

coming up this week



Easter egg hunt set for Thursday

The annual Easter egg hunt will begin at 5 p.m. Thursday outside the Northwest Tech student union. There will be prizes, portraits and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

weather report

42°
10:30 a.m.
Monday

Today
• Sunset, 7:05 p.m.
Wednesday
• Sunrise, 6:38 a.m.
• Sunset, 7:06 p.m.

Midday Conditions
• Soil temperature 38 degrees
• Humidity 13 percent
• Sunny
• Winds northwest 13 mph
• Barometer 30.32 inches and rising
• Record High today 86° (1907)
• Record Low today -1° (1955)

Last 24 Hours*
High Sunday 27°
Low Sunday 2°
Precipitation trace
This month 1.34
Year to date 2.19
Above normal 0.55 inches

The Topside Forecast
Today: Clear in the morning, then partly cloudy. High of 46. Winds from the south southwest 10 to 15 mph. Evening: Partly cloudy, then overcast. Low of 27. Winds from the south 5 to 15 mph.

Extended Forecast
Wednesday: Partly cloudy. High of 52, low of 32. Fog overnight.
Thursday: Partly cloudy. Fog early. High of 61, low of 23. Fog overnight.
(National Weather Service)
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local markets

10:30 a.m.
Wheat — \$7.17 bushel
Posted county price — \$7.15
Corn — \$7.35 bushel
Posted county price — \$7.37
Milo — \$6.92 bushel
Soybeans — \$13.80 bushel
Posted county price — \$14.02
Millet — no bid
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$23.80 cwt.
Confection — no bid
Pinto beans — \$28
(Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)



Locals have fun in the snow

A warmer Sunday afternoon meant good weather for sledding at Pioneer Park. All told, the National Weather Service recorded about 15.1 inches of snow in Goodland. The snow began Friday night and ended Saturday afternoon. There was also trace amounts of snowfall Sunday night. Winds reached 35 miles per hour, with gusts up to 41. Goodland has now received 19.8 inches of snow so far in March and 43 inches throughout the winter. The normal snowfall for March is about 5 inches. Things also got cold Sunday, with a low of 2 degrees, putting Goodland close to the record low temperature. The record value was 1 degree Fahrenheit set in 1965. The Weather Service is predicting mostly sunny weather for the week, with a chance of showers and thunderstorms on Friday and Saturday.
Photos by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News



Schools to have assemblies on bullying

The Goodland School District will have assemblies for all grade levels on Wednesday focusing on cyber bullying and other dangerous online acts. The program, called NetSmartz, is funded by the Kansas Attorney General's office and will be presented by Katie Fox, coordinator for the Boys and Girls Club of Manhattan. Fox will be trying to empower and encourage students to stand up for themselves and their peers. Fox said parents can get involved by looking at privacy settings on a child's phone as well as Facebook and other websites. Fox provided some bullying statistics. Three million students are absent from school each month for fear of being bullied. Sixty-nine percent of teens own phones or computers and of those, 80 percent are active on social networking sites. Most say online bullying is easier to get away with, and one in three say that have been bullied online and one in five of those have contemplated suicide.

Candidate files as write-in for school board

By Kevin Bottrell
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A second write-in candidate has emerged for Goodland School Board, turning what had been a foregone conclusion into a race. Mike Hamilton, vice president of Western State Bank, filed his paperwork to run for school board last week. Hamilton moved back to Goodland in 2007. His wife, Krista Burr, is from Goodland and his mother and stepfather live here as well. He had been working in New York City. He began his career teaching math at the junior high and high school level, then went back to school and taught statistics at the undergraduate level. He later worked for the Wyoming Department of Education as well as private companies in Texas and New York. "I didn't care for the work on the East Coast," he said. "It was tough to find a home, and we wanted to be closer to family." He took a job for Western State Bank, which he said was his first time away from education, which is part of the reason he decided to run. "I want to be another voice for



Hamilton

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Candidate says city needs to be an open book

By Kevin Bottrell
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Goodland City Commission incumbent candidate Gary Farris, said he feels the commission sometimes doesn't get enough information in a timely manner. Farris said that oftentimes the commissioners hear things secondhand at the coffee shop before they hear them in a meeting, and oftentimes the coffee shop talk doesn't have the facts right. Toward that end, Farris has pushed the commission toward broadcasting the meetings. "The city ought to be an open book," he said. Farris was born in Goodland and raised in



Gary Farris

Edson. He has lived in the area all his life, even while harvesting grain from Oklahoma to Canada. In 1980 he starting a business building trailers in Edson and moved that shop to Goodland in 1997. In spring, 2011, he was appointed to fill a vacancy on the city commission. He had run for the commission in a previous election, losing to current commissioner Annette Fairbanks by a slim margin. When the vacancy opened up, the commission appointed Farris. Farris said there are many things that need to be done at the city. He said there have been good infrastructure improvements over the past year, but the

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Incumbent wants more strategic planning for city

By Kevin Bottrell
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Incumbent Goodland City Commission candidate said the city should focus its efforts into long-range planning, so it can be prepared to address the future needs of its citizens. Finley pointed to the water treatment plant, which was being completed just as he started his term on the commission, as a good example of long-range planning. "My hat's off to those commissioners for foreseeing that," he said. One issue before the city that Finley sees as especially needing strategic planning is



Bill Finley

infrastructure. There are many water mains that need replacing, he said, an expensive project for which the city does not have money reserved. Finley said the city should set priorities and develop a series of projects spread out over five to ten years to soften the blow. The water supply in general is also a concern of Finley's, given the drought. "I have suggested we examine some water conservation methods," he said. Finley was elected to fill Rick Billinger's spot on the commission two years ago when Billinger was

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genesis and salvation army

Genesis and Salvation Army are available year round to help those in need. Please call 785-890-2299 to speak to a volunteer.

activities

Tours of the 1907 Victorian House at 202 W. 13th are from 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Monday. Closed on Tuesday.

The High Plains Museum, 1717 Cherry Ave., is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday through Saturday and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Closed Tuesdays.

The Carnegie Arts Center is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday and 1 to 6 p.m. on Monday at 120 W. 12th. The center is always in need of hosts and hostesses on Sundays. New monthly exhibits and you are invited to visit the gift shop.

The Goodland Public Library is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information call (785) 899-5461 or stop by the library.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Sherman County is seeking mentors and children to mentor. Call 890-3665.

The Good Sam Family Support Council meets at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of every month at the Goodland Elks Lodge. Meetings are open to all interested people. For information call 890-3117 or 890-5936.

Breast Cancer Support Group meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month. Any woman with cancer is welcome. Call Norma at 890-6629 for more information.

The Goodland Activities Center has the daily activities. For information call 890-7242. Memberships options for everyone including day passes for \$5. Visit goodland-gac.com or stop by 808 Main.

