# Monday marks start of street sealing

#### By Tom Betz

The Goodland Dailv News The city's annual street sealing project should begin Monday, and with good weather, will be done by Friday.

City Manager Ron Pickman said a good rain now could help wash the streets, but if it rains when crews are in the middle of the project, it will delay the work.

"Chip sealing" the streets helps the city maintain the pavement, Pickman said, and the schedule is designed to seal about one-third of the streets each year.

"I don't actually know when the sealing began," said Pickman. "It was before I came to Goodland, and that was 11 years ago. I think it has been going on for many years. About the only thing that has changed is the material being used."

Over the years Pickman said the type of oil used has changed, and in the past few years the rock size has changed. He said about five years ago the city was using sand on top rather than rocks. The type of rock and size has changed in the past three years. At first the city used rounded rocks, but those did not hold well. The rock type was changed to a rougher style to allow the oil to adhere to the edges, and the size of rock has been changed in order to keep it from coming lose.

Pickman said he did not know where the contractor will start, but said they will try to get any streets around the courthouse done as quickly as possible.

This year's project is expected to cost \$139,761. The contractor is B&H Paving of Scott City, and Pickman said they were the only company that bid.

Phil Erickson, street department supervisor, said the project should take about five days, but that could be affected by the weather. He asks that citizens move their cars off the streets to be sealed, and to refrain from driving on the new surface for several hours if possible.

He asked that people not water their lawns the morning the program is to be in their area. Any cars left on the street will be Road.

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"Every year we have some people who think it is smart to spin their wheels in the fresh oil and rocks," Erickson said, "but we will have the police keeping an eye out for these, and as in the past, tickets will be issued .... "

He said if the damage made by drivers is serious, they might have to pay for redoing the seal.

Pickman said the city thought the program was great last year, but this spring much of the seal seemed to wash off. He said there has been a change made in the size of the rock to see if it will hold better.

"We felt it went down great last year," Pickman said, "and it seemed to be sticking, but this spring it has washed off from many of the streets.'

The streets to be sealed this year are all over the city, but the majority are east of Kansas Ave. Streets scheduled for chip sealing:

18th from Cherry to Arcade; 17th Railroad to Clark and Sherman to Cattletrail; 16th Broadway to Main; 15th Main to Sherman; 13th Harrison to Eustis and Eustis to the city limits; 12th Harrison to the alley; 11th Harrison to Eastridge, Cherry to Caldwell and Caldwell to Broadway; 10th Eustis to city limits, Eustis to Arcade, Arcade to Caldwell and Caldwell to Broadway; 9th Cherry to Caldwell, Caldwell to Main and Main to Montana. Eighth city limits to Caldwell and Caldwell to Main; 7th Washington to Arcade, College to Arcade, Cherry to Caldwell and Caldwell to Clark; 4th Caldwell to Broadway and 1st Caldwell to Main.

#### Avenues to be chip sealed:

Eustis 8th to 10th and 13th to 15th; Eastridge 8th to 10th and 10th to Eustis: Washington 8th to 10th; Arcade 8th to 17th, 4th to 8th and 1st to 2nd; College 1st to 2nd; Cherry 14th to 17th, 8th to 11th and 7th to 8th; Caldwell 17th to 8th and Toelkes Dr. to 8th; Clark Toelkes Dr. to 1st; Broadway 8th to 9th, 9th to 10th and 15th to 17th; Willow Road-Maple Dr. to 2nd; Center 2nd to 6th, 6th to 8th and 17th to 15th: Sherman 17th to 15th. 11th to 10th. 9th to 10th and 2nd to 3rd: Grand 16th to 17th, 11th to 12th, 10th to 11th and 8th to 10th; Main Toelkes to Caldwell, 1st to Toelkes; Cemetery Road; Willow Road - Spruce to Maple; Acacia - Willow Road to Spruce; Sycamore - Poplar to Spruce; Spruce -Main to Cottonwood; and Enterprise

#### **By Kathryn Gurfinkel**

The Goodland-Star News Monsignor Ignatius Manzo, a priest and Scout leader who grew up in Goodland, was honored last month when the Coronado Area

Council of the Boy Scouts of America dedicated the new Manzo Chapel at the Brown Memorial Camp just south of Abilene.

