant Junior High:

August 8, 9, 10 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Goodland High School:

August 8, 9, 10 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m..

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION:

August 10 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria.

OPEN HOUSE: Thursday, August 18th:

4:30-6:00 p.m.

Central and West Elementary

5:00-6:30 p.m.

Grant Junior High

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Goodland High School

SCHOOL HOURS:

We will have late start Wednesdays in order to accommodate for Professional Learning Communities (PLC's). Teachers will use the designated collaborative time to design, develop, adjust and coordinate effective and specific strategies for our programs and instruction, specific to the learning needs of students. Our goal is to continually improve upon our ability to educate all students at high levels. The focus will be on teaching, learning, curriculum, assessment, instruction and professional development.

Class time:

7:45-3:20 High School and Elementary (Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.)

7:50-3:25 Junior High

(Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.)

Wednesdays:

7:30-8:10 PLCs for All Teachers

8:20-3:20 High School and Elementary

8:20-3:25 Junior High

Breakfast:

7:20-7:40 (Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.)

7:55-8:15 (Wed.)

Transportation: Buses will run 30 minutes later on Wednesday mornings only.

SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM:

Applications for free or reduced lunches are available at each school.

	LUNCH	BREAKFAST
K-5:	\$1.80	\$1.05
6-8:	\$1.90	\$1.15
9-12:	\$2.00	\$1.15
Adults:	\$3.10	\$1.90
Extra Milk:	\$0.35	\$0.35
Reduced prices:	\$0.40	\$0.30

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES:

USD 352 provides a full range of special education services contracted through the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center. Contact your school principal for information.

SPORTS PARTICIPATION:

Any senior or junior high school student wishing to participate in fall, winter, or spring sports must have a completed physical examination form signed by both a doctor and his/her parents to participate. The first date of practice for fall sports is August 15th. Practice schedules will be available at enrollment.



TRANSPORTATION:

By state law students who live 2.5 miles or more from school are eligible for transportation. USD 352 provides a shuttle bus between elementary schools and the junior high school. For more information, check with your school at enrollment. Bus Barn (785) 890-3011.

ASBESTOS ISSUE IN USD 352

Asbestos is an issue USD 352 has been dealing with for several years. The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 was enacted by Congress. This Act determines the extent of and develops solutions for any problems schools may have with asbestos. USD 352 has recently had their facilities inspected by a certified asbestos inspector. The inspector located, sampled and rated the condition and hazard potential of material and lab analysis records were turned over to a certified management planner to develop asbestos management plans. A copy of the asbestos management plan is available for your inspection in USD 352's Administration offices during regular business hours. Kenny Studer is the asbestos coordinator of USD 352. All inquiries regarding the plan should be directed to him. USD 352 is implementing the asbestos management plan. It is the District's intent to comply with federal, state and local regulations. USD 352 plans on taking whatever steps are necessary to insure your child and the District's employees have a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work.

SCHOOL CONNECTS:

USD 352 has an automated calling system for rapid notification purposes. Be sure the school has your current phone number.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS:

* Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP); five doses required. Four doses acceptable if dose 4 given on or after the 4th birthday. A single dose of Tdap required at grades 7-9 if no previous history of Tdap vaccination regardless of interval since the last Td vaccine.

* Poliomyelitis (IPV/OPV): four doses required. One dose required after age 4 regardless of the number of previous doses, with a 6 month minimum interval from the previous dose.

* Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR): two doses required.

* Hepatitis B: three doses required through grade 11.

* Varicella (chickenpox): two doses required for K-2 grades and 7th grade students; one dose required grades 3-6 and 8-11 unless history of varicella disease documented by a licensed physician. Two doses are currently recommended by the ACIP for all ages.

* Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib): three doses required for children less than age 5 in early childhood programs. Total doses needed for series completion is dependent on the type of vaccine and the age of the child when doses given.

* Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV): four doses required for children less than age 5 in early childhood programs. Total doses needed dependent on the age of the child when doses given.

* Hepatitis A: two doses required for children less than age 5 in early childhood programs.

Legal exemptions to the immunization laws are found on the Kansas Certificate of Immunization. If you have questions, contact your school nurse or building principal.

