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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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Chamber **begins** work on Christmas promotions

By Kathryn Gurfinkel

The Goodland Star-News Businesses started planning for the holidays at a business promotions committee meeting of the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce Wednesday, Sept. 6.

Chamber members decided to start with a parade, the season kickoff, scheduled for one week before Thanksgiving on Saturday, Nov. 20.

Members agreed to do a "Parade of Lights" this year with each float decked out in Christmas lights.

The parade will be held after the craft show put on by the Nu Phi Mu sorority. Also after the parade, the holiday lights lining the tops of the buildings on Main Avenue will be turned on.

With a good corn crop this year, Chamber members thought setting Santa Clause atop a combine or tractor would make a good addition to the parade.

Courtney Warden, Chamber manager, suggested building a place to house Santa this year. In the past, she said, a building was set aside for kids to visit Santa throughout the holidays. Although the ing a permanent theme, too. Albuilding probably could not be completed this year, she said, she will look into having it built.

For this year, Warden suggested using the Chamber office entrance to host Santa. Chamber members discussed several locations, including the vacant Collage building on Main.

To provide a Santa each week, Warden suggested enlisting service organizations in town.

Visitors would be offered a photograph with Santa, a letter from him, a treasure chest and a special coloring book for \$10.

The coloring book would feature advertisements from businesses on the front and back covers. Warden said if they sell 40 advertisements at \$25 each, they would get 330 books with a customized cover. They would get \$330 back from the company which sells the books, and then they would sell the books to Santa's visitors.

For more holiday promotions, Warden suggested selling a commemorative Christmas ornament. She said St. Francis used to sell similar ornaments printed with the year and a picture of the courthouse, theater or other town landmark each vear.

Warden said printing one featuring the bricked streets downtown would be popular. The idea, she said, is to bring people to town to pick up the collectable item and shop in town.

The committee discussed adoptthough their parade has had alternating themes, members thought a lasting slogan is a good idea.

Chamber Chairman Donna Swager said the Convention and Visitor's Bureau is looking for a new phrase for Goodland so they should work together.

The group did suggest the phrase Where the east meets the west" and "Where the sky meets the prairie."

corrections

City considers manager's evaluation

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News 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 that can be sent to the commission- where they were asked.

ers before the next meeting.

manager each year, and last year, lines painted on Main for the ciates of Great Bend for engineerthe 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 middle of Main." manager.

city code, and what the commission Main, which he contended would listed in my contract," Pickman said. "The commission evaluates me known as "J-turns" — illegal. based on what is in the contract and the duties listed in the city code."

comments about the Flatlander Fall Festival, and that he thought the city Pickman about an evaluation form crews did a great job of helping

Billinger agreed that Flatlander The commission evaluates the was a success. He did ask about 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

The former commissioner had 'I have specific duties listed in the lobbied for a yellow line down make turns across the street.

In other business, the commission: • Read a proclamation declaring Daniels said he had heard good 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 Assoing 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.

emocratic 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's goals for Senate service. "I will work for the Kansas family."

cost of health care.

The couple passed out flyers listing volunteer emergency medical tech- tural Remediation Board and chair- to the Sherman County Farm Bu-

nician in Logan County and he says man for the Kansas Farm Service reau debate in Goodland, he said a our office at (785) 899-2338 to re-"Asyourstatesenator," his flyersays, he plans to help Kansans with the Agency State Committee, treasurer taped debate pitting him against port errors. of the Bethesda Lutheran Church, Rep. Ralph Ostmeyer, a Grinnell

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

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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

"This is really a unique honor,"

The award, a plaque and a poster,

was given to Duncan for using the

air waves at KLOE, KWGB and

The stations are owned by Melia

Communications Inc., and Duncan

credits owner Marty Melia for let-

ting him use the radio to let people

"He knows how important it is

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

Duncan said people have come in

know about the blood drives.

," Duncan said.

blood drives.

By Kathryn Gurfinkel

Region.

drives.

Duncan said.

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

land east of Paige City that he and

choose between proper health care Born in Oakley, he grew up on and food," Peterson's pamphlet says.

The candidate has served as vice his family now farm. Peterson is a chairman of the Kansas Agricul-

"People should not be forced to chairman of the Lutheran Parish of Republican, will be shown at 2 p.m. Western Kansas and 1st Congres- Sunday, Oct. 24, on Smoky Hills sional District chairman of the Public Television, channel 2 out of Democratic party.

ference at the Botanica, the Wichita

Malia Duncan, and his brother and

wife, Phillip and Suzanne Duncan,

"It was a big surprise," he said.

will be from noon to 6 p.m. Wednes-

day, Nov. 10, and from 8 a.m. to 2:30

p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, at the North-

west Kansas Technical College. Duncan said the goal is to exceed

The next Red Cross blood drive

showed up.

High Plains Red Cross annual con- he added.

Gardens. He said his daughter, blood call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE

(4483-5433).

Bunker Hill. It is available on both Although Peterson didn't make it Goodland cable systems.

To set up an appointment, give

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Sherman County honored

Cross was named Certified Ser-7 for the award ceremony. vice Delivery Unit of the Year for the American Red Cross Central dinating blood drives in Good-Plains Region.

Roberta Bretz, manager of the Sherman County American Red Cross Service Delivery Unit, including the one here.

KKCI to promote Red Cross blood blood drives because of the radio show.

> "That happens quite often," he Kansas and northern Oklahoma. said, "for people who are traveling and can't help out in their own communities."

Only three Red Cross blood drives are held in Goodland each year, he said, and one goal is to get as many participants as possible at each. The blood collected serves 106 area hospitals, including Goodland Regional Medical Center.

Duncan said getting people out to donate is important because just one operation can use up to 60 units of off the highway to participate in blood.

One of the joys of serving this district is the nice congenial respectful relationship that people provide me. I'm truly grateful with honor to be your representative in Topeka.

We'd like to have your vote for reelection on Nov. 2nd! \checkmark

RE-ELECT IM MORRISON

Paid by the Committee to re-elect Jim Morrison, William V. Adams, Treasurer,

The Sherman County Red went to Wichita Thursday, Sept.

Goodland radio personality wins award for Red Cross volunteer

Bretz got the award for coorland that provided more than 500 pints of blood last year. The blood supplies area hospitals,

He was selected for the award from last year's record of 247 units of blood, by pulling in a total of 274 among 49 candidates from across To get the award, he attended the

units. "We hope to do better than that,"

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