

Development director says town will lose bus stop

By Tom Betz
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 Goodland people have done their best, but it still looks like the town will lose its Greyhound bus service, the Sherman County Economic Development Council learned Tuesday.

Director Carolyn Applegate said she attended a tri-state meeting in Sterling, Colo., with Goodland representatives to learn more about the Greyhound decision. She said the development office received a call from Greyhound in Dallas saying

they got 100-150 e-mails from the Goodland area, but that the decision was not going to change.

"I felt it was important to be there to meet with the people from Nebraska and Colorado," Applegate said. "I thought we should show support for their transportation needs, since they are losing stops along I-80 and I-76. We will want their support when we make our case for the Veterans Administration clinic."

Applegate said she introduced Bob Barry of Sinclair to Leelah

Hottorf, who runs DashAbout Roadrunner, a shuttle service which runs from southwest Nebraska and northeast Colorado to Denver.

She said a representative from Colorado Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave was at the meeting, and she is working on the veteran's clinic issue also.

Applegate said Congressman Jerry Moran's office and Goodland Regional Medical Center have been working together to set up a special meeting in Goodland on Friday, Aug. 27, with the Denver regional

director of the Department Veterans Affairs.

"This project will need the help of everyone in the area to make the point that Goodland is the right place to open a veterans' clinic," she said. "It will be important to have many veterans who might use such a clinic from northwest Kansas, northeast Colorado and southwest Nebraska."

"We have a map of the tri-state area which shows Goodland sitting in the middle of a circle of 150 miles where there is no veterans clinic."

She said efforts to bring Granny's Beans to the vacant pinto bean plant at Ruleton are moving forward.

"This has been a tough project," she said. "We have had support from the First National Bank of Goodland, Pioneer Country Development of Northwest Kansas and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to put together a finance package."

"The board of 21st Century Bean has been working hard, but it is an uphill battle to move this type of operation to a new location."

Applegate said the Chamber and

Convention and Visitors Bureau were asking the council to help pay for new "welcome" flags to be placed on Main from 8th to 17th for special events. The cost is \$1,800, and they asked the council pay one-third, or \$600.

Chairman John Garcia said he thought it was a good idea. The project was approved, with the \$600 to come out of the public relations line in the budget.

The council went into closed session for 45 minutes to discuss personnel issues.

Youngest candidate draws financial support in tough Senate race

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candidates are making as many appeals for support as they can squeeze into the final weekend.

Monday, all of them were required to file forms with the secretary of state's office and the county clerk of their home county which show their cash and in-kind contributions, spending and other transactions from January to July 22.

If money is an indication, Rasure has the inside track in the race, raising \$39,611 in cash and \$12,988 in-kind for a total of \$52,599.

He raised \$20,896 from January to June, which is an average of \$4,179 per month prior to the death of Clark. In June and the first 22 days of July, Rasure raised \$18,715, an average of \$9,357 per month. People contributing \$500 or more

to Rasure in the first five months included James Lunsway (\$500), Royal D. Reid (\$1,000), Ron Vignery (\$750), Cora House (\$500), John Golden (\$500), Kevin Rasure (\$900) and Joan Reid (\$1,000) from Goodland, and Bonnie Cloud (\$1,000) of Olathe, Stephen Cloud (\$1,000) of Merriam, Norman Nelson, (\$1,000) a Norton banker, Valley Feeds Mill (\$1,000) and Valley Feeds Trucking (\$1,000) of Long Island, Kan. and Almerna Agri Services (\$1,000) of Almerna.

In the past 60 days, Rasure received contributions of over \$500 from Lanette Keller (\$1,000), James Keller (\$1,000) and Keller EV. (\$1,000) of Oakley; Pioneer (\$1,000) of Oakley, Forrest Cloud (\$1,000) of Olathe, Larry McCants (\$1,000) of Goodland, the Kansas National Education Association

(\$1,000, the statewide teachers union), the Senate Republican Leadership Committee (\$1,000), HRC Feedyards (\$1,000) and Fairleigh Feed Yard (\$1,000) of Scott City, G.S.B.S. of Goodland (\$1,000), and Brookover Cattle Co. of Scott City (\$1,000).

