

Relief is on the way

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was donated by Wilkins Truck and Trailer and Ihrig Farms provided a tractor to pull the rig.

Chuck Hall, who works at the bank, volunteered to drive the semi to Grand Prairie, Texas, and back.

Laurel and her husband Dana, Sherman County extension agent, drove the U-Haul, heading to Texas at 6 a.m. on Wednesday morning. Before they left, Laurel made a call to let people know what was coming.

The project started when Belshe spoke with her daughter, Kasi Elliott, and sister, Kendra (Townsend) Whitaker, who manage apartment complexes that will house evacuees in the Dallas suburb.

Belshe said they told her the empty apartments need furniture and supplies.

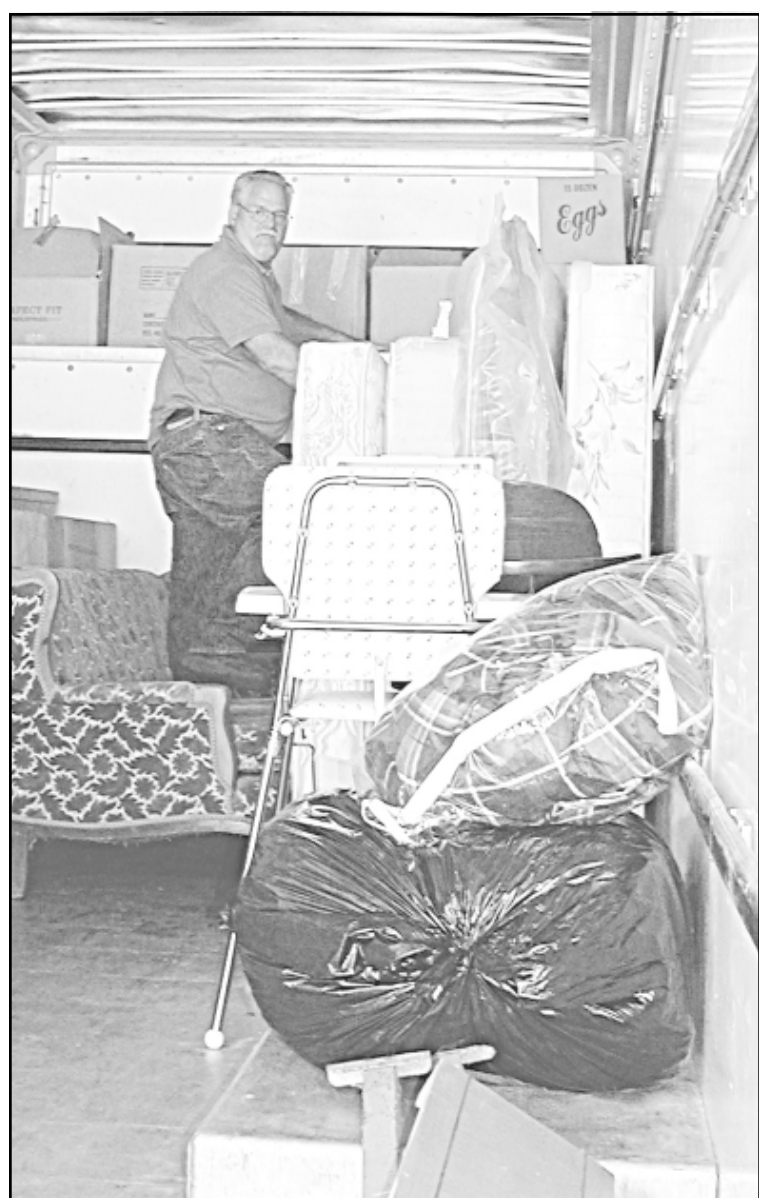
She put out the call for household items, including furniture, kitchen supplies, appliances, linens, food and children's items, like toys, books, school supplies. Belshe even asked for a basketball backboard, an item she got within hours.

The storage building was filled with miscellaneous items like irons and ironing boards, cookbooks, vacuums, two cribs and two tricycles.

"It was interesting to see what people brought," Belshe said. "It's been a good variety."

She was optimistic the items could be in the hands of evacuees by Thursday or Friday. She said some of the bedding and household goods would need to be sorted before they are handed out.

"It'll be in people's hands very quickly," she said. "It's going to be



Dana Belshe helped load the inside of a U-Haul on Tuesday with items donated to help victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Photo by Kathryn Burke/The Goodland Star-News

put to immediate use."

Most volunteers agreed the overflow wasn't such a bad problem.

"It's a blessing to have," Belshe said, adding that she thanks everyone for such generous support.

City commissioners ask citizens to approve sales tax

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Mason said an agreement between the city and county on how to spend sales tax money will need to be approved by the state attorney general.

He said the agreement has to be done before any bonds are issued.

It would spell out how the money is to be spent and what roads will be repaired.

Since the city is collecting the sales tax, Mason said, the agreement would determine where the money collected is to be held, and how the accounting is handled.

City Commissioner Dave Daniels asked if there is a time limit on the review by the attorney general.

Mason said they would get it to the office as soon as possible after the election.

