

# Economic development office reopens

**By Tom Betz**  
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The Sherman County Economic Development office is open Monday through Friday with a new receptionist.

Kay Younger, wife of Dr. David Younger, was hired by Council Chairman John Garcia and she reopened the office last week.

"After the December meeting, the board gave me a directive to do what was necessary to get a person for the office," Garcia said. "I had several applicants, and felt Younger was a good choice."

Younger said she will be in the office from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday. The phone number is 899-3743.

Garcia, of Garcia's Home Furnishing, was re-elected as the council chairman at a meeting last Tuesday. Duane Timm of First National Bank was elected vice-chairman. Kim Bohme of Miller's Electronics was re-elected as treasurer and Shelly Thompson of Bankwest was named secretary.

Garcia welcomed the newest council members, Gary Slough and Richard Breininger, who had been chosen in November. Slough is district manager for S&T Communications and Breininger is the owner of Sunflower Computers.

Donna Price, executive director of the Sherman County Convention

## New face handling contacts

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She was helping with the closing sale at Aten's Department Store when someone suggested she apply for the receptionist job at the Sherman County Economic Development office, and now she is handling the office on a daily basis.

Kay Younger, wife of Dr. David Younger, said she is enjoying the challenge of a new job.

"I think there are a lot of possibilities in Goodland," Younger said, "and I enjoy living here. The people are friendly and have a good attitude."

She was born in Denver the daughter of Lyle and Lorraine

Jandebeur, but at age 10 the family moved to Charlotte, N.C. where her father had a new job.

Growing up there she graduated from high school and then went to college at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa where she graduated in 1974 with a bachelor degree in music education.

She married David Younger in 1976 and they moved to Winston-Salem, N.C. where he went to Bowman-Gray Medical

School in Wake Forest.

While he was in medical school she was a substitute music teacher and did underwriting for an insurance company. She taught voice lessons and directed a church choir.

In 1979 they moved to Wheeling,

W. Va. where her husband did his residency, and she worked in medical records.

The Younger's moved to Burlington in 1982 where they lived and raised their four kids until moving to Goodland in 2001.

David, 24, is the oldest and lives in Burlington where he works for the Kit Carson Correction Center. Karna, 22, is a senior at Denver University and is majoring in journalism and is the editor of the university paper.

Scott, 20, is a sophomore at Colby Community College and plans to go to Fort Hays State next year. Mallory, 18, is the youngest and is a senior at Goodland High School.

Younger has taught voice lessons in Burlington, and began working with the Goodland Family Health

Center in 1999 before her husband opened his office. She has been a certified lactation educator for the past 12 years, and works through the Goodland family clinic. She said she was certified through the University of California at Los Angeles.

She likes doing crafts, especially wreaths and decorations, and likes to cook. She is a member of the Goodland United Methodist Church choir.

The Sherman County Economic Development Council was holding interviews Tuesday, and Younger said she has applied for the director's position.

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of 60 cents each.

Price said the Travel Council is planning to attend a small manufacturing trade show later this year and could take brochures to that.

Garcia said he had received four resumes so far for the executive director position, and asked if the council wanted to extend the deadline beyond Jan. 31.

Harlan House said he felt it would be better to leave it as it is, but his motion died for lack of a second. However, since no motion was made to extend the deadline, it would remain as it is. Garcia suggested getting the opening advertised in Colorado. The council agreed that Younger would take care of that.

The next council meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 15 at S&T Communications. Part of that meeting will be to review the council's website, and to look at the video clips Newell has been collecting for a marketing presentation to be put on a compact disk.

Breininger volunteered to be the council's representative to the Board of Realtors meetings held at noon the first Tuesday of each month at Gambino's Tom Harrison is the representative from the Board of Realtors to the development council. The council held a 35-minute closed door session to discuss personnel before adjourning. No action was taken afterward.

## Grant helps Kanorado install new water lines

**By Kathryn Burke**  
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The 240 residents of Kanorado will soon see their 76-year-old water lines torn up and replaced, thanks in part to a \$400,000 state grant.

New water lines and 16 fire hydrants will be installed using \$400,000 from the Kansas Department of Commerce.

"I think it's a great benefit for the city," said Susan Adams, city clerk and water and sewer operator.

She said the city will use the \$400,000 to replace all 2-inch and 4-inch water lines in the town, plus the wells, meters and fire hydrants. Adams said the lines they are re-

placing are old and small, adding they have been working on the project for four years.

"It's a big deal," she said, noting that a few years ago, the city replaced a block and a half of water lines but discovered that the rest of the system needed work as well.

The project will upgrade most of the lines from 2 inches to 6 inches. Adams said the bigger lines will be less likely to develop corrosion and will provide better fire protection.

"It will help," Adams said, "with less fear of broken lines and service shut downs."

She said although the change will affect most of the town, it will not change the taste of the water.

"We have excellent water now," she said.

The project is still in the early stages and, Adams said, they need to draw up the designs. She said the grant requires a the city have a plan in place within 90 days.

After they get the plan, she said, they will start taking bids.

The grant required a match. The federal Rural Development Administration will contribute \$583,130 with a portion as a grant and a portion as a loan, and the city will add \$15,000.