Aerobics with Tena Thompkins at 5:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday

calendar

Prairie Land Food sign up will be until Monday, April 8. Distribution is 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 20. at Cat's TnT, 1018 Main, or at the Bernadine Johnson residence, located at 704 Walnut. For information call 899-2338, 821-1275, 890-2287, 821-1827 or 899-4278 or order online at www.prairielandfood.com. The Prairie Pak will have boneless ham steak, ground beef, breakfast bites, meat balls, boneless pork chops, waffles, fresh fruits and vegetables. The specials are ribeye steaks, breakfast biscuits, Italian pasta and cheesecake lovers dream.

There will be a blood drive for the Red Cross from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on today at the Goodland High School, 1209 Cherry, Goodland.

Jodie Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs will be in Goodland from 1 to 2:15 p.m. Thursday, April 4, in the Assembly Room on the third floor of the courthouse to help veterans and dependents with claims. Call the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at (785)

and Fridays. Aerobics with Lisa Malsom at 5:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday. High Impact Workouts with Grady Bonsall at 5:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Taekwondo with Wayne Luckert on Mondays and Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and on Thursdays from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Weight Watchers meets at 5:30 p.m. for weigh in and 6 p.m. for the meeting every Tuesday at the Harvest Evangelical Free Church, 521 E. Hwy. 24. For information call (785) 890-6423.

Goodland Alcoholics Anonymous, 1013 Center. If you drink alcohol, that's your business. If you want to stop, we can help. Call 821-3826 pr 728-7491.

462-3572. Goodland American Legion will hold an annual dinner at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 15, at the Masonic Lodge, 519 Center. For reservations contact Legion members Ken Baum at 890-7364 or Mel Pfau at 890-3445 before Saturday, April 6.

AARP Tax-Aide counseling, preparation, e-filing and teaching service will help you file your 2012 Tax Return through April 15. Call (785) 890-2287 or (785) 821-1827 to make an appointment.

Tuesday Flicks are at 1:30 p.m. at the Goodland Public Library, 812 Broadway. Call the library for the title of the movie at 899-5461.

senior menu

Today: Chili, orange pineapple salad, crackers and cinnamon roll. Wednesday: Baked spaghetti, corn, spinach salad, garlic bread and mixed fruit. Thursday: Cook's choice entree, tater triangles, California blend vegetables, bread and blueberry dessert squares. Friday: Tuna salad sandwich, peas, macaroni salad, bun and tropical fruit.

Goodland Al-Anon Family Group meets at 6 p.m. on Fridays at First Christian Church, 711 Arcade. For information call Alice or Marilyn at 890-5914 or 821-2862.

The Incognito Group. If alcohol has made your life unmanageable. Our group meets at 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday at the First Christian Church, 711 Arcade, Goodland West entrance. Talking about it is the first step. (785) 728-7022 and (785) 501-8282.

The "Freedom Today" group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and 8 p.m. on Sundays at 1013 Center. Call 890-8369.

Bird City Alcoholics Anonymous group meets at 6:30 p.m.

school menu

Today: Breakfast - pancake on a stick, tri-tator, fruit juice and milk. Lunch - chicken wrap with lettuce and tomato, Spanish rice, steamed carrots, tropical fruit and milk. Wednesday: Breakfast - quick blueberry bubble bread, sliced peaches and milk. Lunch - spaghetti with meat sauce, spinach salad, seasoned peas, garlic bread, fresh fruit and milk. Thursday: Breakfast - biscuit sandwich, rosy applesauce and milk. Lunch - taco salad, whole grain corn ships with salsa, refried beans, cinnamon puff, pineapple tidbits and milk. Friday: No school. Good Friday.

school calendar

Today: Gold day. 10 a.m. junior high track at Burlington Invitational. 6 p.m. fourth grade music program at the Goodland High School Auditorium. Wednesday: Black day. 7:30 a.m. professional learning community. Thursday: 2 p.m. varsity track at Ulysses. 3 p.m. varsity baseball against Scott City at Memorial Field. 3 p.m. varsity softball against Scott City at Scott City. Friday: No school. Good Friday.

(Mountain Time) on Fridays at the Senior Center on 4th Street. Narcotics Anonymous meets at 6:30 (Mountain Time) on Tuesdays at the Senior Center. Call (785) 734-2734 for more information.

Stratton "AA by the Book" Alcoholics Anonymous group meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays for a beginners open meeting. Filies and young people welcome. Call (719) 348-5398 for men and (719) 346-8553 for women. On U.S. Highway 24 go to Statton and it is the second house on the left, 513 Iola Street.

Fibromyalgia and Chronic Myofascial Pain Support Group meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month in the Emergency Medical Services

building, 257 15th St., in Burlington. Call Debbie at 719-346-4612.

area events

Prairie Museum of Art and History, 1905 S. Franklin, Colby is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

thrift store

The Goodland Churches Thrift Shop, 1002 Main, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Donations welcome. For information call 890-2007.

health department

The Sherman County Health Department at 1622 Broadway is open from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Blood pressures; infants', children's and adults' immunizations; health assessments for Kan Be Healthy, daycare and school entry; fasting blood sugar and hemoglobin; and family planning available by appointment. Sharps containers are available free. WIC program available. Call 890-4888 or go to www.sherman.kansas.com.

If you have questions, concerns or complaints about child care, call the health department.

Water Testing — The Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group does well evaluations, including testing for bacteria and nitrates. To schedule an evaluation or discuss environmental concerns, call the Health Department at 890-4888.

hospital volunteers

Gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; a.m. and p.m. volunteers are in the gift shop. Today:

early head start

Early Head Start is a state funded program for income eligible families with prenatal mothers and children up to age three. Families participate in a variety of educational activities and receive free medical and dental care.

Services include special needs

of children with disabilities. If you have a family member with a special problem, such as drug or alcohol abuse, job loss or other family crisis, your family can qualify. Call 785-672-3125, ext. 187.

preschool

Sherman County Head Start is a free preschool for eligible 3 and 4 year olds. The federally funded program is targeted to families who meet certain economic guidelines and provides hearing, vision, dental and educational screenings. Nutritious meals are served, and parents are encouraged to get involved in their children's education. For information call 890-2552.

crimestoppers

If you have information about any crime, call the Goodland Area Crime Stoppers "Look Line" at 899-5665. Your call will be confidential and you will not be asked your name. If the information results in the arrest and/or conviction of those involved, you could be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000. Goodland Area Crime Stoppers is a nonprofit organization formed by citizens against crime.

The police department can also be called at 890-4570.

family shelter

The Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence Services provides help day or night to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. For information or help, call (800) 794-4624. In the Colby area, call (785) 443-1130.

animal shelter

Lost a pet? Call 890-4575 or go to www.petfinder.com and be sure to enter the Goodland zip code 67735. You can also call the Goodland Police Department at 890-4570 or Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter at 899-4398. Interested in adopting a pet? Call the animal shelter or go to the website www.nwkasgoodland.webs.com.