Mason said if the sales tax is approved, it probably won't go into effect before April 1.

He said the state requires 90 days after an election to get their system set up to handle the collections, and that it will then begin in the next quarter, which would be April.

"We wanted to make it clear (the proposed bond issue) is not a general obligation," Mason said. "It is not a debt against the city. It is to be paid back from the sales tax revenue."

City Manager Wayne Hill said after five years, the city could pay the bonds early without any penalty.

"There is no penalty for pre-payment after the five-year guarantee," Hill said.

"All the road repairs will be paid by the sales tax, not by the property owners?" City Commissioner Josh Dechant asked.

"All paid by the sales tax," Mason said, "for all the streets and roads included in the list."

Billinger asked who would handle the election after the commission passed the resolution.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said once City Clerk Mary Volk notifies her office, the county will proceed with the election process.

"Projected costs of the roads are \$11.4 million," Mason said. "We are looking at a \$400,000 reserve, plus \$200,000 for the cost of the bonds, bringing the total to \$12 million."

County Commissioner Chuck Thomas said it could take longer than 10 years to pay the bonds off. He said that would depend on the increase in tax collections.

"It would help if we get that \$2 million (state economic development) grant for Road 14," Mason said. "That will have to be part of the interlocal agreement."

Daniels made a motion to pass the resolution and Dechant seconded it.

ended it.

The commission approved it unanimously with Commissioners John Garcia and Annette Fairbanks

also voting in favor.

The special meeting began at noon and adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

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Festival to start next weekend

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sas Bike Show will start at 9 a.m. on Saturday with registration on the north end of Main. The bikes will then be set up for onlookers.

Afternoon fun will include motorcycle rodeo games. The day ends with dinner and awards, followed by a parade of motorcycles.

Sunday the bike show will have a breakfast and worship service. A Poker Run will end the bike show activities for the weekend.

Call 890-6538 for information.

Fans of fast cars can head out to the 16th Annual Flatlander Fall Classic stock car races at the Sherman County Speedway, starting at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The races will feature mini stock, econo, bomber, super stocks and modified cars.

The south end of Main will hold a U.S. Army fire truck display, a tractor display, a Jeep show and a swap meet.

Other attractions include a street festival complete with games, food, entertainment, drawings and more along Main. A beer garden will be set up between 16th and 17th on Main from 10 or 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A Punt, Pass and Kick contest will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Cowboy Stadium. The Goodland

Activities Center is sponsoring the contest for boys and girls 8 to 15. For information, call 890-7242.

The annual Scruffy Dog contest will be held at 11 a.m. at 11th and Main. The contest features people's furry friends strutting their stuff for judges from the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter. To sign up, call 899-2309.

The fourth annual flea market and garage sale will be held at the Antique Warehouse Mall, 17th and Main, starting at 8 a.m. Saturday.

Yard sales will be set up in the parking lot of Cowboy Loop, 17th and Main, that day.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., a Scale Model show will be held at High Plains Office Supply, 1118 Main.

The Flatlander Photo Contest will be up at the Carnegie Arts Center on 12th Street, along with refreshments. The center is sponsoring American Graffiti as an outdoor movie "under the stars" at 1002 Main after dark on Saturday.

At 7 p.m. Friday, the Howard Johnson Hotel will have a burn out pit, where motorcycles and cars will try to make as much noise and smoke as possible. A beer-bobbing contest will start at 9:30 p.m. Friday at the hotel.

The Flatlander dance will with a live band will be at the hotel on Friday and Saturday nights. For information, call 890-3644.

Charges filed, more pending in three-county drug arrests

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pound of methamphetamine to a Denver man at the hotel when he was caught.

As the bust went down, officers were standing by to search Hill's home in Wallace, where they found Sandoval, Arzate and Delgado.

All four men were brought in front of Burr for a first appearance on Wednesday, Aug. 31.

The drug arrests extended all the way to Dighton where four more men were arrested.

Police in Dighton picked up Jesus "Jesse" Sandoval, 54, and his brother George Sandoval, 49, both of Kanorado and Dighton; and Catarino Salinas, 26, and Kenneth

Gonzales, 32, both of Goodland.

Charges for those four were brought in Lane County.

Gonzales has been released on bond, but both Sandovals and Salinas were still behind bars Thursday.

Dough Murphy, drug enforcement coordinator with the Quad County Drug Task Force, said police have been following a meth supply chain from Mexico involving Hill and the Sandovals. The busts did not involve the manufacture of meth, but drug trafficking, he said.

Murphy said police recovered \$9,000 in cash along with the meth at the hotel and more meth at Hill's home. He said more drugs were

found in Dighton.

After the arrests, Murphy promised that more charges for drug trafficking, sale and distribution are on the way.

The arrests involved the task force, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation; the Wallace, Lane, Sherman, Greeley and Logan county sheriff's departments; the Goodland Police; and the Eastern Colorado Plains Drug Task Force.

The Quad County Drug Task Force includes the Logan, Thomas, Sherman, Wallace and Greeley county sheriffs and the Oakley, Colby and Goodland police departments.

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