

Coalition targets issues that attack area families

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The Community Partners Coalition combines efforts of six Sherman and Thomas county organizations to target drugs, child abuse and poverty, issues that have families under attack.

The coalition includes the Sherman County Health Department, the Regional Prevention Center, Harvest America, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Smart Start Northwest Kansas and a group called Prevention of Child Abuse

and Neglect.

The group was formed about three years ago, said Cris Lovington with the prevention center, and originated from the Sherman County Health Department's "Community Health Assessment Process."

The coalition meets once a month for lunch at Gambino's, Lovington said; its purpose is to focus on issues that destroy healthy families.

There are many issues the coalition could target, she said, so the group looks at the needs and then

address the issue that requires the most attention.

It doesn't mean one issue is more important than the others, she said, just that the coalition needs to have a focus, but that focus can change quickly.

Many of the issues intermix, Lovington said; if there is drug abuse more than likely there is child abuse or neglect, which increases the chances of that child being a user and an abuser.

The coalition's purpose is to make people aware of these issues,

which many may think don't happen in small rural Kansas, she said, and work together to help families in need.

Anyone is welcome to come to the meetings, Lovington said, and help in any way they are able.

Harvest America, directed by Art Lovington, and the prevention center are in offices at 109 W. 11th. Big Brothers Big Sisters is at 330 W. 17th and the health department at 1622 Broadway.

Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect works out of the Colby Pre-

vention Center Office, and Smart Start Northwest Kansas is at 460 N. Garfield in Colby. Smart Start works closely with day care providers in Goodland, Cris Lovington said.

The coalition's next three meetings will be Wednesdays, June 30 and July 28, and Thursday, Aug. 26.

Programs the members discussed recently included:

- A program on Prevention of Teen Pregnancy May 19 in the high school auditorium.
- The Motivation, Achievement,

Success (MAS) youth group help a program for teen parents focusing on the dangers of second hand smoke to children. The group received a \$10,000 Outreach to Ethnic and Minority Youth tobacco grant for the third year.

• Cris Lovington and Kristen Grayson will provide a workshop at the annual Kansas Board of Education conference regarding what "educated" means in America compared to what it means in Mexico and some other Latin countries.

Satan's world rule to end as Christ subdues in midst of enemies

A woman who contacted me recently said I was giving Satan too much power by saying it is his will that people die, not God's. She said the Devil has only as much power as God allows him to have.

She's right — Satan would have no power at all if God didn't allow it. So, how much power does he have? Why does God allow it? And will the Devil always have such power?

The Bible refers to Satan as the "ruler of this world" and the "god of this system of things."

An experience related at Matthew 4:8-10 tells us that Satan owns the kingdoms of this world: "Again the Devil took him along to an unusually high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him: 'All these things I will give you if you fall down and do an act of worship to me.'

"Then Jesus said to him: 'Go away, Satan! For it is written, "It is God you should worship, and it is



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- use it or lose it

in the midst of your enemies.'"

Jesus taught his followers to pray for God's kingdom to come; we know from many scriptures that Jesus, as God's son, would be the ruler of that kingdom, also referred to at the Messianic kingdom.

In the Psalm, God tells his son that he would begin his rule in the midst of his enemies, while Satan still rules the kingdoms of the world. Eventually, those enemies will be placed as a stool under Jesus' feet.

Jesus' disciples asked him about the time when he would rule in the midst of his enemies.

Matthew 24:3 says, "While he was sitting upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples approached him privately, saying: 'Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your presence and of the conclusion of the system of

things?"

When Jesus goes subduing in the midst of his enemies, it is the beginning of his presence, and the conclusion of the "system of things," Satan's rule, will soon follow.

Jesus' answer in Matthew 24 indicates that world conditions like we see around us today would be the sign of his presence.

Jesus also talked about the conclusion of a system of things in Matthew Chapter 13. In verses 24-30, he told an illustration about a man sowing fine seed, an enemy sowing weeds in his field and the man waiting until the harvest to separate the wheat and the weeds.