Brewster fortunate to have fire department

By Angie Moore

We are very fortunate in Brewster to have 11 volunteer firemen working to keep Brewster safe.

These men work hard to cover a lot of miles ranging from six miles east of Brewster and west to Edson and north and south to the borders of Thomas County. All firemen are part of the City of Brewster as well as Sherman County Rural Fire. Five are also first responders.

Firemen stay up on training, attending any available in the area. They just completed a session in Goodland put on by the University of Kansas on reading types of smoke. Next week they will be training in Colby on explosives.

Brewster houses one city pumper-tanker and three rural fire trucks as well as one ambulance. Mark your calendars for some upcoming

Brewster events.

The Beta Federated Women's Club of Brewster will honor the Fine Art Students of Brewster High School at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, at the Brewster Methodist Church. They will be serving homemade ice cream and cookies. Entertainment will be provided by the Brewster Music Students directed by Alice Collett. The art students will display artwork they have completed this year under the direction of Michele Werth. Look for further information on flyers around Brewster. Everyone is invited free of charge.

Brewster Lions Club Grade School Basketball will be Thursday, April 4. Supper will be served at 5:30 p.m.; games will begin at 6:30. Please note the date change.

Saturday, April 6, is the annual Brewster Grocery Fish Fry. This year it is being held from 5:30

to 8:30 p.m. at the school lunchroom. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids ages 6 to 11. Under 5 is free. For tickets or additional information stop by the store or contact any board member.

As part of the Brewster Beautification Projects, the Master Gardeners of Brewster (Colleen Rall, Leisha Carpenter, LeAnne Carney and Lesa Juenemann) are asking for donations to support the flower pots on the four corners of Main Street and Kansas Avenue. Last year was quite a challenge with the heat and wind so plans are to plant hardier varieties with will need to purchase. Donation containers will be placed at Brewster Grocery, the Co-Op, Senior Center and the Craft Peddler. For information, contact one of the gardeners.

Thank you!!

matters of record

The following marriage licenses and divorces have been issued by the Sherman County District Court:

Divorces

Sean P. McClary and Tina M. McClary, Goodland.

Charles Brandon White and Denise Suzanne White, Goodland.

Marriages

Lazaro Antonio Villegas-Castillo

and Rosa Maria Rivera-Mariscal, Burlington, CO.

Jarid Warren Autrey and Chelsea Anne McCue, Aurora, CO.

Keith Wayne Bracelin, Goodland, and Shirley Mae Purvis, Hays, KS.

Luis Arturo Quezada Levario and Nedlin Shammay Renteria Villegas, Stratton, CO.

Adare Lance Webster and Maria Isabel Montanez Lopez, Goodland.

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Scholarship offered to African-American students

The Kansas Insurance Department is seeking applicants for five \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded to African-American students enrolled in Kansas universities, colleges or community colleges during the 2013 fall semester.

The African-American Monumental Life Settlement Scholarships are part of a nationwide legal settlement regarding premiums charged by Monumental Life Insurance Company to African-Americans. The Kansas Legislature passed a law designating that the state's share of the settlement money

go to a scholarship program for Kansas African-American college students.

The deadline for fall semester 2013 applications is May 1, 2013. A scholarship committee of community volunteers and department staff members will award the scholarships, which are renewable.

An applicant for the scholarship must meet these requirements:

• The applicant must be an African-American student.

• The applicant must be enrolled as a student at a Kansas accredited

institution of higher learning during the 2013-2014 school year.

• The applicant must indicate on the application that his/her designated major is in one of the following: mathematics, computer science, business, accounting, economics, finance or investments.

• The applicant must have a cumulative college grade point average of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale.

• The applicant must supply an academic reference letter from a teacher or administrator at his/her higher learning institute, as well as a one-page essay describing career

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To the citizens of Sherman County, On Tuesday, April 2nd, you will be asked to vote on an important school facilities project and bond issue. As your school board, we have put a great deal of time and effort into presenting you with a plan that, together, we feel is in the best interest of our community, and most importantly, our kids. Because it is an extensive plan that includes a complicated two question ballot, we want to make sure that you are given every opportunity to get the information you need to make an informed vote. We hope you accept our invitation to attend one of two informational meetings on Monday, April 1st. The meetings will be held in the GHS Auditorium at 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.. Thank you for your consideration, USD 352 Board of Education

Live art



This wood sculpture artist was one of the attractions at the Yost Farm Supply open house and ribbon cutting on March 15. The company was celebrating the opening of their new building on the south side of U.S. 24.
Photo by Kayla Bentley/The Goodland Star-News

U.S. 36 Association celebrates centennial

The U.S. 36 Highway Association celebrated 100 years on Thursday. There are more than 500 members belonging along the 13 northern tier counties.

Today, roads, highways and freeways are developed and maintained through state and federal funding. But, that was not so in 1913. Road boosters, auto clubs, businessmen and entrepreneurs with visions lead the charge.

On March 21, 1913, representatives from the 13 counties met in Belleville to form the Rock Island Highway Association because the highway would run parallel to the Rock Island Railroad. For years, representatives dedicated hard work, raised cash and made long journeys to attend meetings, often sacrificing family time and personal earnings.

On Sept. 21, 1913, a group of men including the Kansas governor, left St. Joseph, Mo., in a two-car convoy; their destination, Denver. Their mission was to map

the route across Kansas. Many towns held ceremonies and welcoming parties greeted the governor and these pioneering men. Four days later, hub caps crusted in mud, they arrived in Denver.

While the first 40 years were focused on road direction and good conditions across Kansas, in the past 60 years, the U.S. 36 Association has continued dialogues with the Kansas Department of Transportation, voiced the use of the highway which benefits commerce, and published literature that provides readers with historical and tourist information.

Adding a boost of "tourism" across Kansas, the Border-to-Border Garage and Antique Sales event, known as "Treasure Hunt" was launched in September 2006. The event attracts national and international attention. Towns from St. Francis to Elwood, and 26 towns in between, have participated. This year's event will be held Sept. 20-22.

Unfiled 2009 refunds available

Refunds totaling just over \$917 million may be waiting for an estimated 984,400 taxpayers who did not file a federal income tax return for 2009, the Internal Revenue Service announced today. However, to collect the money, a return for 2009 must be filed with the IRS no later than Monday, April 15, 2013.

The IRS estimates that half the potential refunds for 2009 are more than \$500.

In Kansas, there are 9,900 individuals that may be eligible. The median potential return is \$509 for a total of \$7,774,000.