Father Manzo was a long-time scoutmaster and a religious leader who believed in helping youth. After his death in 1982 at 66, his friends, admirers and scouting volunteers in his honor.

'It's kind of a neat story," said Matt Devore, executive director of the Scout council.

third of the state through his ministry and through his scouting. He was a regional and national scoutmaster who was active on every level of the program, from working directly with children to serving on the board.

"He was involved in all aspects," Devore said. "He was a really Church in Goodland. He was or-

### Newcrossing nowopen

John Golden, chairman of the board of the Mid-States Port Authority, was the first to drive across a new railroad crossing on County Road 14, just south of the Northern Sun Industries plant. The road has been closed for roughly three weeks as Kyle Railroad crews placed the precast crossing planks, and Mid-States paid for 300 feet of concrete, 150 on each side of the tracks. Sherman County Public Works finished the project by building up the shoulders to make the road safer.

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unique individual."

"He was very dedicated to the scouts," said Flora Grace of Great

Bend, Manzo's sister. He also worked with youth in the 4-H clubs and as alter boys.

> Manzo was born in Tinguindin, Michoacan, Mexico in 1915.

Honored leader has local ties

When he was 5, his family moved to America and settled in Goodland, where his parents, Antonio Z. and Maria Manzo, lived the rest of their lives.

Manzo Grace said most of their 12 brothers and sisters began a campaign to build a chapel were born in Goodland. She left town in 1956, but Dolores Cody, another of his sisters, still lives in Goodland.

Manzo attended St. Joseph's He said Manzo served roughly a Military Junior College in Hays from 1936-1938. He went on to the Diocese St. Thomas Seminary in Denver, the Kendrick Seminary in St. Louis, and Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa

Father Manzo celebrated his first

dained in 1944 and served churches in Kanopoplis, Salina, Holyrood, Wilson, Wallace, Sharon Spring and Clay Center, where he retired in 1980. He was elevated to the rank of monsignor in 1982, and died later that year.

The Manzo Chapel project was realized with help from Devore, Devore. scouting volunteers and donors to Manzo's memorial.

"We received donations from literally all over the country," Devore said.

He said most of the work was done by volunteers who were touched by Father Manzo's story.

"Scouting volunteers did 99 percent of the work," he said.

The chapel was dedicated on June 5 with a ceremony that featured a blessing and the chapel's first Mass by the Most Rev. George K. Fitzsimons, bishop of the Salina

The A-frame open-air chapel features a plaque telling Father Manzo's story.

The alter in the chapel, made of granite and native limestone, was Mass on Feb. 16, 1943 at the Our built as a memorial to Helen J. Lady Perpetual Help Catholic Lahey for her years of service to the Scouts.

"Oh, it was great," said Grace of the blessing and Mass. "The chapel is beautiful."

The dedication at Brown Campis especially significant because Manzo spent a lot of time at the facility

"He dearly loved this camp," said

Although Boy Scouts are a nondenominational group, he said, the erection of a chapel helps to support the organization's recognition of a 'duty to God."

"We are definitely not Christian. We have Muslim Scouts, we have Jewish Scouts, we have all sorts of Scouts," said Devore. "We allow the parents, church or organization to help define that young person's beliefs.

The 77-year-old Brown Memorial Camp also dedicated a storm shelter in June and they expect to have a team building course and a climbing tower built soon.

Roughly 3,000 visitors stop by the camp each year, but Devore expects that number to double next year with the improvements. He said most of the Scouts come from Kansas but they have hosted groups from Missouri, Iowa and Texas.



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next year, the commissioners agr- serves the raise.

alone department, and Le Ann Tay-The Goodland Star-News eed the property tax levy will have Janet Warren, library director, lor serves as both judge and court clerk. Pickman said there was no increase in her budget. On the Cemetery fund, Pickman That would raise the property tax said there was a slight decrease in the overall budget. He said the city pays K&K Tree Service \$40,000 a year for maintenance on a 15-year contract. The county provides \$45,000 a year from a property tax levy. Commissioner Dave Daniels said he had been questioned by County Commissioner Chuck Thomas about this, and wondered why this was set up this way. Pickman said it was an agreement between the county and the cities of Goodland and Kanorado dating back to May 1995. The agreement is that the county would set a property tax level and that Goodland would receive 90 percent and Kanorado would get the other 10 percent. Pickman said the county passed much difference there was and it a special property tax levy in 1984 to take care of the cemeteries, and that is where the agreement came from. Besides the money from the county, the city will put \$13,375 into the cemetery upkeep, he said.

