

## Semi truck rollover slows traffic



Traffic in the westbound lane of I-70 slowed to pass an accident Monday after a Wichita man rolled a semi truck. McKinley Knocks, the driver, went off the road at the curve at the 7.5 mile marker. Knocks, who was not injured, climbed out of the truck

himself. The load of empty bottles was towed away by McB's Motor Co. and was reported to still have a third of the glass intact in the truck.

Photo by Kathryn Burke/The Goodland Star-News

## Sherman County native named to Farm Bureau

The Kansas Farm Bureau board has a fresh new member from northwestern Kansas, as Goodland's Linda Franklin was elected to a two-year term earlier this month.

"I'm excited to serve," Franklin said. "I'm proud to represent this area."

Franklin said she is a long-time member of the Farm Bureau, keeping active in programs and serving on committees.

She said she has not been in a board meeting before, but she will go through courses to see how it works.

She will serve from Goodland, she said, and attend meetings at headquarters in Manhattan.

One of only 10 board members from around the state, she said, she will have a chance to bring up issues affecting this area.

Franklin said she was named as winner of the board position at the Farm Bureau's annual meeting, Nov. 12 and 13.

She is excited about working for the group, which focuses on education and keeping government aware of farming issues.

"I think it's a very worthwhile organization," she said.

She said she has no plans for any big changes in the organization, but she will try to make it better.

"My intent," she said, "is to make it a stronger organization, a stronger voice."

Franklin lives 10 miles south of Goodland where she and her husband Gerald farm irrigated and dryland crops.

She said they have lived there for 23 years, growing wheat, corn, sunflowers, soybeans and milo.

She said one of the great things about the Farm Bureau is that it works through grassroots support, and she welcomes questions and comments.

"That's one of the great things about this organization," she said. "I'm here to serve."

# Economic development approves website proposal

By Tom Betz

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The Sherman County Economic Development Council should have a new presence on the Internet by the middle of December after approving a proposal from S&T Communications at Tuesday's meeting.

Tracy Purvis, from S&T demonstrated a new website he has been working on over the last few weeks.

The council has been looking for someone to develop and host a website for it, and solicited proposals from area companies to demonstrate a design.

Purvis had his presentation on a laptop computer so that the council members could see the links and overall design of the pages.

The council approved a bid from S&T for \$1,140 for developing and hosting the site for a year.

Purvis said updating the pages would cost \$80 per hour, but did not expect there would be that much to do once the site is developed.

"You will want to make some changes to it on a periodic basis to keep it fresh," he said, "and there will be some updating depending on changing links and needs."

He told the council he should be able to have the basic website ready

by the next meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

Council member Don Newell said he could host the next meeting at S&T, where it would be easier to demonstrate the site.

Jay Jolly, administrator of Goodland Regional Medical Center, was at the meeting to announce that Goodland had been selected to participate in the next phase of the Community Health Planning Project.

He said it helped that nine people traveled to the meeting in Great Bend to help present the request for the hospital and community to be one of the two selected for this pi-

lot project.

Belleville was the other city chosen.

Jolly said he had begun contacting health care providers to develop a steering committee.

"Enthusiasm is high," he said, "and we plan to hold our first meeting on Thursday, Dec. 9. A person from Kansas State will be there to help make sure we are on the right track."

Jolly said the first part will be to do some informational assignments and to gather background numbers which the K-State expert can take and work up.

"One of the things we will be

looking at is the numbers in the Health Care Economic Impact study which came out in March," Jolly said.

"We will be looking at the numbers for Sherman County to see if they make sense or need to be reviewed."

One of the next steps, Jolly said, will be to do a survey about how people use the health care services, or if they are going out of the area why.

"This is a great opportunity for the community to take a look at the health care system we have," Jolly said, "and see where we feel it needs to go."

He said anyone interested in joining the steering committee could contact him or Diana Briney at the hospital.

The council went into closed session to discuss the renewal of the contract for Carolyn Applegate, executive director.

They spent about 90 minutes in three sessions, and Chairman John Garcia said they adjourned without taking any action.

"We will probably make a decision at the next meeting," he said.

The next council meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 21, at S&T's office, 1318 Main.

## Blue Star Banners honor servicemen

The Goodland Elks Lodge will hand out Blue Star Banners to honor families of servicemen and women at 3 p.m. Sunday at the lodge at 1523 Arcade Ave.

The banner, a tradition dating back to World War I, is red with a white field and one blue star in it for each member of that family serving on active duty.

The Blue Star Banner was designed in 1917 by Robert Queissner, a captain in the U.S. Army, who had two sons serving on the front lines in France during World War I.

The banners were widely used during both world wars but were not as popular during Korea and Vietnam the Elks national organization says the war on terrorism, with its impact on every American community, has revitalized pride for our

military and rekindled interest in the banner.

The banners are usually displayed in the front window of the home.

No more than five stars can be on any one banner; after that a pair of banners is used. The Goodland Elks have held a ceremony in December the last two years during which area families received a banner. Last year, 19 families received banners, said Zona Price of the lodge, including two with two blue stars. In 2002, banners were given to 27 families, three with two stars.

Should a soldier die in the line of duty, a gold star is superimposed on his or her blue star.

For more information, call Price at (785) 890-6251.

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**Parents:** Patricia Langness and Allan Langness

**Grade:** Senior

**Age:** 17

**We've nominated this student because:** Grace takes her responsibility as a student seriously. Her work is of superior quality, earning excellent evaluations. Then she is an excellent role model for younger students

**Student Comment:** It has been a lot of fun get-

ting involved getting to know many different people. I'll always remember the great times I've had with my friends.

**Activities involved in at school:** American Field Service, X-Pressos, Art Club, tennis and Girl's Athletic Association.

**My choice of movies, books, and games:** Movies: Lord of the Rings and Monty Python. Music: POD and Blindside. Books: Calvin and Hobbes

**After I leave Goodland High School I intend to:** attend a four year college and major in either Art or Music.

**And 10 years from now, I think I'll be:** Rich, with success oozing out of my ears and pretty darn happy.

**Favorite Quote:** "Stupid is as stupid does." Forrest Gump



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