In verse 39, he said, "and the enemy that sowed them is the Devil. The harvest is a conclusion of a system of things, and the reapers are angels."

Satan sows weeds among Christians, the wheat, and they grow together in the same field until harvest, the conclusion of Satan's system of things.

The book of Revelation describes a war in heaven in which Satan is cast down to earth; the war of Armageddon; the destruction of Satan, the demons and his organizations; and better times ahead.

(Refer to Revelation 12:7-12; 16:13-16; Chapters 18 and 19; 20:11-15; and 21:1-5.)

Why has God allowed Satan to have the power that he has? In the garden of Eden, Satan approached Eve and lied to her about God and questioned God's authority to rule over her and Adam, and thus, all of their offspring.

If God had put Satan to death then, his words would have remained. The accusation was made, and it would have caused doubts for many, especially if God had simply put Satan to death and said, "I do have a right to rule because I say so."

Did your parents ever tell you to do something because they "say so?" Did you feel good about obeying them or did you do it begrudgingly because you had no choice?

1 Corinthians 9:7 says, "Let each one do just as he has resolved in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

God wants us to choose to obey Him and allow Him to be our ruler. By allowing Satan time to rule the world and promote the idea that we are all in a position to decide for ourselves what is right or wrong, God allowed it to be proven that His rule is better.

We can see from the conditions in the world around us what Satan's rule and people's independent thinking produces. The Bible tells us what Adam and Eve had in the garden of Eden under God's rule. And it tell us what we can have under his future rule.

If we prefer the world of today, we are thinking like Satan, which is what he wants. We need to read and meditate on the Bible's promises and learn how we can show God that we prefer His rule.

matters of record

Real Estate

The following real estate transactions were reported by the Sherman County Register of Deeds:

Dale E. and Iva L. Stephens to Keith and Judith P. Coon the SE/4, Sec. 13, T6S, R39W; and the SW/4, Sec. 13, T6S, R39W; and the NE/4, Sec. 13, T6S, R39W; and the NE/

4, Sec. 13, T6S, R39W.

Carol M. and David E. Gattshall, co-executors of the Estate of Wayne A. Gattshall, to Carol M. and David E. Gattshall an undivided 1/2 interest in and to the W/2, Sec. 11, T10S, R39; the E/2 of the NW/4, Sec. 8, T7S, R40W; the NE/4, Sec. 18,

T7S, R40W; the SE/4, Sec. 11, T7S, R41W; the NW/4, Sec. 11, T7S, R41W.

Sheriff of Sherman County to United of Omaha Life Insurance Company, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 65, Original Town of Goodland.

Dale R and E. Darline Freytag quitclaim to Dale R. and E. Darline Freytag the S/2, Lot 6, all Lot 7 and te N/2, Lot 8, Block 5, C.K.&N. Addition to the City of Goodland.

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids will be received by the United School District No. 105 for the:

Parking Lot and Drainage Improvements and Greenhouse Foundation.

until 5:30 p.m. on the 1st day of July, 2004, at which time and place Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud.

The drawings, specifications, and other contract documents are on file and available for public inspection at the following locations:

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 105, 205 North 4th St., Atwood, Kansas. 785-626-3236

ZERR ENGINEERING, 1000 E. Fourth Street, Colby, Kansas

A complete set of the Contract Documents may be obtained by a prospective Bidder by sending a cash deposit of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), along with a written request for said set of Documents ADDRESSED TO ZERR ENGINEERING, P.O. BOX 889, COLBY, KANSAS 67701-0889.

Each Bidder that submits a bonafide Bid on the described project may receive a refund of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) after the return of all described Documents in good condition within thirty (30) days after the date of Bid opening.

The character and amount of security to be furnished by each Bidder is stated in the above mentioned Contract Documents. Bidder on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246 as amended. Requirements for Bidders and Contractors under this order are explained in the Specifications.

