

New exterior



The Goodland Pizza Hut is having work done on its exterior. Last week one entrance was closed off while it was being worked on. The restaurant is also having landscape work done. Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

City takes over business park land

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spending on the chamber. Solomon said he would be sitting down with a core group of business people to see what they want the new chamber to look like, and he would bring that information back to the commission.

Finley said it was his thought that the commission is supportive of the effort to revitalize the chamber, but the details will need to come from that core group. The rest of the commission agreed and voted unanimously to support the effort.

In other business:
• Two citizens, Melva Doyle and Loyd Fogg came to talk about truck and trailer parking ordinances.

Doyle said she had received a certified letter from the city informing her and her husband that they had 10 days to remove their semi-tractor rig from their property. Doyle said she came to ask whether temporary unloading was allowed.

Gerber said that according to city ordinances, truck parking is not allowed in residential areas, even off the street on a private lot. However, there is an allowance for two hours for unloading in all zones.

Doyle thanked the commission, but said that when she moved to Goodland, realtors told her that everyone parks their trucks in town. Those realtors ought to be made

aware of the city ordinances, she said.

Fogg said he also received a letter about three trailers on his lot. One is being used as storage, one is a wreck that will be moved out this week and the other belongs to his son-in-law. Fogg said he planned to remove the axle from the storage trailer and set it on the ground. Fairbanks said that raised a different issue as to whether that would make the trailer a building, which would have to be subject to building codes.

Fogg said he wanted to try and work out the issue, but 10 days would not be enough time. The commission decided to give him a 30 day extension, which would also be offered to anyone who requested it.

Gerber said the parking law has been on the books for a long time, but recently the city has gotten requests to better enforce it. Code enforcement officer Brian James said he's recently sent out ten letters.

• The commission approved an economic development incentive for Terry Selbe, owner of Goodland Machine and several other businesses. Selbe is building a new building, which will house some of those businesses. The commission approved a rebate on six months of utilities once the Cherry Street building has been occupied for one year, which will be about \$3,200.

Relay for Life to meet Thursday to plan event

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Wigs, supplements, transportation, emotional and educational support are just a few of the activities that the money raise by Relay for Life is used in direct support of cancer patients. Goodland Regional Medical Center has a closet of wigs and supplies available to cancer patients. Several locals have received

gasoline cards to help pay for transportation for treatment.

Relay for Life is one of the major fund raising activities of the American Cancer Society. Sherman County Relay for Life has a long and proud history of providing well over \$200,000 toward the society's goal of a world with less cancer and a world with more birthdays.

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Fish fried at Brewster grocery store benefit

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month to every six weeks."

The grocery's manager, Janet Carpenter, said that before 2007, the store was privately owned. When it went up for sale, a community group decided to buy it. The store now runs as a nonprofit organization, with a supervising board of six who are elected for two-year terms by the store's membership.

Stewart said support from the people of Brewster is pivotal in keeping the store open.

"The community helps tremendously, and I couldn't ask for more support," she said. "They are so good about donating their time and money. It is remarkable how many people give generously, especially Lynette Brown, who does the books and just recently went off the board, and Mike Baughn."

In addition to private support, the grocery store also receives grants. Stewart said the Thomas County Community Foundation helped buy a new cooler, which the store couldn't otherwise have afforded.

Operating as a nonprofit is unusual for a grocery, Stewart said, but the store also makes free deliveries to about six physically handicapped and elderly shut-ins throughout Brewster, who wouldn't have much access to groceries.

"We don't even have a convenience store in town," said Stewart, "so if the grocery store closed, people would have to drive to Colby or Goodland to do their shopping."

For information, call Carpenter at the store, (785) 694-2824.

IRS details common mistakes that invalidate filings

ST LOUIS – The deadline to file your 2011 tax return is April 17 and the Internal Revenue Service says take your time because a mistake on your return may delay your refund.

"The most common errors on tax returns are incorrect or missing Social Security numbers and incorrect or misspelled names," said IRS spokesman Michael Devine.

He said when entering names and SSNs for anyone listed on a tax return, to enter them exactly as they appear on their Social Security card.

The next most common errors

are using the wrong filing status and math errors.

"There are five filing statuses: Single, Married Filing Jointly, Married Filing Separately, Head of Household and Qualifying Widow(er) With Dependent Child," said Devine. "Make sure you choose the filing status that best fits your situation."

About 80 percent of all tax returns are e-filed so the software does the math, but Devine cautioned anyone preparing a paper return to review all arithmetic for accuracy. He said many taxpayers make mistakes when figuring their taxable income,

withholding and estimated tax payments, Earned Income Tax Credit, Standard Deduction for age 65 or over or blind, the taxable amount of Social Security benefits and the Child and Dependent Care Credit.

"Using direct deposit will get your refund in your bank faster, but double check the financial institution routing and account numbers or it may be returned to the IRS," Devine said.

For paper returns, clearly print all information, attach a copy of Form W-2 from each of your employers and all other necessary schedules and forms in the correct order. Use

the correct mailing address from the tax form instructions and use enough postage. Before putting a paper return in an envelope, make sure to sign and date it.

"If you're married, both spouses must sign a joint return," said Devine. "An unsigned tax return is like an unsigned check – it's invalid."

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