Some people may not have filed because they had too little income to require filing a tax return even though they had taxes withheld from their wages or made quarterly estimated payments. In cases where a return was not filed, the law provides most taxpayers with a three-year window of opportunity for claiming a refund. If no return is filed to claim a refund within three years, the money becomes property of the U.S. Treasury.

For 2009 returns, the window

closes on April 15, 2013. The law requires that the return be properly addressed, mailed and postmarked by that date. There is no penalty for filing a late return qualifying for a refund.

The IRS reminds taxpayers seeking a 2009 refund that their checks may be held if they have not filed tax returns for 2010 and 2011. In addition, the refund will be applied to any amounts still owed to the IRS or their state tax agency, and may be used to offset unpaid child support or past due federal debts such as student loans.

By failing to file a return, people stand to lose more than refund of taxes withheld or paid during 2009. In addition, many low-and-moderate income workers may not have claimed the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). For 2009, the credit is worth as much as \$5,657. The EITC helps individuals and families whose incomes are below certain thresholds. The thresholds for 2009 were:

\$43,279 (\$48,279 if married filing jointly) for those with three or

more qualifying children, \$40,295 (\$45,295 if married filing jointly) for people with two qualifying children,

\$35,463 (\$40,463 if married filing jointly) for those with one qualifying child, and

\$13,440 (\$18,440 if married filing jointly) for people without qualifying children.

For more information, visit the EITC Home Page.

Current and prior year tax forms and instructions are available on the Forms and Publications page of IRS.gov or by calling toll-free (800) 829-3676. Taxpayers who are missing Forms W-2, 1098, 1099 or 5498 for 2009, 2010 or 2011 should request copies from their employer, bank or other payer.

If these efforts are unsuccessful, taxpayers can get a free transcript showing information from these year-end documents by filing Form 4506-T, Request for Transcript of Tax Return, with the IRS or by calling (800) 829-1040.

corrections

The Goodland Star-News will correct any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story. Please call our office at (785) 899-2338 to report errors. We believe that news should be fair and factual. We want to keep an accurate record and appreciate you calling to our attention any failure to live up to this standard.

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from our viewpoint...

Don't overspend based on valuation

County commissioners across the state are expecting a tax "windfall" next year from increased assessments on agricultural land. Some are already making plans to spend it, but that might not be the best idea.

For one thing, tax windfalls have a way of disappearing as fast as they appear. A county that spends a windfall to fix roads, buy equipment or give employees raises often has to raise taxes later to sustain the spending.

And that leads to unhappy voters.

Whether that will happen this time is anybody's guess. Commissioners have been complaining for some time that ag land was underassessed, even on the "income" formula the state uses to set its value. But that same formula can produce dips in valuation as well as increases.

Assessors tell us that part of the increase this year is due to changes at Kansas State University, which does the math on land values for the state. That part of the increase might be permanent, at least until the formula changes again. But it's only part of the increase; increases in farm income account for the rest.

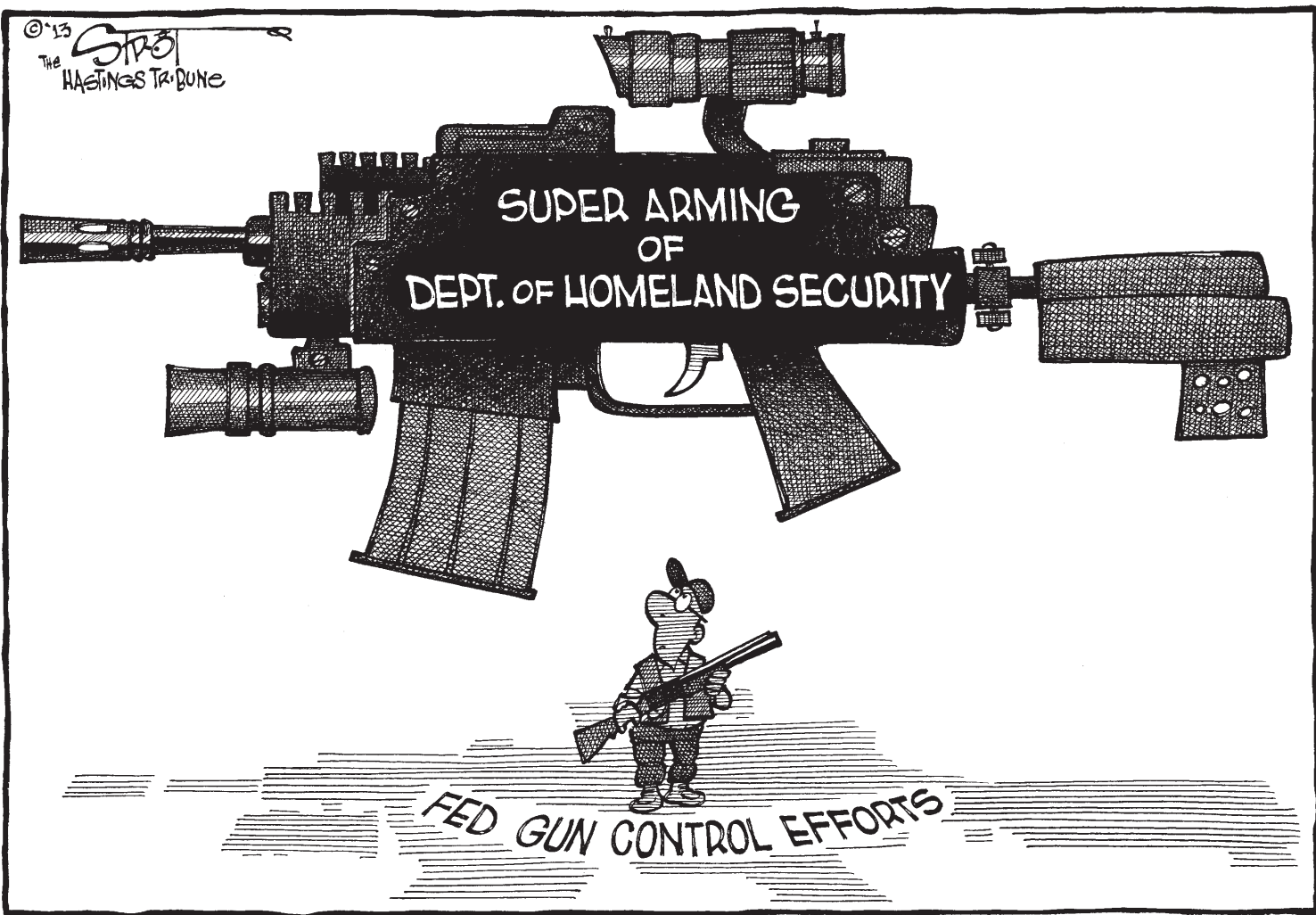
And farm income comes and goes. It's know for wild swings. So the likelihood of this windfall disappearing, or shrinking, a year or two out is great. Plus, it's a windfall in name only. Even if tax rates stay the same, the farmers and ranchers who own this land will have to pay real, larger tax bills that may not make them too happy. That could lead to more assessment appeals, unpaid taxes and unhappy voters.

