

Goodland sees increase in thefts in past three months

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 There has been an increase in the number of thefts in the past three months, and Mayor Rick Billinger said last Monday he is asking the police to look at ways to try to respond to the apparent crime spree. "I have had several calls from people who have had thefts," Billinger said, "and I asked City Manager Ron Pickman to come up with some ways the city police and maybe the sheriff can work together to try to catch these people."

Pickman said he had talked to the police chief about ways to inform people about what is going on, and to encourage them to lock their homes and cars and be aware of who may be trying to get into their neighbors house. He said that Police Chief Ray Smea was going to meet with Sheriff Doug Whitson to see if they can coordinate their efforts. "I know they have been working on the drugs," Billinger said, "but there seems to be an increasing number of thefts from homes and

vehicles that need to be addressed." City Commissioner John Garcia asked about the sewer smell that had been reported to him near 16th and Wyoming. "I drove over and they were right it was pretty bad," he said. Pickman said that probably was caused by the sewer backup at the truck washout south of there. He said the washout system is not working properly. He said the washout may have to be replaced by a larger system or if it continues to be a problem for the city sewer system

it will have to be cut off because it could cause a major problem for the city with the state health department. Commissioner Dean Blume said he was looking at the new plant and suggested that there might be a way to make it look distinctive. He said he thought they ought to build a brick wall in front of the east doors and have three flag poles. He said if the Aircraft Seal and Gasket company has a logo it might be incorporated into the brick wall. For the flags Blume suggested the American flag with the Kansas flag

and possibly a Goodland flag. He asked that Pickman pursue this and talk to the new plant owner about the idea. "I think we should be proud of this building and show people that we are proud by making it look unique and stand out," Blume said. Billinger said County Commissioner Kevin Rasure had asked him about the two commissions holding a joint meeting in the near future to discuss ways the city and county can work together. He said Rasure was asking for about an hour and

that it could be before the regular city commission meeting. The other commissioners agreed that a joint meeting would be a good idea, and Billinger said he would get back to Rasure about setting a date and time. The commission held a 10 minute closed session to discuss the possibility of purchasing property for the city. The next city commission meeting will be 5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 19, in the commission room on the second floor of the administration building, 204 W. 11th.

Thirty-five arrested on drug charges

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arrested on Oct. 21, and sentenced on Dec. 15 for possession of marijuana with intent to sell within 1,000 feet of a school and maintaining a public nuisance. He was arrested on I-70 and 248 pounds of marijuana were found in the car he and Denise Taylor, 31, Minneapolis, Minn., were driving. Jason Davis was arrested on Aug. 22, and placed on diversion on Dec. 5 for possession of marijuana. Aaron Leroux was arrested on Sept. 20 for possession of marijuana, and a bench warrant was issued on Nov. 18. The cases against Denise Taylor, Carla Austin, Donovan Henan and Dyami Henan for possession of marijuana were dismissed. Austin and the two Henan's were arrested on Oct. 26, and the charges were dismissed on Oct. 30. Taylor was

arrested on Oct. 21, and the case was dismissed on Dec. 23. Cases for possession of drugs remain pending for Paul Medrano, arrested on Feb. 26; Domingo Perez, arrested on March 10; Mark Pianalto, arrested on April 9; Douglas Smith, arrested on Sept. 27; Jazzman Witherspoon, arrested on Nov. 17; Clayton Hoss, arrested on Nov. 14, 2001 and the case was filed last year; and Timothy Scheck who was arrested Dec. 18. Scheck was arrested Dec. 18, and charged with two counts of possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. He pled guilty Monday in district court Selby said. The case of Jesse Sandoval is awaiting sentencing. He was arrested on July 1 for possession of marijuana, and is his second offense. Three juvenile drug cases were filed last year Selby said with one

for possession of a narcotic, one for possession of drug paraphernalia and one for possession of marijuana. On Nov. 25, Chad Scott Nixon, 31, listed as homeless, was arrested and charged with possession of a narcotic and possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and a "butterfly" knife. He was arrested again on Dec. 12, and charged with burglary of a 2000 Toyota Tacoma pickup owned by Scott Gilmer and he drove it away. He was charged with felony theft of property inside the pickup including a black powder rifle, a .22 cal Remington rifle, one 223 cal. rifle with scope and a pair of binoculars. On the same day, he was charged with burglary of an apartment building through a back window. The building belonged to Janna Dutton and he had the property stolen from the pickup in a storage area of the apartment complex.