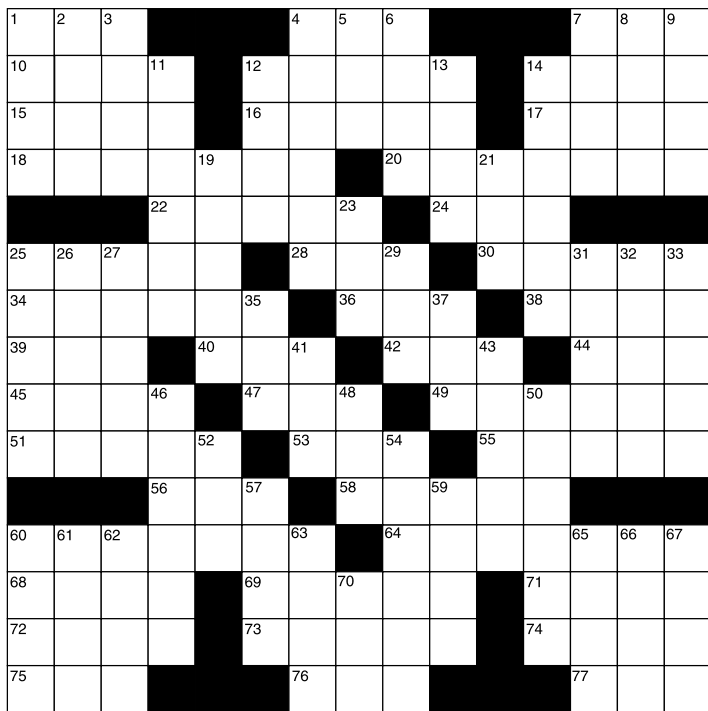
A Bidder may withdraw any Bid he has submitted at any time prior to the hour for the closing of the Bids provided the request for withdrawal is signed in a manner identical with the Bid being withdrawn. No withdrawal or modification will be permitted after the hour designated for closing Bids.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive formalities in considering Bids and to accept the Bid which in its opinion is the best Bid.

Principal items of work included in the improvements are:

Parking Lot and Drainage Improvements and Greenhouse Foundation.

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Scarf
4. Hotel
7. Oolong
10. Globes
12. Roil
14. Bone up
15. Seasoning
16. Weapon
17. Air (prefix)
18. Butcher's implement
20. Occurs
22. African nation
24. Thai
25. Missiles
28. Pouch
30. Place
34. Sunflower State
36. Silent
38. Greenish blue
39. Business abbr.
40. Compass pt.
42. Flange
44. Pot
45. Man who built the arc
47. Been
49. Coiled rope
51. Reddish brown
53. Facial twitch
55. Syrup tree
56. Peanut butter brand
58. Card game
60. Beggar in Luke 16
64. Stopping place
68. Little Mermaid's love
69. Gone with the Wind's Mr. Butler
71. African river
72. Droop
73. Blue jeans
74. No longer for sale
75. Children's game
76. Last mo.
77. MGM's lion

CLUES DOWN

1. Pear type
2. Voiced
3. Competent
4. Stock
5. Play on words
6. Curve
7. Linden, for one
8. Take in
9. Famous cookies
11. Groups of trees
12. Horse fly
13. Peachy
14. Per ____
19. Entry permits
21. Pops
23. Ewe's mate
25. Hides
26. Long boat
27. Take off the lid
29. Mutt
31. Outfit
32. Relating to the ear
33. Author of "The Inferno"
35. Compass pt.
37. Angular unit
41. Devour
43. Character in "Gone with the Wind"
46. Pirate
48. Mr.
50. Synthetic fabrics
52. Sky
54. Ritualistic
57. Fold
59. Welcome rugs
60. For fear that
61. Opera solo
62. Shri11 noise
63. Cast off
65. Bowed string instrument
66. Woman's magazine
67. Remake
70. First woman

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