A safer course for counties would be to hold the line on spending and let tax rates – gasp – go down. Voters are almost sure to approve. That would give everyone, even the farmer with an increases assessment, a break.

No doubt, there are a lot of demands on county government, especially from new programs pressed on counties by the state and federal governments. But the mood of voters in this state is pretty clear: they've elected the most conservative, anti-tax governor and legislature in anyone's memory.

Commissioners will be tempted to increase spending next year, given the situation, but it might not be wise, given the times. It might even invite a return of the old tax lid or other limits on local spending which we'd be better off without.

For now, the ball is in the commissioners' court. We advise due caution, conservative spending and listening to the will and mood of the voters. – Steve Haynes



Choice and accountability are inseperable

A common fallacy in today's thinking is to dissociate anger from agency. This makes us believe that we are victims and not in control of our emotions.

"I lost my temper." Such an interesting choice of words, and a fallacy that has become a widely used idiom. When we "lose something" we imply that we "did not mean to," it was "accidental," or "involuntary," therefore we are "not responsible" we were perhaps careless, but "not responsible."

"He made me mad." This is another fallacy that implies lack of control. This is a myth. No one has the power to take our agency. No one can force us to become angry. Anger is a choice, a decision; therefore, if we can make the choice to become angry, we can make the choice to not become angry. We choose!

To those who say, "But I can't help myself," author William Wilbanks responds: "Nonsense."

"Aggression... suppressing the anger, talking about it, screaming and yelling," are all learned strategies in dealing with anger. "We choose the one that has proved effective for us in the past. Ever notice how seldom we lose control when frustrated by our boss, but how often we do when annoyed by friends or family?" ("The New Obscenity," Reader's Digest, Dec. 1988, 24; emphasis added).

"In his sophomore year Wilbanks tried out for the high school basketball team and made it. On the first day of practice his coach had him play one-on-one while the team observed. When he missed an easy shot, he became angry and stomped and whined. The coach walked over to him and said, "You pull a stunt like that again and you'll never play for my team". For the next three years he never lost control again. Years later, as he reflected back on this incident, he realized that the coach had taught him a life-changing principle that day: anger can be controlled."

Anger is the surrendering of ones self-control. It often becomes hostile feelings or behavior. Unchecked, anger becomes an explosion of emotional abuse that can scar a tender heart. It is that which cometh out of the mouth, which this defileth a man. Physical abuse is anger gone berserk and is never justified and always unrighteous.

Choice and accountability are inseperable. Understanding the connection between agency and anger can help us to eliminate it from our lives. It is our choice, and we can choose to not become angry.

Stirred up to contention. The verb stir sounds like a recipe for disaster: Put tempers on medium heat, stir in a few choice words, and bring to a boil; continue stirring until thick; cool off; let feelings chill for several days; serve cold; lots of leftovers.

As always your views and opinions are welcome. To contact me directly, email me at littlefish_67@yahoo.com.



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"perdemos algo" implica que nosotros "no significa," fue "accidental", o "involuntario", por lo tanto somos "no responsables" "tal vez fuimos descuidados, pero "no responsables".

"Él me hizo loco." Esto es otra falacia que implica la falta de control. Se trata de un mito. Nadie tiene el poder de tomar nuestra agencia. Nadie puede obligarnos a enojarse. El enojo es una elección, una decisión; por lo tanto, si podemos hacer la elección a enojarse, podemos hacer la elección para no llegar a ser enojado. Elegimos!

A los que dicen, "Pero yo no puedo evitar" autor William Wilbanks responde: "Absurdo".

"La agresión... suprimir la ira, hablando de él, gritando y gritando," es que todos aprendieron estrategias para tratar con la ira. "Elegimos que ha resultado eficaz para nosotros en el pasado. Alguna vez notaste cómo Difícilmente pierde el control cuando frustrado por nuestro jefe, pero ¿con qué frecuencia hacemos cuando molesto por amigos o familiares?" ("La nueva obscenidad," Digest de Reader, diciembre de 1988, 24; cursivas en el original).

"En su segundo año Wilbanks probado para el equipo de baloncesto de la escuela secundaria y lo hizo. El primer día de práctica, su entrenador lo hizo jugar uno a uno, mientras que el equipo observó. Cuando él perdió un tiro fácil, él hizo enojado y stomped y whined. El entrenador caminó él y dijo: "tire un truco parecido otra vez y nunca jugarás para mi equipo". Para los próximos tres años que nunca perdió control otra vez. Años más tarde, como refleja en este incidente, se dio cuenta que el entrenador le había enseñado un principio cambia la vida ese día: ira puede ser controlado."

La ira es la entrega de unos autocontrol. Se convierte a menudo sentimientos hostiles o comportamiento. Si se descontrolara, ira se convierte en una explosión de abuso emocional que puede un corazón tierno de la cicatriz. Lo que es la que viene de la boca, que esto contamina un hombre. Maltrato físico es el enojo ido berserk y nunca es justificado y siempre injusto.

Elección y responsabilidad son inseparables. Entender la conexión entre la Agencia y la ira puede ayudarnos a eliminarla de nuestras vidas. Es nuestra elección, y podemos elegir a no enojarse.

Despertó a la contención. El verbo revolver suena como una receta para el desastre: poner ánimos a fuego medio, agregue unas palabras de elección y poner a hervir; continuar revolviendo hasta que espese; refrescarse; dejar que los sentimientos a enfriar durante varios días; servir frío; montón de sobras.

Como siempre sus opiniones y comentarios son bienvenidos. Para contactar conmigo directamente, enviarme por correo electrónico a littlefish_67@yahoo.com.

It's all about the institutions

The Kansas Legislature is considering a wide range of education issues this session.

Legislation has been proposed to allow public and private universities to authorize independent public charter schools (all charter schools are, by definition, public schools), modify collective bargaining rules to give districts more operational flexibility, create tax credit scholarships for low income families to attend the school of their choice and establish a third grade reading initiative to ensure that kids being promoted to fourth grade can actually read – just to name a few.

Much of the opposition to these student-focused reforms have been couched in terms of wanting what's best for students, but in reality, it's largely about protecting institutions and the adults in the system.

Kansas has one of the worst charter schools laws in the nation, allowing only the local school district to authorize a public charter school to compete with it. Parents who can't afford to move to another neighborhood or pay private tuition are forced to send their kids to the school assigned to them, regardless of whether they believe the school is right for their child. Public charter schools are enormously popular; over 600,000 kids are on waiting lists around the country, most of whom come from low income families.