City approves purchase of police car

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The city commission approved purchasing a new police car from Dan Brenner Ford on a 4-1 vote last Monday evening. City Manager Ron Pickman said the new police car was to replace one of the older cars that are in use now. He said the department has been replacing a car each year, but that they did not budget to replace one last year. "We found ourselves in a pinch when one police car was damaged by hitting a deer near Hays," Pickman said. He said a program car was purchased to solve the vehicle shortage, and that it is now being used as the city manager's vehicle. "It should last several years," Pickman said. "In the past the new car has been used by the city manager for one year, then the police chief for a year before they go on

the street for the policemen. "The new car will go to the chief and his car will replace one of the ones we have on the street now." There were four bids submitted. Burlington-Limon Ford had a price of \$21,159; Burtis Motor Company, Garden City, \$22,378; Dan Brenner Ford, \$22,585; and Yost Farm Supply, \$23,986. Commissioner Dean Blume asked if they had to take the low bid on the vehicle. Mayor Rick Billinger said he did not believe they were tied to the lowest bid, and that in the past the commission has taken a local bid if it was at least within 10 percent of the lowest bid. Commissioner John Garcia asked about the mileage on the car to be replaced, and how they were maintained. Pickman said he estimated that the car which will be replaced

will have 140,000 miles or more, but that sometimes it is not the highest mileage car that is replaced. He said they look at the mileage and at the maintenance cost of the vehicles. "We have had times when we replaced a car not because of its mileage, but because it had to have three transmissions or other maintenance problems," Pickman said. Commissioner Dave Daniels said he would like to see it stay local. Pickman said there was \$25,000 in the budget for a new police vehicle. Blume made the motion to purchase the car from Dan Brenner Ford. Commissioner Chuck Lutters seconded the motion. When the vote was called by City Clerk Mary Volk, Garcia voted no while the other four voted yes. Garcia said he was voting no because he felt with the budget crunch and expenses, the car might last a year longer.

City to allow seven-foot high yard fences

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A recommendation from the city zoning board to allow yard fences to be built seven foot high was approved last Monday night after being tabled at the previous meeting. The commission had tabled the ordinance amendment because no one was present to explain the thinking of the zoning board. Steve Criswell, city building inspector, told the commission the zoning board had recommended the change in fence height to accommodate the many requests they have been receiving.

Criswell said the zoning ordinance has allowed a six-foot fence height, but today many homeowners are building their fences on top of a cement foundation to keep the posts from rotting, and the fence boards in combination are taller than six-foot. "Raising the standard to seven-foot will allow these people to build their fences without having to cut each board down to meet the six-foot requirement," he said. City Commissioner Dean Blume said he wondered why the zoning board was doing this, and whether it will stop at seven feet. "Is an eight-foot fence next," he

said. "The homeowner can do that now with a permit from the zoning commission," Criswell said. "Most of these fences are for privacy, and have to be 15 feet back from the curb." Commissioner Chuck Lutters made the motion to approve the new ordinance and it was seconded by Commissioner Dave Daniels. When City Clerk Mary Volk called the roll for the vote Blume said "reluctantly yes." The motion passed unanimously 5-0 with Mayor Rick Billinger, and Commissioner John Garcia voting to approve.

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Goodland Police
 The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:
January 1 — Jace B. Terry and two juveniles were arrested at Arcade Ave. and 15th Street for possession of marijuana and being minors in possession of alcohol. Charges are pending in district court. Jim Livengood reported a bur-

glary at 121 Harrison Ave. and the theft of miscellaneous items, valued at \$6,015. Frank W. Hand, a 47-year-old white male, was arrested at 100 W. 3rd St. for unlawful manufacture of a controlled substance, possession of simulated controlled substance and drug paraphernalia, criminal possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and unlawful posses-

sion of pseudoephedrine. **January 4** — Wesley R. Pennington, also known as Frank W. Hand, was arrested at 1602 Kansas Ave. on a warrant from the California Department of Corrections. **January 5** — Kenna J. Lichth was arrested at Broadway Ave. and 12th St. for minor in consumption of alcohol and charged in municipal court.

