

## Sharing the blood of life



Karen Coon (left) of Goodland watched as Fahryn Black of the Red Cross prepared her for donation Wednesday afternoon in the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church. This drive produced 140 pints of blood for the Sherman County Blood Bank, 155 people showed up to donate, including 20 newcomers.  
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# Work on budget starts

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the budget items which would be easy to figure including the employee benefits and salaries and rent.

The benefits are about \$1,500, and are expected to remain about the same.

The director's salary is \$45,000 and the part-time secretary's salary is \$12,000.

Rent, which was free for the first year, now costs \$225 a month, and Carolyn Applegate, executive director, said that was not expected to go up.

Going down the list of budget items, House asked about the contract labor category and if that is where the strategic planning session could be paid from.

Applegate said she has been in contact with the Docking Institute at Fort Hays State University about doing a strategic plan for the county, but she did not have any specific dates or estimated costs.

Proposed adjustments were made to lower several expense categories while the ones for planning and marketing were increased.

The category for vehicle expense was discussed, and since the council does not own a vehicle, it was recommended this be changed to track mileage costs and budgeted at \$5,000.

Bohme said now all the travel and mileage is lumped together under travel expense.

She said they can ask the county clerk to separate the costs so the mileage can be tracked separately.

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community, and said the council needs to define the realistic needs.

House said the council needs to do some programs, and said the strategic plan, the new video and upgrading the Internet web site were beginnings.

"We need to have ideas of what programs can help us bring in business or help the existing ones," House said. "Or give \$25,000 back to the city and county. Their budgets are tight."

"I think we need to see three full years of solid operating before we make a decision about giving money back," Applegate said.

"We need to decide what our programs are for next year," West said.

"We need to put on good programs or not take this much from the city and county," House said. "The strategic planning is a good program, and we need to set it up so it happens."

Applegate said the city, county, school district, college and hospital should be involved in the strategic planning.

Bohme agreed and suggested that the budget for this be increased to make sure the council can pay for the whole thing rather than asking any of the other groups to pay more.

The members agreed to increase the planning item from \$3,000 to \$12,000.

The entertainment item was dropped from \$5,000 to \$1,000, and Applegate said this could be used as part of the annual meeting costs plus paying for some expenses when a prospective business person comes to Goodland to look at property.

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help the daycare center with \$1,000 to help keep them open.

The council advanced the money and received a \$1,000 donation from Royal Reid to cover this.

West asked about the line that mentions loans and grants.

He asked if the council could do things to help businesses.

Applegate said it would be nice to have an opportunity to help a new business in a small way.

House said he did not think the council could use the taxpayer money from the city or county for this, but suggested that the business and private donations might be used in this manner.

West said he thought that would be a good idea and suggested that the council develop a policy for spending this money.

Bohme said there was \$3,725 in business and private donations remaining out of the \$4,725 that had been received the first year.

West suggested they budget \$8,725 in this line and request business and private donations of \$5,000.

"If we are able to get the contributions, we can do more to help new businesses," West said, "but if we don't, we do have the \$3,000."

House said this could be developed into a number of programs including the high school DECA and the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

There was a question about a raise for the director, but West said this was something to be discussed with the full council.

These suggestions will be given to the council in June for review before being included in the county budget process in July.

# 46 year-old found dead in jail

By PATTY DECKER

Free Press Editor

A 46-year-old Caucasian man was found dead in his cell Wednesday at the Thomas County jail, said Tom Jones, sheriff.

The man's name and many of the particulars surrounding the incident are still under investigation, Jones said. However, he did say the man was arrested Tuesday at 4:45 p.m. on serious felony charges.

The man was discovered dead at 12:15 a.m. when the deputy who just came on duty was making rounds.

Jones said his deputy saw the man approximately 30 minutes prior to his death and had no indication anything was wrong.

"In a situation like this," Jones said, "the proper protocol is to have a neutral third party handle the investigation."

In this case, he said, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation sent one of their agents from a nearby office to handle the incident, adding that no local agent was called.

The coroner and the KBI agreed that the body should be sent to To-

peka for an autopsy in determining the cause of death, Jones said.

"We have no idea of the man's medical history," he said, and as for his criminal record, the man had minor crimes, but nothing as serious as what he was arrested for Tuesday."

Jones did not want to say what the specific charges were until the man's name is released.

Although the deceased was in Colby at the time of his arrest, Jones said he didn't actually have a street address, but rather was living in a grain bin.

The last time something even remotely similar to this was almost 15 years ago and in that case a man had committed suicide in the jail, Jones said.

It is the first time; however, in Jones' nearly 20-year career as a sheriff that someone died in jail.

"The KBI is still in the preliminary phase of this investigation," he said.

"It appears that this is leaning toward a natural death," Jones said Wednesday, "but we won't know until the report is completed."

## Club has day of fun



The first Poker Run of the Northwest Kansas Motorcycle Club was held Saturday with the cycles gathering at C&R Cycle on East Hwy 24. Casey Quint, one of the riders, looked at the other bikes before the group of about 25 headed north. They rode up

to McDonald, where they had lunch, then over Atwood to stop at the Early Rod Run. The bikers returned to Goodland that evening for the wrap up and dinner. The next ride will be at Beecher Island June 12 and 13, contact Don Newell.

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