The charter school bill failed in the House Education Committee by a single vote, with some opponents saying they were concerned about districts losing money. Others said exempting charter schools from collective



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bargaining rules is unfair to teachers unions. Some said competition wasn't needed because Kansas schools have high student achievement. There was actually concern that smart kids might leave and thereby bring down districts' average scores! Rep. Ed Trimmer (D-Winfield) deliberately misrepresented our testimony and claimed that it's bad to have multiple authorizers of charter schools (the problem is having authorizers with low standards, not multiple authorizers).

The opposition was all about defending institutions and the adults in the system. By the way, the low income kids who benefit the most from having choice are typically about two years' worth of learning behind everyone else.

Senators on the Education Committee who voted down the third grade reading initiative (five to six) said holding back a student who really can't read could be harmful to their self-esteem. Like a child feels good about not being able to read. They also said holding kids back would create an unfunded mandate on districts and that some district employees were opposed to the notion.

Districts are promoting some kids to the fourth grade, where they transition from learn-

ing to read to having to be able to read to learn, with full knowledge that they cannot read. That this discussion even has to be held is unbelievable; the fact that the education establishment is fighting to promote kids who can't read is unconscionable.

Superintendents want collective bargaining reforms so they don't have to negotiate the length of classes or the school day. They want and need the flexibility to decide how and when to evaluate teachers. It's also not in students best interests to have anything get in the way of having effective teachers in the classroom. But the fight over collective bargaining reforms is all about what's best for the adults in the system.

'It's all about the kids' shouldn't just be a slogan for legislators. It should be what really drives every education discussion.

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Candidate says city should be open book

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south end of Main Street is in need of repair. "I hope we can continue to get public funds to fill it," he said. "The local taxpayers can't afford more."

Farris said he is also hoping he can get change the way electric rates are calculated in order to ease demand charges on businesses, something he sees as an undue hardship. "I voted against the rate increase," he said,

referring to an increase in residential and commercial electric rates passed by the commission last year. "It's not necessary and hurts for people on a fixed income."

Farris said he is for keeping taxes low. "I'm humble in my spending," he said. "The city should be too."

Farris said he would also like to see the city become friendlier to people if they have issues. Police and employees need to be salesmen for the city, he said.

Write-in candidate files

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focusing on the students," he said. "Everything we do should be about that."

Hamilton said with his background in education and testing, he has skills that will complement the other board members.

Hamilton has three children. His daughter Mia is in third grade and his sons Luke and Alec are in sixth and 10th grades.

"So I get a lot of feedback about what's

going on at the schools," he said. "I see positive things. I'm encouraged by the teachers and the administrators."

The students are getting a lot of individual instruction, he said, which helps the students who are already at very high or very low proficiency. There have been some teachers who are not as open and receptive to working with parents as others, Hamilton said, and he wants to be on the board in part to encourage that.

Hamilton said that while he plans to

vote for the bond issue, he would like to have more information and more input on the school facilities improvement project.

"If the bond fails, we'll need a new approach," he said. "We'll have to do it in budget or lower the costs."

The district needs to improve its facilities, he said, but if this second try and a bond fails, the district shouldn't try the same approach, but should recognize that the people are against it and find a new way to get the work done.

Energy company to meet with customers Thursday

Midwest Energy will hold a member meeting to discuss getting the cooperative out from under state regulation at 5:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) Thursday in Room 108 of the Student Union at Colby Community College.

The company, which supplies natural gas and electricity in rural Sherman County and many other areas, plans a vote of its customer-owners in May to become self-regulated, returning

most decision-making authority from the Kansas Corporation Commission.

Parke said members of the 27 of the 29 Kansas electric cooperatives have voted to self-regulate since the Legislature first allowed it in 1992.

Midwest has mailed brochures to members in preparation for the meetings, which will also be held in Great Bend, Scott City and Hays.

Incumbent wants more strategic planning

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appointed to fill an open spot in the Kansas House of Representatives. The commission appointed an interim to fill the open seat until the general election, which Finley won.

Finley said his family has lived in Sherman County for more than 100 years. He himself graduated from Brewster High School and attended Northwest Kansas Technical College. He lived in southwest Kansas for 16 years before coming back to Goodland.

"We've made our home here," he said. "My grandkids are here and we plan on making Goodland our home for many years. I have an interest in the success of Goodland."

He taught and worked in the administration at

the college for 25 years.

"I enjoyed connecting with students," he said. "Anyone who gets into education will tell you the reward is not monetary, it's seeing that light come on when the students understand something."

Finley said he decided to run for re-election because there are many challenges before the city.

"There are going to be tough decisions," he said, "because of the economy and because of the federal and state budgets."

Finley said he has been accused of being too conservative, but feels that now is the time to be conservative.

"I pay taxes too," he said, "and I have a saying: don't spend money you don't have."

While sometimes the commission has to bite

the bullet and spend money, he said, it should never be done lightly.

"I want to see all the data possible before I make a decision," he said.

Finley said he is also concerned that many businesses are struggling right now, and the city's economic development efforts should be put into helping those businesses stay in Goodland.

"Any more economic burden on them could break them," he said. "We have to be conscious of that."

Finley said the strength of the city is in its employees. Goodland has some experienced employees who know the inner workings of the city better than the commission, he said, and the commission should rely on their expertise.

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STATE OF KANSAS SHERMAN COUNTY NOTICE OF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 352 GENERAL ELECTION

School District #352 will vote at the Goodland VFW Hall.

Published in The Goodland Star-News, Tuesday March 26, 2013.

NOTICE OF SUNFLOWER EXTENSION DISTRICT #6 ELECTION SHERMAN COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION

In compliance with the provisions of K.S.A. 2-624 (3), notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Sunflower Extension District #6 which consists of all qualified electors in Sherman County, Kansas, that there will be a General Election held on Tuesday, April 2, 2013.

There are two (2) positions open in Sherman County for board positions. The following individuals have filed for one of the positions:

Cash Schilling, Edson, Kansas

Barbara J Winston, Goodland, Kansas

The voting place for the election is the Goodland VFW Hall.

Notice is further given that the polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. (M.T.).

Signed this 29th day of January, 2013.

Janet R. Rumpel
Sherman County Election Officer

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In compliance with the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2018(e), notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of Unified School District No. 352 that a General Election will be held on April 2, 2013, for the purpose of electing three (3) board members at large.