Farm Machinery Sale

for Roberta & the late Phil Robben
Thursday, January 29, 2004 (Storm date Monday, Feb. 2, 2004)
Time: 10:30 a.m. CST
 Auction Location: 3 miles north from the Campus Elevator on County Road 36

HOUSEHOLD
 Round dinette table w/4 chairs, Whirlpool window air conditioner, Early American bedroom dresser and chest, Several bookcases, Assorted pictures, Blonde oak dresser, Large 36" x 52" beveled mirror, GE small bar refrigerator, Royal manual typewriter, Remington manual typewriter, Assorted bicycles and parts.

ANTIQUES / COLLECTIBLES
 1930's Old man in the Boat w/small girl, 1920's George Washington on Stallion (Oakley Grade School Picture), 1940's Oak school desk, Oak kitchen cabinet base, Enterprise #12 meat grinder, Cast iron wash boiler, Granite ware pot, Old shoe lathe, Twin size metal tube bed, 1920's Apartment size 6 burner wood cook stove, Split-base oak tilt top square dining room table w/extra leaves, 1940's Waterfall buffet, Pine wash stand.

VEHICLES
 1984 Ford F150 XL (4 wheel drive pickup over 100,000 miles), 1984 Chevy Scottsdale (4 wheel drive pickup with toolbox), 1989 Pontiac Firebird (6 cylinder high mileage), 1973 Dodge 600 truck w/hoist & 16' box, 1947 Ford truck w/hoist, 1947 Dodge truck w/hoist, 1969 Station wagon (cut down).

FARM EQUIPMENT/MISC
 1980 Allis Chalmers 8070 tractor (11,000 hours cab, air, heat, 3 sets of hydraulics, 1000 pto, rear wheel size 18.4 radial 38's, steering tires 14L16.1), Gleaner L2 (field ready, w/air, heat, diesel, hydrostat, 24' header, 1147 hours on the separator, 1164 hours on the engine), Farmall "M" Tractor (narrow front end, serial#73971X1 w/Farmhand loader w/pto), John Deere LZ812 drill with 2-8' sections, John Deere spring tooth 28", John Deere 100 Hay stacker, John Deere 7100 8 row planter (w/monitor, markers, & fertilizer attachments), John Deere 630 24' tandem disc, 16' chisel, 200 gallon diesel tank w/ electric pump, John Deere 14' drill, John Deere earth scraper, 6 Row Hesston Headhunters, Hesston 3 pt. bale mover, Farm equipment carry all, 6' Side mount tractor mower deck, Stock rack, Flex King sweeps 5 x 5 w/pickers & anhydrous attachments, Hale 16' open stock trailer, 4 Gleaner parts combines (2-A2, 1-C, 1-G), 16' Rod weeder, Homemade yard drag, Haybuck for Farmhand, Straw stacker, Assorted cattle panels, gates & other fencing, Squeeze head gate, 40' Windmill tower (to be removed), Big husky hog feeder, Calf weaners, Brass cow tags, Floor jack, 300 Gallon diesel tank w/stand, Diesel tank for pickup, 300 Gallon gas fuel tank w/stand, John Deere 200 gal. sprayer w/booms.


SHOP EQUIPMENT / MISC.
 Craftsman table saw, Homemade electric chop saw, 8" Heavy duty bench grinder, ATOMASTER Reddy Heater, PTO Generator 110/220 Volts, Grain-fill auger, Lots of assorted shop tools, hand tools, electric drills wrenches; Dayton well transfer pump, 2-25 Gal. poly tanks, Wheelbarrow, Mayrath engine w/pump, Swam cooler, Aluminum extension ladder, Used 2 x 4's, 4 x 4's; Corrugated tin roofing, Axes, shovels, hose, forks, Quantum 5 hp. high wheel self propelled side bagger lawnmower, Heavy duty battery charger/booster, 6 amp battery charger, Several electric fence chargers, Acetylene torch set w/homemade cart and gauges, Ranch King 7 speed riding lawnmower, Craftsman 5 hp roto-tiller (like new), Campbell 2 hp air compressor, Poulon chain saw, Metal workbenches & vises, Airco electric welder, Welding shields, Handiman jack, Log chains, Extension cords, Assorted implement cylinders.

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