

# Vincent Van Gogh painting to have lights

**By Tom Betz**  
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The question of how many lights to illuminate the giant Vincent Van Gogh painting remains, but the city commission gave approval for the project Monday and agreed the city will provide the electricity.

Larry Keirns, representing Goodland Rotary Club, was back to ask the commissioners if they would approve the project.

City Manager Ron Pickman had a map of the area for each commissioner, and the location of the lights would be outside the area leased to the Sunflower USA group by about 18 feet.

Keirns said he had talked to the group and was told that Cameron Cross, the Canadian artist who painted the Van Gogh replica, had wanted lights to draw attention to the painting.

Pickman said Darin Neufeld, an engineer with Evans, Bierly,

Hutchison and Associates, who does work for the city and helped design the sunflower painting location, was not sure about the club's plan for a single light.

He has suggested using two lights from the sides rather than the one suggested by an electrical engineer from Salina.

Commissioner Dean Blume said he thought it would be good to light the painting, but was not sure he liked the idea of the 10-foot pole out in front because it might interfere with the view for those who stop to photograph the scene.

"I would rather have two if they can be on shorter poles which can be hidden with landscaping," Blume said.

"I can go back and ask the engineer why he suggested one light," Keirns said. "Can you approve the project with the number of lights to be determined?"

Commissioner Dave Daniels

made the motion to approve it, and for the city to provide the electricity.

Commissioner Chuck Lutters said he agreed it would be good to light the painting and seconded the motion.

Keirns said the light or lights would be turned on and off with a photo cell and a timer. It was suggested the lights go off at 10 p.m.

Blume asked if there was any future plan that might interfere with the placement of the light on the city property.

Pickman said there are no definite plans for the area, but that several groups have approached the city about the property. He said it was not likely anything would be built in front of the painting.

In other business, the commission:

- Approved a negotiated bid from Restoration and Waterproofing Contractors of Topeka to add refin-

ishing the wood columns at the Carnegie Arts Center to the contract for the other work on the front that was approved at the last meeting. The columns should cost \$1,980, and Pickman said when the contractor is on site the plan is to try to negotiate with them to do additional work to spend the rest of \$14,000 in grant money.

The contractor was awarded two projects, the repointing of the bricks of the entrance and refinishing the front steps. The Topeka firm bid \$5,400.

- Approved an amendment to the city electric and water utility rates to raise the low-income household level to \$11,000.

The utility rate for low income is 65 cents per kilowatt hour, and the low-income water rate is 15 percent lower than the monthly water rates. The amendment raises the low income level from \$9,000, City Clerk Mary Volk said there are about 11

households in the city that have applied for the rate.

- Approved utility charge offs of uncollectable accounts for a total of \$6,212. There were 30 accounts that included bankruptcy's for Corner Garage, \$926, and Goodland Sheet Metal, \$316. One of the accounts was Q's billiards for \$337.

Volk and Pickman said the city will continue to attempt to collect these accounts, but they will be taken off the books.

- Approved a payment of \$1,952 to the League of Kansas Municipalities for a one-time lump sum to cover the city's portion of the building fund for the league building in Topeka purchased in 1994. The city has been making annual payments of \$418. The single payment will save the city \$137.

- Pickman reported the city has a contract for power for the time the Sunflower power plant will be down for 10 days for maintenance

beginning the end of April. The power will be supplied at a cost of \$50 per mega watt by the Municipal Electric Association of Nebraska. Pickman said this is cost includes the transmission through the Sunflower power lines to the city.

- At the end of the meeting the commission approved pouring a sidewalk and installing a sprinkler system at Gulick Park. The estimated cost of the sidewalk is \$10,000 and the sprinkler system is \$7,500. The city crew would handle the labor which is estimated at \$20,000.

- The commission held two 10 minute closed door sessions on a personnel matter before adjourning at 7:45 p.m.

The next city commission meeting will be 5 p.m. on Monday, May 3, in the commission room of the city administration building, 204 W. 11th.

## Hungry?



Three turkey buzzards roosted in one of the trees in Chambers Park on Wednesday morning. About eight buzzards were in the park when the photo was taken, but as many as 25 have been

seen at one time over Goodland in the past few weeks. The birds return to town each spring after spending their winters in the south.

Photo by Greg Stover/The Goodland Star-News

## Home and Garden Show will grab your interest

If you are looking for tips to fix up your home or garden, there should be something to grab your interest at the annual Home and Garden Show this weekend at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The free event will feature booths from 33 businesses, and Marty Melia, owner of KLOE/KKCI/KWGB radio, which organizes the show, said it should be entertaining.

The show will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Every year, more than 5,000 people come to the show.

They'll find furniture, pianos, household appliances, trees and plants, and all kinds of home improvement items on display, Melia said.

The show has been around for about 27 years, he said, and every year there is something new. This will be the 17th year it has been held in the fieldhouse; before then, it was at the Elks building.

"This is really an area show,"

Melia said. "We get people from all over the area, both exhibitors and attendees."