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- Confederate soldier
 - ___ Lilly, drug company
 - Negative
 - Teacher
 - Informal term for money
 - Environmental Protection Agency
 - County in Transylvania, Romania
 - 1896 Ethiopian independence battle
 - 50010 IA
 - It grows every year
 - ___ and feathered
 - Founder of positivism
 - Variant of lower
 - Russian weight = 36 lbs.
 - Megavolt (abbr.)
 - 40th state
 - Flower jar
 - Satisfy fully
 - Weatherman Roker
 - Atomic #18
 - Somali supermodel
 - Skank
 - "No more" (Spanish)
 - Gets up from
 - E.M. Forster novel
 - Motown singer Diana
 - Scottish hillside
 - Give qualities or abilities to
 - No (Scottish)
 - "Laughter of the marsh" rail
 - City in Thuringia, Ger-
- CLUES DOWN**
- Revolutions per minute
 - Break out
 - Relating to the North wind
 - African antelope
 - 44254 OH
 - Hawkeye state
 - Roundworm
 - Unfolded
 - 19th C political cartoonist Thomas
 - Denotes iron
 - Powder mineral
 - Blood fluids
 - Nearly
 - The courage to carry on
 - Soda
 - Skedaddled
 - Poplar trees (Spanish)
 - Triangular spinal bones
 - Opposite of leave
 - Encroachment or intrusion
 - Another word for mother
 - Employing
 - Transferred property
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Second-year bracket picks are trouble

As you might recall from previous columns, last year I put together my first March Madness bracket.

I've never been much of a sports fan, though I have become much more of one through covering local high school and college sports for the *Goodland Star-News*. My dad and my brother were always the big sports fans, and sometimes I'd watch games with them. I can remember watching the Broncos lose a Superbowl and then win twice, not because I particularly cared, but because it was on every TV in the house.

But last year I decided to fill out a March Madness bracket. I didn't know anything about college basketball, but several others in the office were filling out brackets and entering them in the radio station contest. In addition, my alma mater, Colorado State University, was in the tournament. Since I was so astonished that my school was good at something, I decided to join in.

It went pretty well. I got the majority of the second-round picks correct, and although I started getting a lot wrong in the ensuing rounds, I ended up correctly picking just over half of the games and I got the winner - Kentucky - correct. Pretty good for a first timer with little prior



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knowledge of college hoops.

So I thought I'd try my hand again this year.

Yeah, it's not going near as well.

I took part of an afternoon to do some research, looking on ESPN and Sport Illustrated to see the team's records and some of their predictions. My problem last year was that I couldn't accurately predict the upsets, and the upsets I did pick didn't pan out. That would be even more of a problem this year, as it turns out.

Most of the second round went well for me. I had almost all of the South region picked accurately, but again the upsets got me. I had predicted Oklahoma would overcome San Diego State, but they didn't. I had predicted that second-seed Georgetown would beat 15th-seed Florida Gulf

Coast, which they didn't.

Most of my picks for the final four were winning their games. KU has won twice now along with Miami and Louisville. Even my Colorado State Rams won their second-round game; their first tournament win in years.

I got plenty more wrong as well though, and where the wheels really came off the wagon was the West region. Firstly, I had picked Gonzaga to go all the way to the championship and win it. A lot of the polls had them at No. 1, but hardly anyone I knew was picking them to win it. Turns out there was a reason for that. They struggled against 16th-seed Southern University in the second round, barely pulling off a win, then lost to Wichita State in the third round. While I'm happy to see a Kansas team doing well, it pretty much means the end of my bracket.

Losses by Wisconsin, Kansas State University, New Mexico and Notre Dame also pretty much destroyed that region for me.

So my second year of March Madness is going abysmally bad. I also figured Sebastian Vettel would win the Australian Grand Prix, which didn't happen, so I think I'll give up any notion of a career in sports prognostication.

Players named to All-League teams

Goodland High School boys basketball players Gage and Gannon Ihrig have been named to the Great West Activities Conference Second All-League Team.

The All-League team members are selected in recognition of their outstanding performance throughout the season. Taylen Smith was given an honorable mention.

On the boys First All-League Team were Tyler LasSalle and Shane Bennett of Holcomb; and Drew Kite, Brett O'Neil, Trey O'Neil and Joey Meyer of Scott City. On the Second Team were Todd Kane and Mark Bremen-kamp of Colby; Heath Tucker of Holcomb; and Tate Annis and Tregg Rodriguez of Ulysses. Also receiving honorable mentions

were Aaron Hernandez of Holcomb; Henry Vela of Hugoton; Tyler Hess of Scott City; and Nathan Medina of Ulysses.

On the girls side, two Goodland players received honorable mentions: Maddie Mayer and Hope Cochran.

On the girls First All-League Team were Katie Pfeifer and Karissa Pena of Holcomb; Haileigh Shull of Colby; and Chasity Parsons and Nicole Kinser of Hugoton. On the Second Team were Janessa Lowenthal of Scott City; Lauren Bell and Kenzie Curry of Colby; Haley Heydman of Holcomb; and Carolina Gallegos of Ulysses. Also receiving honorable mentions were Riley Sosa of Hugoton and Kyshia Prieto of Holcomb.

real estate deeds

The following real estate transactions have been reported by the Sherman County register of deeds.

City of Goodland, Kansas to Crop Production Services, Inc., Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Goodland Industrial Park; Lot 5, Block 4, Goodland Industrial Park.

David F. Davis and Leanne Davis convey and warrant to Randy Payne and Mary Payne, a tract of land in N/2 of SE/4 of NE/4 of Sec. 18, T8S, R39W; a tract of land in N/2 of SE/4 of NE/4 of Sec. 18, T8S, R39W; a tract of land in N/2 of SE/4 of NE/4 of Sec. 18, T8S, R39W.

Wayne Koehler conveys and warrants to Doug Sederstrom and Hayley Sederstrom, a tract of land in SE/4 of Sec. 16, T8S, R40W.

C. Brandon White quit claims to Denise White, the N25' of Lot 8, all of Lot 9, Block 26, Beahm's Addition to City of Goodland.

Rita Ann Ihrig, Executor of the Estate of Lawrence Kitten, to Randy Zimmerman and Susan Zimmerman, the E100' and S40' of Lot 5, E100' of Lot 6, Block 41, Beahm's Addition to City of Goodland.

Marcelino A. Miranda and Chelsey Miranda, to Kevin J. Jostes and Charlene M. Jostes, the N/2 of Lot 10, all of Lot 11, Block 39, Beahm's Addition to City of Goodland.

Daniel Duell conveys and warrants to Daniel Ben Duell Land, LLC, the NE/4 of Sec. 27, T8S, R41W.

David Seth Duell conveys and warrants to David S. Duell Land,

LLC, the N/2 of Sec. 19, T8S, R41W.

Bryce L. Cole and Jessica D. Cole to Chad D. Mai and Gwendice M. Mai, a tract of land in SE/4 of Sec. 17, T8S, R39W.

Bryce L. Cole and Jessica D. Cole to Travis M. Daise and Melanie R. Daise, a tract of land in SE/4 of Sec. 17, T8S, R39W.

Jill E. Strnad quit claims to Dan Rasure, a tract of land in SE/4 of Sec. 21, T8S, R40W. Property also described as Lots 10 and 11 in Sugar Hills Golf Club, Inc. development.

