

Good Samaritan gets new administrator



Rick Reeser, new administrator at the Sherman County Good Samaritan Center, scheduled upcoming appointments on Tuesday.
Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

By Sharon Corcoran
The Goodland Star-News

The Sherman County Good Samaritan Center acquired a new administrator through a trade with the Pipestone, Minn., facility. Both administrators got to go home.

Richard Reeser, who was installed as the administrator here in June, has been living on a farm between Wheeler and St. Francis, but took some detours on his way to working at the center here.

Philip Samuelson, who served as administrator here for two years, has gone home to Minnesota.

Reeser said he and his wife Laura moved to the area after he retired as a school superintendent, and through an interesting life twist, he ended up with a new career.

Reeser said he met Paul Rainbolt, former administrator at the Goodland facility and now the administrator in St. Francis, at church in St. Francis.

Reeser said Rainbolt, after find-

ing out Reeser had been a school administrator, explained the Good Samaritan Society's administrative internship to him.

Reeser said that after some thought, the program sounded good to him.

He said he received his training in the fall and early winter and then was assigned for five weeks to Lyons and then to Pipestone.

Then, he traded places with Samuelson.

"We both wanted to go back home," Reeser said.

Samuelson, who graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., started his training in Olathe in January 2002 then moved to Goodland in May.

In the past two years, he made changes in the facility, leading it to a deficiency-free state survey.

However, being deficiency-free doesn't mean work on the facility is done.

Reeser said he plans to continue

making the facility more homey for the residents.

The administrator said he hopes to create "theme-based" conversation areas for the residents, add new wallpaper and change some of the carpet.

Some people live in the facility five to 10 years, Reeser said, and the center needs to be as pleasant as possible for them.

It's a very good home at this point, he said, but it can be better.

Reeser said his wife is going to be volunteering at the center.

She does a lot of gardening and farm chores at home, he said, and may bring her gardening skills to the center to raise plants.

In the planning stages, he said, are quilting and possibly crafts.

Laura could help residents make presents for their grandchildren and great-grandchildren, he said.

A change for more practical reasons may come in the form of overhead sprinklers.

Reeser said the facility is under pressure from the state fire marshal to add the safety system.

It's not very glamorous, Reeser said, but the safety of the residents needs to be considered.

He said it is an honor to work in such a nice home.

"I'm enjoying it, and I think it will be a positive experience," Reeser said.

He said he is getting to know the staff and trying to make sure the employees are meeting the needs of the residents.

There are a lot of challenges, he said, but a lot of blessings.

Reeser worked in public and private schools about 12 years in Texas and 20 in Colorado, he said, as a physics teacher and working his way up to superintendent.

He and Laura have four grown children and six grandchildren, all living in Colorado.

Announcer gets award

Goodland's Curtis Duncan has received the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Environmental Hero Award, which recognizes the efforts of those who volunteer to help preserve and protect the nation's environment.

Thirty individuals and three organizations received this year's awards.

Duncan, of KLOE/KKCI/KWGB Radio, was honored "for his commitment of providing high quality weather information to the citizens of western Kansas via commercial radio, and for his continued support of volunteer storm spotter training sessions."



Duncan

"It makes me feel good that others recognize the work that goes into disseminating weather information, severe or non-severe, that is important to all of us everyday," said Duncan. "This was a unique award for me, and I'm humbled to receive it."

Duncan received his award from Scott Mentzer, meteorologist in charge of the Goodland office of the National Weather Service, in a ceremony on April 22, Earth Day, at the Gambino's Pizza, 402 E. 17th St., in front of about 30 people.

Duncan said the people involved were able to keep the award a secret and said it was a total surprise when Mentzer called his name as one of this year's recipients.

"Curtis not only publicizes National Weather Service training sessions to increase public turnout," said Mentzer, "but he also attends them himself. He's an excellent storm spotter."

The award was established in 1995 to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Earth Day. Previous recipients include oceanographers Jean-Michel Cousteau and Sylvia Earle, and actor Ted Danson, who head the American Oceans Campaign.

Building purchased by farmer

By Kathryn Gurfinkel
The Goodland Star-News

After sitting empty for almost four years, the old Jubilee Store at 11th and Broadway was purchased by Goodland's Harlan D. House on May 3.

House paid the United of Omaha Life Insurance Co. of Nebraska \$90,000 for the building. Although House says he isn't sure what he will do with the building, historically it has housed grocery stores.

The building opened as a brand new Safeway store on July 10, 1969. Former Safeway employee

Roger Blume said the building was equipped with the latest technology.

"It was a state of the art store," he said.

The Colorado-based Safeway store was open for more than 20 years when the chain decided it no longer wanted to operate in Kansas. It closed in January of 1992. By June 10, 1993, the Boogaarts store moved into the building to expand.

On Aug. 1, 1997, Wal-mart opened a 24-hour superstore and the grocery stores in town had trouble competing. The first store to close was the Mosburg's IGA at 10th and

Center in the spring of 1998.

By September 1999, Fleming Foods went bankrupt and either sold or closed its Kansas stores from the old Boogaarts chain. The building ownership went to United of Omaha, where the title was held until House purchased it.

When asked to disclose his plans for the building, House, local farmer and rancher, said he couldn't comment because his plans are uncertain.

"There are some options out there, but I haven't gotten anything yet," he said.

matters of record

Goodland Police

The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

July 2 — Linda Castillo reported the theft of a telephone valued at \$499 and Michael K. Hartzell was arrested, at 1530 Kansas..

July 5 — Elmer Woodard reported the theft of his 1981 Chevrolet pickup which was later recovered, at 802 W. 15th.