## **Doctor injured** in minor accident

Goodland's Dr. David G. Younger suffered a broken ankle in an accident last week, the Sherman County Sheriff's Office reports.

The accident happened at 6:28 18. p.m. on July 6 at the intersection of County Roads 65 (W. Eighth Street) and 16, about three miles west of town. Deputy Burton Pianalto reported that Younger, 41, was traveling west on County Road 65 when he struck an eastbound vehicle as he attempted to turn left on to County Road 16. Younger was driving a gray 2003 Pontiac Vibe.

The Sheriff's Department didn't issue any citations in the accident. Ralph Biddle, clinic manager for Rural Health Ventures Inc., described the accident was a small fender-bender.

### corrections

A death notice in the Tuesday, July 13, issue of The Goodland Star-*News* listed the deceased as Jeffrey Fierer, son of Carolyn Applegate of Goodland. His name is Jeffrey Sierer. This was a reporting error.

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The second vehicle was a red 1977 Ford Pickup driven by Bryce Bahe, 20, who had two passengers, Taylor Brack, 20, and Daniel Brack,

The report says that two ambulances were called. Bahe and his two passengers were taken by one ambulance to Goodland Regional Medical Center. The other ambulance took Dr. Younger to the hospital. He was listed as the most seriously hurt of the four, with a "disabling" injury.

Biddle said Dr. Younger suffered a minor ankle fracture and was back to work treating patients on Monday. Both vehicles were towed by McB's.

The hospital did not return calls to confirm details on the injury.

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the red because transfers from city utility funds and the state have dried up in the last few years, prompting a proposal to raise property taxes by nearly 8 percent.

After budget discussions last week, city commissioners are considering an increase of about 4 mills in the property tax to make up for the cuts.

City Manager Ron Pickman told the commissioners there will not be any transfers from the water fund or the sewer fund this year, and it has been two years since the state made "demand transfers" to cities and counties. This leaves the general fund short by about \$200,000.

General fund spending for 2003 was budgeted at \$2,725,753, but the actual was lower at \$1,924,407 Pickman said The budget for this year is \$2,905,646, and the proposed budget for next year is cut of \$128,198 to \$2,77,448..

The water and sewer funds, Pickman said, do not have any reserves to allow a transfer to the general fund. In past years, there has been a \$55,000 transfer from the water fund and a \$50,000 transfer from the sewer fund. The state has cut transfers for the ad valorem tax reduction (\$40,000 a year) and the city-county revenue sharing (\$25,000 a year), making the total loss \$170,000 a year.

Goodland's city general fund is in to go up by 3.87 mills, from 50.0585 mills to 53.9267 mills. After the hours of discussion, this was a slight drop from a 4 mill increase in the original budget request.

> The property tax raise will mean the bill on a \$50,000 home will go up by about \$22.24 per year. The increase is about 8 percent on the existing levy.

> Included in the general fund are the High Plains Museum, the city library, police, fire, municipal court, cemetery, animal control, vehicle inspection, law enforcement trust, building inspection, and public works, including streets, parks, recreation and the water park.

Linda Holton, museum curator, was present last Wednesday for her budget discussion. Pickman said the budget was similar to last year's, with a small drop.

Holton said she had done a survey last year, and asked the commissioners to consider a pay raise. Pickman said a raise of \$1,500 was included in the budget.

The commissioners all agreed that she has done a good job and de-

came to discuss her budget. The city portion of the budget would increase by \$4,000, Pickman said. levy for the library from 4.22 mills this year to 4.66 next year.

The total budget is \$165,724, and includes money for a raise for the employees, Warren said.

She was asked how many employees the library has, and said there are six, with two full time including herself; two who work 30 hours a week; one who helps in the evenings for 10 hours a week; and a student who works about 10 hours a week.

Pickman said the city commission last year passed an ordinance that set the library property tax levy at 4.6 mills, and that would have to be amended to allow the library to collect the higher level being requested.

The commissioners asked how was about \$1.575. The commissioners agreed to set the new maximum at 4.65 mills, which will allow the library the increase requested.

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