John H. Golden and Marcia L. Golden to Hitchcock, Inc. of Goodland, a tract of land in SE/4 of Sec. 19, T8S, R39W.

Dorothy A. Stasser to Dorothy A. Stasser, trustee of the Dorothy S. Stasser Trust dated February 22, 2013, an undivided interest in the SE/4 of Sec. 9, T7S, R39W; the N/2 of SW/4 of Sec. 9, T7S, R39W; an undivided 1/3 interest in SE/4 of Sec. 4, T7S, R39W.

Doug L. House and Karen Ann House convey and warrant to Brenda A. Underhill Revocable Trust dated April 26, 2002, Brenda A. Underhill, Trustee, the NE/4 of Sec. 16, T9S, R39W.

Ryan A. Scheopner and Sarah Scheopner to Terry L. Taylor and Shari L. Taylor, Lots 12 and 13, Subdivision of Block 78, Original Town of Goodland.

Orville D. Finnesy and Vinita M. Finnesy convey and warrant to Finnesy Family Trust dated March 4, 2013, the N12' of Lot 4 and all

of Lot 3 except N4', in Block 6, Kohler First Addition to City of Goodland.

Jasmin Bair and First National Bank, Goodland, KS, Trustees of the Jasmin Bair Trust A dated May 28, 1997, to Edward J. Cure, William E. Cure and John P. Cure, an undivided 1/2 interest in: N/2 of Sec. 17, T7S, R41W; SW/4 of Sec. 18, T7S, R41W; S/2 of Sec. 11, T7S, R42W; NW/4 of Sec. 12, T7S, R42W.

Jasmin Bair, Bruce Bair and Julene Bair, Trustees of the Jasmin Bair Revocable Trust dated March 29, 1985, to Edward J. Cure, William E. Cure and John P. Cure, an undivided 1/2 interest in: all of Sec. 7, T7S, R41W; N/2 of Sec. 17, T7S, R41W; W/2 of Sec. 18, T7S, R41W; S/2 of Sec. 11, T7S, R42W; all of Sec. 12, T7S, R42W; all of Sec. 13, T7S, R42W; NE/4 of Sec. 14, T7S, R42W.

Jasmin Bair and First National Bank, Goodland, KS, Trustees of the Bair Family Trust dated May 28, 1997, to Edward J. Cure, William E. Cure and John P. Cure, an undivided 1/2 interest in: all of Sec. 7, T7S, R41W; NW/4 of Sec. 18, T7S, R41W; NE/4 and S/2 of Sec. 12, T7S, R42W; all of Sec. 13, T7S, R42W; NE/4 of Sec. 14, T7S, R42W.

John H. Golden, Marcia L. Golden and Gennifer G. House, Trustees of the John Hollister Golden Trust dated July 11, 2006, to John H. Golden and Marcia L. Golden, a tract of land in SE/4 of Sec. 19, T8S,

R39W.

Patricia M. Lohr to J. Kendall Cooper and Jacque S. Cooper, Lot 5, Block 1, Eastridge Addition #2 to the City of Goodland.

Edward J. Cure, William E. Cure and John P. Cure, to EBJ, LLC, the SE/4 of Sec. 29, T6S, R42W; S/2 of Sec. 28, T6S, R42W; E/2 and SW/4 of Sec. 24, T7S, R42W; SE/4 and E/2 of SW/4 of Sec. 14, T7S, R42W.

Douglas Duell to DKD Farms, LLC, the S/2 of Sec. 26, T10S, R41W, save and except for a tract of land in SW/4 of Sec. 26.

Douglas Duell to DKD Farms, LLC and Fred and Sheila Duell Land, LLC, the S/2 of Sec. 26, T10S, R41W, save and except a tract of land in SW/4 of Sec. 26.

Gary Peters and Robin Deeds, as Trustees of the Berniece Peters Revocable Trust dated May 17, 1990, to Dawn Lamping, the SE/4 of Sec. 22, T7S, R38W; SW/4 of Sec. 23, T7S, R38W.

Gary Peters and Robin Deeds, as Trustees of the Peters Credit Trust dated April 8, 1993, to Gary Peters, the NE/4 of Sec. 22, T7S, R38W; NW/4 of Sec. 22, T7S, R38W; SW/4 of Sec. 22, T7S, R38W.

Gary Peters and Robin Deeds, as Trustees of the Berniece Peters Revocable Trust dated May 17, 1990, to Gary Peters, the S/2 of Sec. 21, T7S, R38W; NE/4 of Sec. 11, T7S, R38W.

Stone Financing, LLC to Ryan Scheopner and Sarah Lynne Scheopner, Lot 11, Block 3, Eastridge Addition #1 to City of Goodland.

Denise S. White quitclaims to Charles Brandon White, Lot 7, Block 10, Rosewood Addition to City of Goodland.

Shirley A. Barnhart to James Dean Oharah and Daylene Gail Oharah, Lot 9, Block 1, Sharp's Addition to City of Goodland.

Christopher A. Loeffler and Tammy Loeffler quit claim to Christopher Loeffler and Tammy Loeffler, all interest in S/2 of SW/4 of Sec. 20; N/2 of N/2 of Sec. 20 and N355' of W2450' of S/2 of NW/4, Sec. 20, less road right-of-way; and that portion of NW/4 of Sec. 29, all in T7S, R38W.

Western State Bank to Johnnie Jerome Howard, Lots 1 and 2, Block 11, Sharp's Addition to City of Goodland.

Kevin J. Smith, Trustee of the James and Velda Smith Revocable Trust dated May 16, 2000, to Kevin J. Smith and Chelli Smith, all of Lots 22, 23 and 24, block 39, First Addition to Town of Goodland.

Tri-State Properties, LLP to Matthew D. Beringer, Lots 20 and 21,

Block 35, First Addition to City of Goodland.

Austin Ray Spreser and Abbie Lynn Spreser quit claims to Spreser Rentals, LLC, Lots 7, 8 and 9, Block 8, Second Addition to City of Goodland.

Lucile Joyce Leibbrandt to the Joyce Leibbrandt Trust, dated December 27, 2012, an undivided 2/3 interest in N/2 of Sec. 36, T3S, R42W, Cheyenne County, KS. An undivided 1/2 interest in SW/4 of Sec. 36, T9S, R39W, Sherman County. An undivided 1/2 interest in SW/4 of Sec. 25, T9S, R39W, Sherman County.

Christopher Stegman to Darren John Baehler and Berinda Elaine Baehler, Lots 5 and 6, Block 11, Sharp's Addition to City of Goodland.

Laural R. Belshe, Trustee of the Mable L. Townsend Revocable Trust dated January 31, 1990, quit claims to Tony Richardson, all of Lots 7, 8 and 9, Block 12, First Addition to Town of Goodland.

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