Booths registered so far are: Oakley Redi-Mix, Carefree Gardener, Jeb's Environmental Specialty, Nancy Dietz Interiors, Discount Siding, Electrolux, S&T Communications, Goodland Greenline, *The Goodland Star-News*, Luci's Aquarium, Bird's Alternatives, The Victorian House, Nature's Sparkle, Cal Spas, Sears, FCS Services, Ultimate Spas, Mike Van Maarth, Rattlesnake Roundup,

Rasure's Do-It-Center, Heartland Exteriors, DS Curbing, Lou Spiney, Pirates Den, Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Jacque's Hallmark, Witzel and Rhea Implement, Master Gardeners, the Goodland Shade Tree Committee, Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Herl Chevrolet.

"People can see that everything they need is right here in our area," he said.

Melia said the station started the show to give businesses a way to show off products to people in the area and to attract new business.

"I think we have the biggest show of any in northwest Kansas," he said.

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## Banker's funeral Saturday

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member of the Western Kansas Facilitation Consortium and a graduate of the Kansas Agricultural Rural Leadership (KARL) program.

Survivors also include his parents, Merle and LaReatha Stasser of Goodland; two brothers, Alvin Stasser of Mesa, Ariz., and Gaylord (Bonnie) Stasser of Goodland; a grandmother, Margaret Stasser of St. Francis; and three grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. today at Koons Chapel and from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Methodist church.

Memorials may be made to Kansas Agricultural Rural Leadership.

Others taken to St. Anthony Central in Denver were Kathy Thomas, 37, of Raymore, Mo., near Kansas city, with a broken shoulder; Connie Grimm, 54, of Burlington, Colo., with chest, neck and shoulder injuries; and Josepha Mulvihill, 73, of Perry, Kan., who had a broken pelvis and internal bleeding.

Transported to Burlington were:

- Driver of a 2003 Chevy Tahoe, Mark Burris, 33, and passengers Beth Rawley, 24, and Nathan Segura, 24, of Kansas City, Kan.
- Driver of a 1998 Ford van, David Thomas, 38, Raymore, and passengers Mitch Thomas, 43; Carla Stanfill, 35, and Debbie Thomas, 40, all of Drexel, Mo.
- Terry Jarboe, 39, and Jennifer Jarboe, 41, both of Olathe.
- Driver of a 1996 Peterbilt, John Clark, 46, and passenger Stacie Clark, 19, of Thornton, Colo.
- Driver of a 1998 Dodge pickup, Michael Allard, 25, of Colorado Springs.

- Driver of a 1987 Chevy van, Mark W. Driver, 23, of Crested Butte, Colo.
- Driver of a 1998 Ford two-door, Jennifer Finley, 25, of Topeka, and passenger Josh Whiting, 24, of Manhattan.
- Driver of a 1992 Ford Explorer, Jack Grimm, 59, of Burlington.
- Driver of a 2002 Honda four-door, Susan McCutcheon, 38, and passenger, William Courtright, 48, of Wichita.
- Driver of a 2004 Chevy van, Julie Mulvihill, 35, and passengers, Leo Mulvihill, 74, of Perry, and Jane Mulvihill Jones, 38, and Kate Jones, 3, both of Kansas City, Mo.
- Driver of a 1997 Toyota utility, Julie Yerich, 36, and passengers, Benjamin Yerich, 4, and Lucas Yerich, 2, of Manhattan.
- Driver of a 1999 Ford pickup, Alan Yerich, 35, of Holdrege, Neb., and passenger, James Wetherton, 47, of Colorado Springs.
- Driver of a 1997 Chevy pickup, Robert Miller, 72, of Gilroy, Calif., and passenger Bernice Miller, 75, of Pismo Beach, Calif.
- Driver of a 1993 Isuzu utility, Jose Aguilera, 29, of Mexico, and passengers, Juan Carlos Lopez, 20, Elida A. Coranado, 36, Jesus Robles, 21, and Miguel Angel Lopez, 19, of Collinsville, Ala..
- Driver of a 1995 Ford truck, David Litch, 50, and passenger Nancy Litch, 47, of Woodland Park, Colo.
- Driver of a 2003 Buick two-door, Robert Hutton, 50, of Liberal.
- Driver of a 2003 Chevy pickup, Timothy Goels, 37, of Leavenworth.
- Driver of a 2003 Honda two-door, Arlene Taylor, 61, of Hays.

## student of the week



**Name:** Maggie Witzel  
**Parents:** Doug and Joyce Witzel  
**Grade:** Senior  
**Age:** 18  
**We've nominated this student because:** She works hard in her classes, does her assignments on time and is always pleasant to her fellow students and her teachers.  
**Student Comment:** I will always remember the many friends that I have had here.  
**Activities involved in at school:** X-Pressos and

National Honor Society.

**My choice of movies, books, and games:** Movies are any of Julia Roberts. Music is country and light rock. Books by Janette Oke.  
**After I leave Goodland High School I intend to:** Attend Northwestern Junior College in Sterling, Colo. and major in Animal Science and judge on the livestock judging team. When I am done there I plan to transfer to the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley and major in nursing.  
**And 10 years from now, I think I'll be:** Working as a nurse in rural Colorado and hopefully have a family.

**Favorite Quote:** "The words you speak should be soft and tender... for tomorrow you may have to eat them." Anonymous

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