

High school group picks up trash



Orange-vested members of the Goodland High School Family Career and Community Leaders of America have picked up everything from a metal bumper to bottles and fast food bags since club adopted the stretch of Business U.S. 24 from the intersection of US-27 to the I-70 entrance. They have been cleaning it up for over 10 years. This year, club members Andrea Grieve and Dustin Zelter, helped by Jeanette White (above), cleaned the area to the west while (left) Brett Lalicker's group picked up trash close to the I-70 entrance.

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City considers manager's evaluation

By Tom Betz

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The Goodland City Commission met Monday for less than 20 minutes, with the upcoming evaluation of the city manager taking most of the time.

City Manager Ron Pickman and City Clerk Mary Volk at the Kansas Municipal League convention in Kansas City, and that kept the agenda short.

Pickman's evaluation is scheduled for the next meeting on Monday, Oct. 18, and Mayor Rick Billinger suggested it might be good if the commissioners had a form to use as a guide and to be better prepared for the meeting.

Billinger said he would talk to Pickman about an evaluation form that can be sent to the commission-

ers before the next meeting.

The commission evaluates the manager each year, and last year, the commission spent over two hours in seven closed sessions.

Pickman said Wednesday that he offered the commissioners evaluation forms last year, but they did not want them. He said there is no specific job description for the city manager.

"I have specific duties listed in the city code, and what the commission listed in my contract," Pickman said. "The commission evaluates me based on what is in the contract and the duties listed in the city code."

Daniels said he had heard good comments about the Flatlander Fall Festival, and that he thought the city crews did a great job of helping where they were asked.

Billinger agreed that Flatlander was a success. He did ask about the lines painted on Main for the booths. He said he had some calls about the lines, and wondered if they would disappear soon.

"Curtis Hurd should be happy," Commissioner Jim Mull said. "He finally got his stripe down the middle of Main."

The former commissioner had lobbied for a yellow line down Main, which he contended would make turns across the street — known as "J-turns" — illegal.

In other business, the commission:

- Read a proclamation declaring October as Violence Awareness Month, and encouraging citizens to participate in programs sponsored by the Northwest Kansas Family Shelter.

- Approved payment of \$2,509 to Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates of Great Bend for engineering work on the Kansas Department of Transportation part of the airport runway lighting project, and \$4,965 for work on the Federal Aviation Administration part.

- Approved payment to Strukel Electric of \$55,203 for work completed on the project.

- Approved a request for reimbursement of \$26,576 from the Federal Aviation Administration and \$27,415 from the state.

- Approved payment of bills totaling \$257,693.

The next city meeting will be 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 18, in the commission room on the second floor of the City Administration Building, 204 W. 11th.

Democratic candidate makes all-day stop in Goodland

Goodland heard a new voice in the race for state Senate Friday as Democratic candidate Tim Peterson came to town.

Peterson and his wife Rebekah spent the day knocking on doors and shaking hands. They visited Goodland businesses and the Sherman County courthouse.

The couple passed out flyers listing Peterson's goals for Senate service.

"As your state senator," his flyer says, "I will work for the Kansas family."

Peterson said he enjoys going door-to-door to meet voters.

Born in Oakley, he grew up on land east of Paige City that he and his family now farm. Peterson is a

volunteer emergency medical technician in Logan County and he says he plans to help Kansans with the cost of health care.

"People should not be forced to choose between proper health care and food," Peterson's pamphlet says.

The candidate has served as vice chairman of the Kansas Agricul-

tural Remediation Board and chairman for the Kansas Farm Service Agency State Committee, treasurer of the Bethesda Lutheran Church, chairman of the Lutheran Parish of Western Kansas and 1st Congressional District chairman of the Democratic party.

Although Peterson didn't make it

to the Sherman County Farm Bureau debate in Goodland, he said a taped debate pitting him against Rep. Ralph Ostmeier, a Grinnell Republican, will be shown at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, on Smoky Hills Public Television, channel 2 out of Bunker Hill. It is available on both Goodland cable systems.

Goodland radio personality wins award for Red Cross volunteer

By Kathryn Gurfinkel

The Goodland Star-News
Goodland radio personality Curtis Duncan was recognized Thursday, Sept. 7 for his work as a news media volunteer for the American Red Cross Central Plains Region.

"This is really a unique honor," Duncan said.

The award, a plaque and a poster, was given to Duncan for using the air waves at KLOE, KWGB and KKCI to promote Red Cross blood drives.

The stations are owned by Melia Communications Inc., and Duncan credits owner Marty Melia for letting him use the radio to let people know about the blood drives.

"He knows how important it is ...," Duncan said.

Duncan said he broadcasts times, places and other information about blood drives, invites volunteers to do radio spots on his show and he has even held live broadcasts from blood drives.

Duncan said people have come in off the highway to participate in

Sherman County honored

The Sherman County Red Cross was named Certified Service Delivery Unit of the Year for the American Red Cross Central Plains Region.

Roberta Bretz, manager of the Sherman County American Red Cross Service Delivery Unit,

went to Wichita Thursday, Sept. 7 for the award ceremony.

Bretz got the award for coordinating blood drives in Goodland that provided more than 500 pints of blood last year. The blood supplies area hospitals, including the one here.

He was selected for the award from among 49 candidates from across Kansas and northern Oklahoma.

To get the award, he attended the

High Plains Red Cross annual conference at the Botanica, the Wichita Gardens. He said his daughter, Malia Duncan, and his brother and wife, Phillip and Suzanne Duncan, showed up.

"It was a big surprise," he said.

The next Red Cross blood drive will be from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, and from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, at the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

Duncan said the goal is to exceed last year's record of 247 units of blood, by pulling in a total of 274 units.

"We hope to do better than that,"

he added.

To set up an appointment, give blood call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (4483-5433).

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