

Kids message ‘don’t smoke’

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Other youths who helped were Linda Hestilow and Belen, Gabriel and Priscila Ledesma, who held up forms of positive pursuits, such as sports, reading and art, and shouted “Be tobacco free!” along with the cheerleaders.

High school art teacher Mark Hagerman and junior high cheerleader sponsor Lindsey Emig filmed the spot. The youth groups gave a donation to the high school art department, Lovington said, to pay for supplies.

The youth groups knew what they wanted to achieve, she said, and thought about filming it themselves but didn’t know for sure how to bring it together. One of the kids suggested asking Hagerman, she said.

Shelli Angelos, high school cheerleading sponsor, helped connect the youth groups with the jun-

ior high cheerleaders, Lovington said, and Swager has supported the groups’ efforts.

Melissa Schoenberger, regional coordinator of the Tobacco Prevention Program, gave ideas on cheers, Lovington said, and Lukius and Juan have worked the last few weeks creating the beat for the commercial. They will record the music later with Hagerman, she said.

One of the aims of the commercial, Lovington said, is to encourage young people to look for positive activities instead of tobacco or drugs. The kids had ideas, she said, but not a lot of experience with commercials.

The groups’ aims are to help kids choose positive activities, Lovington said, and one of their projects is to raise money to buy Lukius and Juan their own instruments. Lukius has a guitar, she said, but needs an amplifier.

The groups also work with el-

ementary and junior high students, Lovington said, and those who have been in trouble share their experiences, encouraging younger kids to avoid making the same mistakes.

The young kids really look up to teen-agers, she said, and have asked them a lot of good questions.

Another project the youth groups plan to do this month, Lovington said, is to put “tobacco-free” stickers with tobacco facts on tobacco advertisements in magazines.

They are using five tobacco facts, she said, and having the Prints and the Paper print 500 stickers of each one. They hope the public library, school libraries and health offices will let them put the stickers on ads in their magazines, she said.

The youth group is trying to raise money, she said, for a trip to Texas next summer. They can spend a week in Texas doing fun activities, she said, and have a reward for their hard work.

Six winners collect \$50 prizes

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\$1,500 and second prize of \$500 will be given away.

Shoppers have chances to win smaller \$50 prizes along the way by finding their numbers in the ads of participating Christmas on Us business in each Tuesday’s *Star-News*.

Participating businesses will hand out one ticket for every \$10 a customer spends, with a limit of 250 tickets per transaction. If you ask at *The Star-News* office, we’ll give you one free ticket each week.

The customer takes half of each ticket and the other half is dropped into gift-wrapped collection boxes, which are emptied once a week into a large barrel. The *Star-News* staff will pick tickets each week.

Instant winners have four days, until 5 p.m. Friday, to bring their tickets to *The Star-News* office, 1205 Main, and collect \$50 in scrip,

which can be spent at participating businesses.

Ten \$50 instant prizes will be given out over the four weeks of the contest, for a total of \$500. Ten winning numbers will appear in ads on Tuesday, which means the first Three shoppers to bring their winning tickets to the newspaper office have a chance to win \$50. Ticket numbers that are drawn for the instant prizes are not included in the grand prize drawing.

All of the \$50 instant winners will be given out during the month.

It’s simple enough, but there are a few rules.

- You must be 18 to participate.
- Employees of participating businesses are not eligible at their workplace, but can collect tickets from other sponsors. *Star-News* employees are not eligible.
- All prizes will be awarded in scrip, which can be spent at partici-

pating businesses.

- The last day to collect tickets is Friday, Dec. 17.
- Winners must be present at the grand prize drawing and be able to show their winning ticket.
- Winners of major prizes must provide their tax identification number, and agree to be interviewed and photographed for publication in the newspaper.

Participating businesses are Garcia’s Home Furnishings and Appliance, S&T Communications, Elliott’s, Miller’s Electronics, American Communications, Mann’s Jewelry, Medical Arts Pharmacy, Knott Just Books, Mobile Connections, Jacque’s Hallmark, Frontier Equity Exchange, Goodland Greenline, McClung’s Appliance, El Dorado, Kear’s Quality Liquor, Eagle Cable TV and *The Star-News*.

Manager’s salary finally approved

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was approved last year after considerable discussion.”

The commission held a special meeting on Friday, Nov. 19., including a 20-minute closed door session, but failed to reach agreement on the raise.

Commissioner Dean Blume had asked for the special meeting because the commission had failed after two meetings to approve the raise.

The commission failed to reach an agreement on the manager’s contract after doing the evaluation on Oct. 18. At the meeting on Nov. 1, the commission announced that they would give the manager a \$1,000 raise. At the same meeting, the commission approved a 75-cent-an-hour raise for all city employees beginning in January, which means an increase of \$1,560 a year for full-time work.

Blume said he had asked City Attorney Perry Warren to explain a clause in Pickman’s contract which seemed to say that he was entitled to the same raise as any other full-time city employee.

After hearing from the city attorney, the commission adjourned without taking any action, and Blume left the meeting a few minutes before the commission reopened the session and adjourned.

At that time, Pickman said he felt like he was in limbo. He said the clause about his getting the same benefits as other full time employees has been in his contract for several years, but this is the first time it has been an issue.

Last year, it took the commission seven closed-door sessions and nearly two hours to reach agreement on Pickman’s contract.

“We agree you are doing a great job,” Mayor Rick Billinger told Pickman after the fifth session last year. “We are going to offer you a two-year contract with a two-year renewable extension. We have all agreed on the details, but the compensation is the holdup.”

The commission went into their sixth session for five minutes, and then asked Pickman to be part of a seventh closed session.

After the seventh session, Billinger made a motion to approve the contract with a \$100-per-month (\$1,200) raise beginning in January. It was passed unanimously without former Commissioner Chuck Lutters present because he had left the meeting during the fourth closed session.

Lutters later said he felt the discussions were not moving along. He said he felt the basic decision to keep Pickman as manager had been made in an earlier session, and did not see any reason to stay.

Pickman said his first contract was a four-year agreement with an automatic two-year extension.

After the meeting Pickman said he would not discuss the actions, but was going to consider his options.

Billinger has been on the commission since Pickman became city manager, and Mull had been on the commission for several of those years. Mull was appointed to the commission again in August when Lutters resigned to become city public works director.

Music concert 7 p.m. on Monday

The fruits of the Goodland High School music department’s labor can be heard in concert Monday, Dec. 20, and on a compact disc recorded last month.

The concert will begin at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium, Director Randy Berls said, and it will include both vocal and band performances.

The jazz band will go first, he said, followed by the four choirs and then the concert band.

It should last about two hours, he said.

The four choirs are the X-Pressos show choir, Black and Gold Choir,

Men’s Chorale and Les Chantes

The compact disc is called “Sounds of the Season;” the Music Booster organization made and marketed it and will collect the money to use for music students in the Goodland School District.

It has 13 songs, Berls said, eight by the choirs and five by the bands.

Among the songs are “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen,” performed by the concert band; “Goin’ to Bethlehem,” performed by the X-Pressos; “High Impact,” by the jazz ensemble; and “Deck the Halls,” by the Men’s Chorale.

The recording and production

was by the Madd Hatters Music Emporium; recording equipment was from KLOE/KKCI/KWGB radio and Mary Melia; the compact disc labels by Lea Shores; cover design by Ashley Wing; and technical assistance was provided by Michael Smith.

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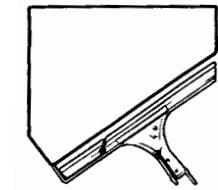
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