Mayor election tops agenda

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News Who will be mayor is the first question the City Commission will face after new members are sworn in at 5 p.m. on Monday.

Under the city charter, the mayor is elected from among the members of the commission. Rick Billinger, owner of Nationwide Mobile Homes office, has been the mayor for the last four years. He has two years remaining on his current commission term.

Commissioner Dave Daniels, a rental property owner who has been the vice mayor for the past two years, may be in a position to move up if Billinger does not want to hold the job.

When the meeting is called to order Monday, the first item will be the swearing in of commissioners elected on April 5 — John Garcia,

ant, ag loan officer at Bankwest; and Annette Fairbanks, owner of Teeters Abstract.

Garcia and Dechant will be sworn-in for four-year terms. Fairbanks, who won the third seat by one vote, gets a two-year term.

next step will be to elect a mayor pro tem, or vice mayor, to preside in the mayor's absence.

Other than that, there are not a lot of items on the agenda, City Manager Ron Pickman said Wednesday. proclaim April as Fair Housing Month, and there is a proclamation for the new mayor to sign.

Minner and Maggie Hernandez are building.

who has been on the commission expiring. Pickman said the two for two years and owns Garcia's have served two four-year terms Home Furnishings; Joshua Dech- each, which is the limit under the city policy.

> He said the Library Board is recommending the appointment of Sherida Shoff and Barb Graber for four-year terms.

"If the paperwork is completed, we will have an application for a Once the mayor is elected, the cereal malt beverage license from "24/7," Pickman said.

He said Triplets Inc. of Salina has purchased the Total station south of I-70, and is planning to apply for the beer license.

The commission meets at 5 p.m. The commission is being asked to on the first and third Monday of each month, on the second floor of the City Administration Building, 204 W. 11th. The door will be Two appointments to the Library locked. Push the button on the in-Board are up, as the terms of Janice side door to be buzzed into the

Women worried by rape report

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Rawlins County, The Oberlin Herald reported last week.

The Rawlins County Sheriff's Department said the girl told officers she was stopped north of Atwood and lured from her vehicle by a man dressed like a police officer, the paper said, sometime between 8:30 and 11 p.m. Central Time Sunday, March 27. She told officers the incident occurred two miles south of the Kansas/Nebraska line on K-25.

Undersheriff Jim Schroeder said the girl said she was stopped by a vehicle with a rotating red light, the article said, and taken from her vehicle to the man's car. The girl said it looked like a police car, and the man wore what looked like a uniform.

The e-mail says the girl was forced from the car at gun point. Asked about this detail, Schroeder said, "No comment."

He also would not confirm or deny whether the information reported in the Oberlin paper was accurate.

An officer would have a gun out if he was stopping a suspected felon, Butts said, but would not be

likely to approach the vehicle. The officer would stay in his vehicle, Butts said, and call out over a loudspeaker and ask the driver to show his hands.

Other things to watch for, the sheriff said, are that the officer is wearing a uniform, has a marked car and uses a siren.

"I can't speak for everyone," he said, "but around here, our plainclothes people are not going to be running traffic.'

If there is a reason for an officer in plain clothes or in an unmarked vehicle to make a traffic stop, he said, they would call for a marked unit to join them.

Butts said no law enforcement officer he knows around here uses a "Kojak light," rather having permanently mounted lights on the car.

It's not out of the question someone other than a law enforcement officer could have lights, he said. It's easy to install lights in a car, he said, but installing a siren is more involved. If a siren blows, Butts said, the stop is most likely legitimate.

Anyone with information about the Atwood case should call the Rawlins County Sheriff's Office at 785-626-3208.

Businessmen defeat school staff

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Family Chiropractic; Jay Herl, Herl's Chevrolet; Joshua Dechant, Bankwest; Dwane Timm, Cliff Leach and Trevor Linton, First National Bank; Danny Archer, Finley Motors; Steve Jimenez, Goodland

ter; Shad Sheldon, Shad's Electric; Dawes refereed. Andrew Melia, KLOE radio; Jay Jolly, Goodland Regional Medical Bank, Unruh's Chiropractic, Shad's Center; and coach Darren Kannady, First National Bank.

KWGB, announced the game and Linton and Carol and Jay Jolly. Tanya Gray, a seventh-grade math

Sponsors included First National Electric, Finley Motors, Bankwest of Kansas, Herl's Chevrolet, Dr. Marty Melia, KLOE, KKCI and Daise, Jimenez, Sarah and Trevor

Those interested in joining the

County landfill procedures reviewed

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they want to help.

in the morning.'

"It did work great with the central place to do the separation," said Chuck Redlin, owner of In the Can, the county's trash contractor. "I think the plan is to do that again on Saturday, and we may get more tree limbs this time because of the storm."

Second city cleanup Saturday

ferent?" Rasure asked.

Erickson suggested that if the cleanup brings out more furniture, out to help unload it at the transfer station.

"We will try to be better prepared this weekend," Redlin said.

people that there is not a charge to

"Do we need to do anything dif- dump most things at the transfer station," Tiede said. "The only things we really charge for are tires."

> household hazardous waste collecfrom Pizza Hut on Cherry Ave. Anyone with hazardous wastes can bring it in, but hazardous waste materials will not be picked up by the volunteers.

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"We all pay for the transfer staattorney. at least one volunteer should be sent tion and landfill," Rasure said, "and we want to encourage people to use the facility.' Tiede said there will be a county

"I think we need to educate the tion from 7 to 11 a.m. on Saturday at the county site across the street

Activities Center; Dr. Travis Daise, teacher at Grant, kept score. Rollie boosters can call Grieve at 899-Goodland Regional Medical Cen-Hallagin, Dennis Daise and Don 5957 or Nancy Shores at 890-3321.

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3817; Phyllis Daniels, 890-3431; phone calls for this cleanup because and Kathryn Wedermyer, 899-3781.



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reported to the Goodland Police

March 30—Kabredlo's reported

a gas skip for \$8.01 at 316 E. 8th.

mated at \$500 at 224 Caldwell.

windshield, criminal damage esti-

Department:

matters of record at 215 Broadway. The case was re-

The following crimes have been ferred to the county attorney. April3—Esther Elliott reported a theft of \$310.05 from a vehicle at 515 E. 5th.

Presto Convenience Store re-Earnest Knight reported a broken ported a gas skip for \$18.90 at 2510 Commerce.

Noel McNerney and Renea sion of marijuana and drug paraphernalia at 790 D'Lao. The case was referred to the county attorney.

April 6 — Kenneth R. Gonzales was arrested for reckless driving and obstructing the legal process at 1600 Main. The case was referred to the county attorney.

A juvenile runaway was reported a 1998 Chevrolet Blazer valued at street.

\$5,000 at 507 W. 13th.

Crystal Phillips reported the theft of \$90 at 1100 Center.

Accidents

The following accidents were reported to the Goodland Police Department:

March 24 — Inez A. Bennett was pulling a 1986 Ford four door into a parking spot and hit a parked 2001 Pontiac owned by Angela Benavides cracking the paint at 2160 Commerce Rd.

March 28 — David Livengood was backing a 1999 GMC pickup from a parking spot when he struck a pedestrian, Brandon Cowan at 13th and Walnut. Cowan was bent Dedra Smith reported the theft of over picking up a coin from the

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Curtis Tolliver was arrested on a Peterson were arrested for posseswarrant at 821 Broadway. The case was referred to the county attorney. Ann Hamilton reported a broken back window of a car, damage estimated at \$1,800, at 319 W. 13th.

April 2 — Clinton Gresty was arrested on a warrant at 1300 Texas. The case was referred to the county

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