

Practicing for the parade



Go Cowboys!

The Goodland High School band practiced their street marching Thursday morning marching on 11th to Center and turning back on 12th to go back to the high school. The Homecoming Parade was Thursday night. The Homecoming game starts at 6:30 p.m. today

against the Lakin Broncs at Cowboy Stadium. The high school chili feed starts at 4 p.m. and runs through half time. Crowning of Homecoming Royalty will take place at half time.

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Hospital board elects new officer to fill vacancy

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The Goodland Regional Medical Center had an officer shakeup with the resignation last month of the chairman, and on Monday elected a new vice-chairman to fill that position.

Patty Eckhardt, became the new board chairman with the resignation of Brenda McCants, leaving the vice-chairman spot open.

At Monday's board meeting Eckhardt asked for nominations. She said the board will miss McCants, and that whoever is nominated for vice-chair needs to be prepared to

step up and be chairman. Board member Harlan House was nominated, and approved unanimously.

Under new business the board discussed a report from the finance committee on renewing the hospital audit.

Chief Financial Officer Jim Precht said the finance committee had said the hospital had not requested bids on the annual audit for a few years. He said he sent requests for proposals to the accounting firm BKD, with an office in Wichita, and Wendling, Noe, Nelson and Johnson of Topeka, who are the

current hospital auditors. Precht said he prepared a summary of the audit, cost report and accounting quotes for the next three years of audits including this year.

He said he asked each to consider doing the audit with the management discussion and analysis and without. He said he was looking to possibly reduce expenses without ruining the integrity of the audit. For BKD without the management discussion and analysis was about \$750 cheaper each of the three years, but for Wendling, Noe, Nelson and Johnson there was no difference in cost with or without.

Precht said Finance Committee member Doug Sederstrom had said we need to make the audit readable, and that was the main key.

"I do not feel many of the board read the audit, or the county commissioners," Precht said, "and the two banks are interested in the Industrial Revenue Bond opinion."

Looking at the totals for the two bids for three years BKD was \$150,400 and Wendling, Noe, Nelson and Johnson was \$149,604.

Precht said the hourly rates were different between the two for the out of scope work. BKD's rate was \$140 to \$375 per hour. Wendling's

rate was \$85 to \$170 per hour. He said some of the projects the hospital will be looking at in the next year will require more out of scope work, and he felt BKD would be more costly.

Precht said he thought the finance committee would recommend a three-year contract with Wendling. He said he felt the process had been worth the effort as the bid from Wendling was last quoted at \$52,000, and the new bid is about \$7,200 lower.

Precht asked Sederstrom if he had missed anything.

Sederstrom said he did not think

Precht missed anything and ask the other finance committee members, Dr. Patrick Gleason and Eckhardt if they knew of anything missed. Both said they felt it had been covered.

Sederstrom said the finance committee recommendation was to accept the proposal from Wendling, Noe, Nelson and Johnson for the audits of 2011, 2012 and 2013 for \$149,604.

The board approved the motion unanimously.

Energy summit on energy planned for Tuesday

Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback's Economic Summit on Energy is planned for Tuesday, Oct. 4, at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita.

The summit will be the eighth in a series of summits the Governor's administration is holding focused

on growing the Kansas economy and creating jobs.

This summit brings together state and industry leaders as well as a variety of stakeholders from across the state to discuss growth and economic development of renewable

energy, traditional energy and utility transmission in the state.

Presentations will be given by representatives with Black and Veatch, Shell Oil Company, Siemens Wind Power and Westar Energy prior to a roundtable discussion lead

by Gov. Brownback.

The summit is free and open to the public. Kansans wanting to attend may pre-register by contacting the Kansas Department of Commerce at (785) 296-2994 or email Diana Feldhausen at dfeld-

hausen@kansascommerce.com. Any individual with a disability may request accommodation by close of business today, by contacting the Governor's office at media@ks.gov or (785) 368-7138.

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High-speed chase ends in Sharon Springs Wednesday

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Two men are in custody after leading sheriff's deputies on a high speed chase across much of north-west Kansas on Wednesday.

Jason Charles George, 27, of Oakley and Michael Arthur Kipp, 32, of Peyton, Colo., were apprehended in Sharon Springs after an 80 mile chase that began at 4:34 p.m.

Wednesday in Colby.

Thomas County Sheriff Rod Taylor said the two men were under investigation by his department and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation for narcotics violations. The chase began near the intersection of Fourth Street and Country Club when George and Kipp took off with deputies in pursuit.

The men headed east on U.S. 24 to the nine-mile corner and then turned

south on U.S. 83 and drove to Oakley. The Logan County Sheriff's Department and the Oakley Police Department were waiting for them with stop sticks in two places along the highway, but the suspects were able to avoid the traps. They turned onto U.S. 40 and headed west.

The suspects made it to Sharon Springs, where deputies from the Wallace, Sherman and Greeley County Sheriff's Departments were

waiting for them with more stop sticks, which finally brought the car to a stop. There were no injuries.

The two men were arrested on charges of obstruction of an official duty, fleeing and attempting to evade law enforcement and reckless driving.

Undersheriff Marc Finley and Deputy Tom Graham pursued the suspects the whole way. Graham said the chase got as fast as 100 mph,

and the suspects car was weaving in an out of oncoming traffic and in places went onto the shoulder.

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October 3-7, 2011

Residents and Businesses may place any unwanted items in alleys and front yards prior so City Crews can pick up any discarded items throughout this week. Any items that residents/businesses DO NOT wish to be discarded need to be removed from these locations prior to the CITY WIDE CLEAN UP.

To allow faster and more efficient pickup by City Crews, items such as tree limbs, leaves, grass clippings, furniture, appliances, metal, plastics, tires (no tires from businesses), need to be separated out. There is no need to phone in your pickup, just place the items in the designated places during that week.

With your help and cooperation, we can obtain the City Commission's goal to beautify Goodland!