Rasure had spent nearly all of his money, with a cash balance of \$2,281 as of last Friday. He is traveling around the district trying to get an edge and pushing for a good turnout on Tuesday.

Despite his late entry, Ostmeier raised \$22,400 in cash. He has \$261 in in-kind contributions for a total of \$22,661.

He reported spending \$14,756 with a cash balance of \$7,644 as of last week.

Ostmeier has received contribu-

tions over \$500 from Douglas Mackley (\$500) of Winona, Heinrich Feeds (\$1,000) of Grainfield, and several state lobbying groups, including the Kansas Optometric Association (\$500), Kansas AFL-CIO (\$500), John M. Ostrowski (\$500, AFL-CIO lobbyist), all of Topeka; Vess Enterprises (\$1,000) and Michael Vess (\$1,000) of Wichita; and Brittany Savings (\$1,000) and Bell Development (\$1,000), both of Olathe.

Ostmeier is putting on a final push, and feels his experience in the Legislature should give him an edge over Rasure's youth.

Peterson, unopposed as he seeks the Democratic nomination, has raised \$6,960 with in-kind of contributions of \$162 for a total of \$7,122.

Peterson had spent \$597 through last Thursday, which leaves him a balance of \$6,363.

Contributions to Peterson of over \$500 came from Daniel Swenson of Manhattan (\$1,000), the Kansas National Education Association PAC (\$1,000), Robert Strevey

(\$500) of Norcatour, the Democratic candidate for the 120th District in the House, and Marie Peterson (\$1,000) of Troy, Ohio.

Peterson's in-kind contribution came from the Senate Democratic Committee.

Policeman says top priority is community involvement

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Kroskey said he first met his wife Donna in 1988 when they were both stationed at Fairchild Air Force Base. They met again in January 1999 and were married a year later. He has two stepsons, Zachery and Leroy Prine, who will enter the seventh and sixth grades next month, and a son Duncan who will be 3 on Sept. 4.

He is a member of the Kansas Peace Officers Association and the Kansas Narcotics Officers Association. Kroskey helps with the youth bowling leagues in Goodland and assists with the annual Sherman County Big Brothers/Big Sisters fundraiser Bowling for Kids Sake.

Kroskey said he will work on getting a full-time canine unit for Sherman County rather than having to rely on other agencies. He said if an officer on the force is not available for the

unit, he will look into hiring one.

"Having a dog brings so much more to the force other than searching for drugs," Kroskey said.

Kroskey said he will see to it that all patrol units are clearly marked, to create higher visibility for the force and increase the public's confidence.

"With public support," he said, "we can accomplish more of our goals."

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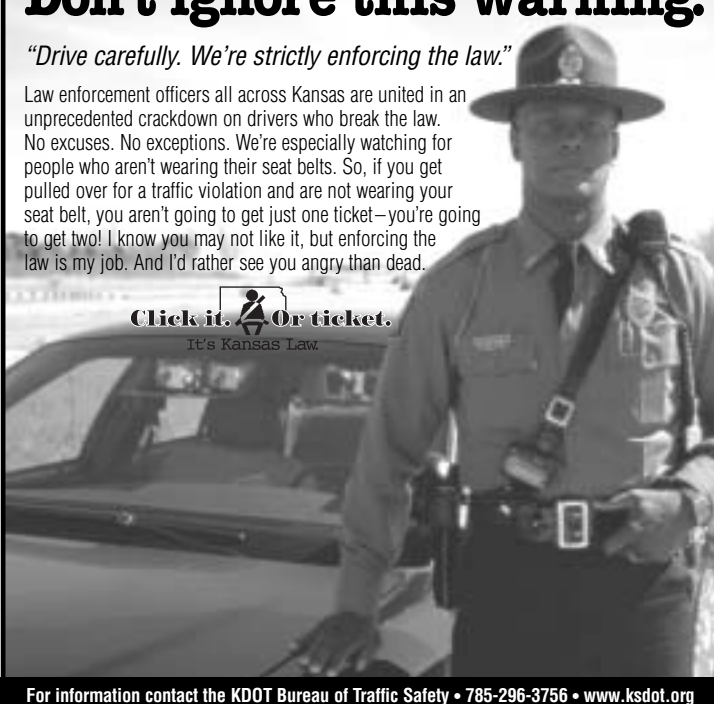
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