

Color approved for Pioneer Park sign

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bleachers and picnic tables.

- Approved an ordinance approving the annexation of 90 acres north of Caruso from Kemp Sugar Company. John Golden, company president, encouraged the commission to approve the ordinance and annex the property. The city had passed a resolution at the meeting on July 5, and asked the Sherman County commission to review the annexation request. The county commissioners reviewed the city's request on July 12, and gave their approval. Commissioner Josh Dechant made the motion to approve the annexation ordinance. It was seconded by Daniels, and approved 4-0. Billinger abstained from voting.
- Talked about the trash rate at the home of Bob Brown, 224 E. 16th. Brown had been at the July 5, asking to have his trash rate reduced because he was no longer renting the apartments at that address. Billinger said if there is only one electric meter there should only be one trash charge. City Clerk Mary Volk said that is not what the city ordinance said. Daniels said the location has been apartments for many years. Daniels said he has some rentals in a similar situation, but said each apartment has a separate electric meter. Tom Armour, interim city manager, said the commission should follow a strict interpretation of the ordinance to show the city was not trying to show any special consideration. He said if the city gives special treatment in this case the city would have to do it for other different exceptions. "I see both sides," Fairbanks said, "but we have to make a call." The consensus was to leave the trash charge as it is, and

that when the city looks at updating the ordinance a better alternative might be found.

- Approved ordinances adopting the updated Standard Traffic Ordinance and the Uniform Public Offense Code by reference. Police Chief Ray Smee said there were minor changes made by the state legislature.
- Approved an ordinance raising the maximum property tax levy for the library to 4.8 mills. The increase was needed because the city commission for raised the library budget for next year to cover the increase cost of utilities. This year the library was limited to 4.65 mills, but the increase for next year would exceed that limit, and Volk said the new limit would increase the library budget by \$8,000, and 4.73 mills. Librarian Janet Warren told the commissioners during the budget

workshops that more than half the requested increase was to compensate for the increased electric cost from the demand meter charges.

- Held a 15 minute closed session to discuss the city manager applicants, and the replacement for Perry Warren, city attorney, who is retiring at the end of July. Attorney Jeff Mason was at the meeting, but no action on the city attorney position was announced.

When the commission returned to open session no action was taken and the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m. The commission scheduled a special meeting for 8 a.m. on Thursday for the reconsideration of the power purchase contract. An additional item was added for an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

The commission will meet again at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday for an executive session on personnel.

are prescription discount cards, Medicare and supplemental insurance. It's not easy to understand those programs, she said, and information comes from many sources.

The grant is good for six months, Harrel said, so it will need to be used by December.

The proposal was prepared by community grant writer Penny Nemechek.

Funding for the project was provided in part by the Kansas Health Foundation, Wichita, Kan. The Kansas Health Foundation is a philanthropic organization whose mission is to improve the health of all Kansans.

Seniors get help from health department

By Sharon Corcoran
The Goodland Star-News

A state health grant is helping the launch a countywide program to educate senior citizens about services available to them and help them get those services.

The Sherman County Health Department got a \$4,628 Recognition Grant from the Kansas Health Foundation and is using the money to pilot the Elder Advocacy Program.

The program is for seniors 60 and over in Sherman County, and its primary goal is to increase their awareness of the services available to them.

The grant is being used toward staff salaries, supplies, brochures and postage. The health department is partnering with the Kansas State University Research and Extension of Sherman County and other area agencies to conduct the project.

Carol Guyer, a registered nurse at the health department, went to a three-day workshop in Wichita to get information for the program, and since its inception, has held three meetings providing general information to senior citizens and has met individually with ones needing more help.

The program is going well, said Dorendo Harrel, health department

director, better than expected.

"It's a bigger problem than we thought," she said. "There is a lot more help for the elderly than they thought. It's kind of an eye-opener of how much lack of information people have. They don't know about programs that could benefit them."

Fliers were printed and sent into the community, Harrel said, to let people know Elder Advocacy is available.

Many don't know certain programs existed, she said, or they don't know how to apply. Among the programs Elder Advocacy is providing information on, she said,

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Prominent farmers named parade grand marshals

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ing how much of each ingredient to add based on texture.

The Franklins were involved with their children in 4-H, and each joined in second grade.

"We think it's a great program," said Linda.

Their son, Kyle, 27, lives and works in Fort Worth, their daughter, Sarah, 24, and her husband Kyle Johnson live in Fort Worth and their youngest son, Timothy, 22, lives in Des Moines, Iowa.

All three were involved in different 4-H projects including livestock, sewing, baking, wildlife, electrical, crops and rockets.

Gerald said they helped the kids out at first, but as they got older, they became more independent.

Each of their children received key awards, recognition from the state in 4-H.

The Franklins have an entire wall in their basement dedicated to the plaques their kids won. They also keep rockets and other 4-H projects in their basement.

"We have a rocket garden," Linda said with a laugh.

The couples farms about five miles east and south of Goodland on land inherited from Linda's parents.

Both graduated from high school here, Gerald in 1965 and Linda in 1966. After high school they went to college and began their careers.

Gerald's parents were Gerald and Glenda Franklin, and his father was superintendent of schools here from 1962 to 1965.

Linda and Gerald have served on many boards, including the Methodist Church and the county Farm Bureau. Linda is director representing the 10th district on the state Farm Bureau board.

Gerald served on the school board for eight years and on the Ground Water Management District No. 4 board.

He is also a patriotic Vietnam War veteran who much reveres the American flag.

The couple won the Master Farmer-Homemaker award from the Kansas State Research and Extension in 2003. Gerald said they filled out an extensive application and were chosen as one of six couples in the state.

The Franklins said they are anxious to sit in the back of the grand marshals' car, waving at the crowd and throwing candy (Double Bubble gum and Tootsie Rolls).

"I've never gotten to do this before," said Linda.



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CLUES ACROSS

1. Blithe
5. Sea mammals
10. Compass point
14. Restaurant's food listing
15. Not rural
16. Maintain
17. U.K. art gallery
18. Way
19. Heap
20. Did the job
23. Misplace
24. Canal
25. Register
28. Least nuts
32. Musical composition
33. Bet
34. Cavity
35. Bind
36. Finish milkshake
39. Limit
41. Its own
43. Explodes
44. Tolls
46. Doorway sign
47. Called, as in poker
52. Shock
53. Gem state
54. Alack's partner
56. Pompano
57. Lowest point
58. Occurred
59. Reasons
60. Ordain
61. Leg joint

CLUES DOWN

1. Time zone
2. Sheet
3. Opposed to
4. Fought with pistols
5. Most confident
6. Wear away
7. Adjoin
8. Machine tool
9. Scoffs
10. Wise
11. Corrupt
12. Type of buzzer
13. Before
21. ____ Ranger
22. Slant
25. Cola
26. Tipped
27. Ballerina wear
29. Devour (2 words)
30. Shirk
31. Adolescents
37. Pays back
38. Appeal
39. Cheese
40. Steakhouse chain
42. Cat
43. Encourage
45. Litter
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