Kanorado is one of 22 Kansas towns to receive part of \$7,162,607 from the federal Community Development Block Grant program.

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Price said if the Sherman County Economic Development Council is a member of the Travel Council, she can take brochures about Sherman County to the show in Denver and to one coming up in February in Wichita.

## Phone scam selling cheap gasoline targets elderly

Attorney General Phill Kline says a phone scam promising cheap gasoline is targeting people throughout the state, especially the elderly, who wind up with empty bank accounts.

The scam begins with a solicitation promising \$200 worth of vouchers that can be used at local gas stations. People are asked to pay a processing fee of \$3.95 that is to be drafted directly from their checking account. With the right information, though, the caller is then able to remove all the money from the accounts.

There have been reports of the attempted scam in Olathe, Paola, Louisburg, LaCygne and Osawatomie so far.

Kline's Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division was alerted by a bank that discovered that nearly a dozen customers, mostly elderly, had fallen for the scam. The bank recognized the attempted withdraw-

als as a scam and blocked them.

Kline advises Kansans not to give their bank account information to anyone over the phone. If you decide to make a purchase over the phone, he said, use a credit card because they usually offer the most protection.

People can register their home and cell phone numbers on the national Do Not Call list by calling (888) 382-1222. While this may not stop con artists from calling, you can be sure that once you are on the No-Call list, "cold calls" to sell you something are not legitimate.

The Kansas Bankers Association has warned members throughout the state to be on the lookout for these scams. People who believe that they have been victimized by this or any other scam should notify the Consumer Protection and Antitrust division at (800) 432-2310.

## Group of high school students campaign for business

**By Kathryn Burke**  
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A group of high school students plan a week-long campaign to turn around what they see as a decline in business in Goodland.

Three members of the school's DECA club, an association of marketing students, are making plans for Free Enterprise Week. Sophomore Jessica Lu, chairman of the club, and freshmen Lauren Abernathy and Andrew Philbrick are working on the project.

The trio will spend next week promoting entrepreneurship at the high school and the junior high. An entrepreneur is a person who organizes and manages a business, as-

suming the risk for the sake of hoped-for profit.

The week will help spread ideas, the three said, including shopping in Goodland to promote businesses that are already here. The trio will work to show other students the connection between spending money in town and the general economy here, including the schools and the community.

"We thought that if we taught the community a little bit about entrepreneurship," Lu said, "it would promote the economy."

The week will include education and fun, the students said. Along with announcements every morning, the students have put together

presentations and a game.

Philbrick came up with the ideas for the game, which is patterned on television's "The Weakest Link." He said the questions are from a history of Goodland and the businesses that used to be here.

The students said they have noticed trends in the economy here through their research. They said as our economy goes down, it seems like Colby's goes up.

"Goodland was once the leading town," Lu said. "We realized how much the economy has changed."

To go with the announcements, the group will hand out a quiz at the end of the week. Abernathy said quiz winners will get a small prize

or candy award. Businesses will help out as well, she said. DECA will give them fliers to put in bags to promote shopping in town.

"Every dollar spent in Goodland goes back to our community," the flier says. "By shopping in Goodland, you will prevent businesses from going out of business."

"Consumers need to shop in Goodland more," Philbrick said. For instance, instead of waiting to go to a larger store in Denver, shoppers can order their books from Linda Knott at Knott Just Books.

Lu, Abernathy and Philbrick are organizing the week as a project to take to DECA state competition. The students will put together the

information gained through the week to present at the competition.

They will write about their results in a 30-page manual. Lu said they will pass the results on to future DECA students.

They will present the manual to judges at the state competition in Overland Park in early March. If the students win at state, they will go on

to nationals at the end of April. Along with teaching Goodland students about entrepreneurship, the students are learning about business themselves.

"We wanted to do this project because," Lu said, "we wanted to try something new."

"We just hope it goes well," added Philbrick.

## Students attend meetings for DECA project

Jessica Lu, Andrew Philbrick and Lauren Abernathy have been on the meeting trail to talk about the Goodland High DECA project of Entrepreneurship Week.

Tuesday, the students told the Sherman County Economic Development Council that Goodland is the market center of northwest Kansas, but they are concerned by the

number of businesses that are closing and not being sold to new people.

They said the idea behind Enterpenurship Week, which is next week, is to educate people about the importance of having business entrepreneurs in the community, and encouraging young people to open businesses.

At the City Commission meeting Monday, the students asked the mayor to sign a proclamation about Entrepreneurship Week. They said they had planned events to highlight the week for the students and the city.

Chairman John Garcia thanked

## corrections

On Page 8 of *The Goodland Star-News* on Tuesday, Jan. 18, it was incorrectly reported that the first husband of Mary Jo Pfaffly had preceded her in death. Marvin Taylor, who was the first husband is alive reports their son Larry West of Missouri.

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On Page 7 of *The Goodland Star-News* on Tuesday, Jan. 25, it was reported that Larry and Mary Jane Allen quitclaim to Robert L. and Carol S. Armstrong a tract in the SW/4, Sec. 29, I8S, R39W. The

quitclaim actually applied only to the Allens' mineral interest in the tract. This was the reporter's error.

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