

Paper earns awards

The Goodland-Star News brought home seven awards from the Kansas Press Association's 113th annual convention in Lawrence on Saturday, April 16, including one first place, two seconds, two thirds and two honorable mention awards.

The first-place award went to reporter Kathryn Burke for best feature story, in the division for smaller nondaily papers.

She wrote about Sadie, the "miracle" dog who survived a kennel fire. Sadie, a 5-year-old yellow labrador retriever, belongs to City Commissioner Annette Fairbanks and her husband Jerry, vice president and trust officer at the First National Bank.

The judges commented on the story saying, "I felt for the dog and for the owners," "detailed but not graphic" and "good flow."

Publisher Steve Haynes said he thought the awards were a measure of the effort the staff puts into the paper every day.

"It's good to be recognized by our peers," he said, "but better to see

many readers responding to that effort."

Burke attended the convention and awards ceremony. People from every aspect of the newspaper business attended the convention, she said, from publishers to reporters and ad salesmen.

"It was fun to meet so many people from newspapers across Kansas," she said.

The ceremony honored all of the winners, including Managing Editor Tom Betz, who took second place for a news story titled "Coach arrested after house fire." The story detailed the arrest of former Goodland High School football coach Tony Diehl for attempting to torch his own house.

The other second place went to the staff for headline writing. The headlines included one about the Cheyenne Plains gas pipeline project, "Pipeline snakes across county"; a football story where the Cowboys beat Rawlins County High School in September "Cowboys corral Buffaloes, 50-6," and a story called "Cops leave training to

put bite on fugitive" about a police training exercise in Colby that was cut short for a manhunt.

Third-place awards both went to lifestyles editor Sharon Corcoran, one for a feature story and another for a youth story. The feature story "Homeless man cycles across U.S." was about a man who stopped in Goodland on a trip across the country. The youth story, "Teens say life as a mother is 'no picnic'", was about a talk two Goodland teen-age mothers gave about the consequences of becoming a parent too soon.

One honorable mention went to Burke for "College gets \$38,000 teaching tool," an education story about a new car donated to the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

The other went to sports writer Greg Stover for a column "Violence shows ugly side," a commentary on problems in professional sports.

The newspaper received a plaque for the first place award and certificates of achievement for the others that will now hang in the office.



Kathryn Burke posed with her plaque at the Kansas Press Association Saturday, April 16. Photo by Carolyn Plotts/The Norton Telegram

Economic Development office to showcase art

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Star-News

Kay Younger, Sherman County Economic Development Council office receptionist, said she has been talking to area artists about bringing things to the office she could display and sell.

Younger said at a meeting last week that she has had several respond and hopes more will bring things in the future.

She said she is working on a plan to use an extra office for a "business incubator" program which would allow someone wanting to start a business to have a place for a desk and computer during the office hours. She talked to Pete Whalen, who

manages the building, and he was open to the idea. She said a computer and desk have been donated.

Council Chairman John Garcia said Adronics/Elrob Manufacturing has completed their interviews, and was pleased with prospective employees they talked to. He said they will be calling back some of the people as well as some who did not come in for interviews but submitted applications.

He said they have moved some equipment into the building and the Aircraft Seal and Gasket equipment is to be moved out of the way or to another building to give the car-parts company room to begin opera-

tion. Garcia said he expects a resignation from council member Larry Harper, who has changed jobs and is no longer able to attend meetings. He said Harper is suggesting Chris Bauman as a possible replacement.

Garcia said the position will be open for nominations and the council will vote on a replacement at the next meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17.

Some bills were presented by Garcia that were not included in the treasurer's report. The first was to put a bold listing in the S&T Telephone book white pages and a listing in the yellow pages at a cost of \$135.

Council member Harlan House sug-

gested the same should be done in the SBC phone book and the Feist phone book as well. House made a motion to place similar ads in all three phone books. It was approved unanimously.

Garcia asked the council to pay for the announcement reception held for Adronics/Elrob at Howard Johnson's at a cost of \$272. The council agreed.

A request from the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce to help with Fourth of July fireworks was brought up by Garcia, who said the Chamber has raised \$2,100 of the money they need.

Steve West, a council member, said it was a good idea to support the Chamber, and

made the motion to contribute \$75 to the fireworks. It was approved.

Vice Chairman Dwane Timm, who heads the business incentive committee, said he has a draft of the incentives from the city and county. He said there is a possible tax rebate program that might be an incentive to residents and business people to invest in their property.

Under state law, he said, if a person improves their property, the property tax goes up, but Timm said there is a provision where the county, city and school district can rebate the increased property tax back to the property owner over a period of years. He said the county has been looking into it.