July 6 — Tiffany E. Schwasinger reported criminal damage, a scratch, to her car in the amount of

\$159, at 2160 Commerce Rd.

July 7 — Thomas Mendoza reported side window damage to his 1996 Ford in the amount of \$200, at 324 Broadway.

July 8 — Goodland Activity Center reported the theft of a two drawer oak file cabinet valued at \$50, at 808 Main.

Walmart reported two forged checks in the amount of \$85.49, at 2160 Commerce Rd.

July 9 — David L. Johnson reported the theft of his license tag, at 1615 Center.

Earnest C. Knight was arrested

for his second driving under the influence offense and charged in municipal court, at the intersection of 9th and Main.

Gage A. Cloyd backed his 1998 Dodge truck into Kellie J. Ray's 90 Chevrolet in the drive through at Dairy Queen, at 2402 Commerce Rd.

July 10 — Robert P. Scott driving a 1998 Chevrolet and Erlinda Barrera driving a 1995 Mitsubishi were both backing out of parking spaces when they backed their cars into each other, at 2160 Commerce Rd.

Senate candidates on radio

Six northwest Kansas radio stations are sponsoring a 90-minute debate for candidates running for the 40th District in the State Senate at 6 p.m. (Mountain Time) Monday at Frahm Theater on the campus of Colby Community College.

All three candidates for the Senate seat, Tim Peterson, a Democrat from Monument; Dan Rasure, a Republican from Goodland; and Ralph Ostmeier, a Republican from Grinnell, have been invited. Doors open at 6 p.m.

The event will be moderated by Rich Epp, former press secretary for former Gov. Mike Hayden. Questions submitted earlier by listeners will be asked by representatives from each station.

Sponsoring stations include KLOE-AM and KKCI-FM, Goodland; KWGB-FM, Colby/

Goodland; KXXX-AM and KQLS-FM, Colby; and KGCR-FM, Goodland/Brewster. All the stations will carry the debate live.

KGCR Station Manager James Claassen said that the idea of a debate was conceived after the death of Sen. Stan Clark in a traffic accident just months into his re-election campaign.

"We felt that, although the candidates are well-known in their individual communities, the 40th district covers such a large area that most residents will need more information about each candidate's stand on the issues," he said.

Claassen said the stations agreed that working together would be the best way to get that information to the maximum number of voters.

S&T reaches deal for systems

By Patty Decker
Colby Free Press

A tentative deal has been reached between S & T Communications and Time-Warner Cable for the Brewster firm to buy Time-Warner's Colby cable system, said Mark Harrod, a spokesperson for Time-Warner in Stanford, Conn.

Amidst recent rumblings that Time-Warner franchises in Colby, Oakley and Trenton had been sold

to S & T, Harrod confirmed that there was an agreement to sell the franchises, but the date of closing has yet to be determined. The sale is unusual, but so is the competitive situation in Colby, where S&T has built a new, competing cable system covering the same ground as Time-Warner.

"Time-Warner is normally in the business of acquiring companies," Harrod said, adding that he was un-

sure about the exact details as to why those three franchises were sold. He did say that a tentative agreement was reached last Friday.

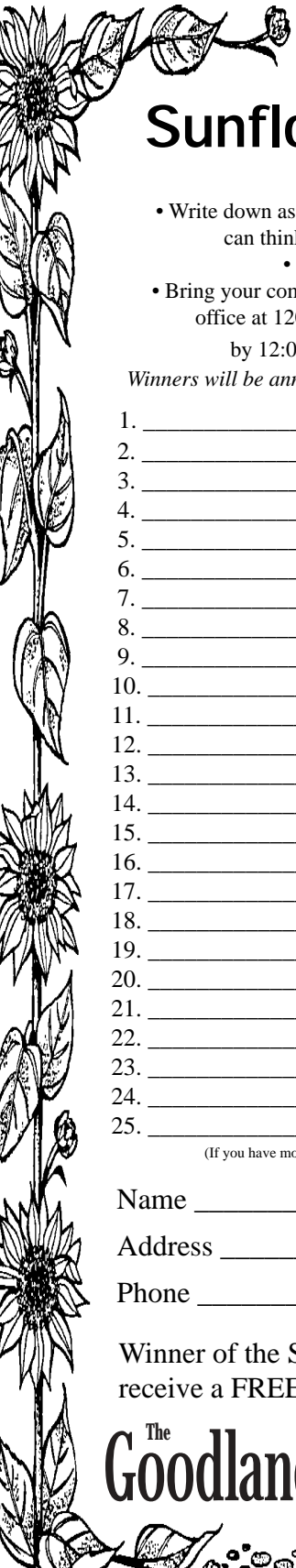
S&T also built a competitive cable system in Goodland, but the existing operator is different. The Time-Warner deal does not affect Goodland. In Norton, NexTech, a unit of Lenora-based Rural Telephone Service Co., is buying out the existing cable system.

corrections

A photo caption in the July 6 issue of *The Goodland Star-News* about the mortgage burning at 1907 Ennis-Handy House said that the Sherman County Historical Society had raised \$15,000 which was matched by a \$12,500 contribution from Bob and Billie Parker. Although the society paid off the mortgage with \$15,000 on July 4, it raised a total of \$25,017 through eBay and garage sales, which was matched by the Parkers at one dollar for every two raised. After the roughly \$28,000 mortgage was paid off, the society retained some money for improvement projects. This was a reporting error.

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- Write down as many words (at least 3 letters) that you can think of using the word "Fertilizer"
- Do not use proper names
- Bring your completed list to The Goodland Star- News office at 1205 Main or at our booth at the Fair by 12:00 p.m. by Monday, August 9th

Winners will be announced in the Friday, August 13th edition

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