Teen recovering from organ transplant

By Sharon Corcoran
The Goodland Star-News

A Hays teen is enjoying a month at home just three months after a multiple organ transplant, and says he likes the "regular" things like seeing friends, eating steak and driving.

Jarett Basgall, 19, returned to Hays for a month on Saturday, April 9. He is the son of Steve and Sharon (Odom) Basgall, a Wallace Community High School graduate and a Goodland High School graduate.

After Jarett was released from the hospital in March, he and his mother had been staying at a nearby hotel to be close to doctors at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Doctors told him Thursday, April 7, he could go home for a month. Jarett and his mother arrived home early April 9, driving from Pittsburgh to Columbus, Ohio, on Thursday and then leaving for Hays on Friday morning.

They were met at home by his grandparents, Bert and Vonna Basgall, and a cousin, Gage Henderson, all from Sharon Springs, and Jarett's friend, Alec Waelchli of Schoenchen.

He's doing well, Vonna Basgall said; he's eating and doesn't get sick. Before the surgery, she said, he threw up every day. After the surgery, he was on a feeding tube.

Now, his grandmother said, he's eating a lot of steak. She took him out for supper in Hays,

and he wanted to go to the Golden Corral. "So that's where we went," she said.

Vonna said she wondered if Jarett would be able to eat.

"Sharon said he eats a lot," Vonna said, "and then added, 'I should say he never stops eating.'"

One of Jarett's friends came to visit him in Pittsburgh, Vonna said, and the doctor said that's the best medicine he could have. Since being in Hays, he's had even more "medicine." He has plenty of company, Vonna said; all of his friends are coming to visit, and he's really enjoying it.

"I hope he keeps getting better," she said, "and he gets to come home and stay for longer than a month."

It won't be so bad, she said, to go back to Pittsburgh for a week once in a while. Doctors have to make sure he doesn't start rejecting the organs. The family had to go to Kansas City this weekend for a checkup, she said, and planned to go to Worlds of Fun.

When Sharon and Jarett came home from Pittsburgh, Vonna said, they brought their new dog home. They got a Sheltie in Pittsburgh, she said, and had it at the hotel. Having a pet helped him a lot, she said.

Sharon said some friends at the hotel where they were staying helped pack up the car so

they could get on the road Thursday and even stored some of the Basgalls' things in their rooms for when they come back.

"Jarett was so excited to leave," Sharon told The Hays Daily News. "I tried to get us a plane ticket. Nothing was going to leave soon enough."

And if they took a plane, the young man would have missed the chance to get behind the wheel. Jarett helped drive home from Pittsburgh, Vonna said; he was a big help to Sharon.

Jarett has improved greatly since the transplant. At first, he was taking over 50 pills a day to ward off rejection of his new organs, prevent infection and stabilize his body.

Now he takes 14 medications a day, and he expects to eventually only need a small dose of anti-rejection medication. Doctors in Pittsburgh, Jarett told the Hays paper, said they are working toward eventually discontinuing anti-rejection medication for transplant patients, but they are not yet able to completely remove the drugs.

Jarett has a rare gastrointestinal disorder called "pseudo-obstruction," which caused his digestive system to behave as if it were blocked. His small intestines were removed in October, and a fund-raising effort was launched to help pay for a stomach, pancreas and intestine transplant.

Goodland doctor certified for densities

A Goodland doctor has been certified to measure bone density.

Dr. Mohedine Shafei of the Goodland Family Health Clinic attended the International Society for Clinical Densitometry's bone density course and is recognized as a certified clinical densitometrist.

To win the recognition, Dr. Shafei passed an exam on bone density testing for osteoporosis. He is among 5,000 certified clinicians and technologists worldwide with the designation.

Dr. Shafei said he felt strongly about getting a certification in bone density testing because early detection of low bone density is the key to successful management before fractures occur.

Bone density is measured with a bone densitometer, he said, using dual X-ray absorptiometry technology. With medications now available and under development, experts feel that osteoporosis is preventable and treatable, not an inevitable part of aging.

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Bone density screening, provided at Goodland Regional Medical Center, is recommended for anyone age 40 or over. Call 890-3625 for an appointment.

Osteoporosis affects 44 million Americans, causing 1.5 million fractures each year, with an annual health care cost of \$17 billion.

Dr. Shafei was a research fellow in pathology and pediatrics at McGill University in Montreal in 1982. He did a residency at the National University of Iran in 1985, and interned at Harvard Medical School and Waltham Hospital from 1988-89. He completed his residency in internal medicine from Tufts University in Boston in 1991.

He says his goal for the past 25 years has been to provide the best medical advice to his patients. His expertise ranges from pediatrics to geriatrics and trauma medicine.

"I strongly believe in preventive medicine," Dr. Shafei said.

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