

Goodland Chamber turns over new leaf

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Chamber did the organizing. "It was great," he said, "as good as it has ever been or better."

He said the festival should be an example of how well an event can run without the Chamber if people get involved.

A Chamber representative should visit member businesses once a month, he said.

While they can't start that immediately, he said, it's one of the group's goals.

The representatives will get together to share information and concerns of business owners and then work to meet their needs.

The Chamber still owes \$20,000 to creditors and Linin said they want to erase that debt.

To work towards financial freedom, Linin said, the Chamber terminated its lease at the former office and moved into a space in the Economic Development Council office, 1208 Main.

The rent there, he said, is \$100 a month, but they won't have to pay until they got back on their feet. He said they had to let Courtney Warden, the Chamber manager, go because they couldn't afford to pay her.

Now the Chamber office is open regular operating hours, he said, but it's run by volunteers.

Linin said with the Chamber's

Focus shifts to businesses

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group to welcome new businesses.

The Chamber will work to develop businesses, he said, through education, consultation and assistance.

Linin said they will continue with hotline alerts to warn businesses about forged checks, counterfeit money and other common dangers.

Businesses could benefit from help with employment services and human resource services, he added.

The beautification committee will continue to help clean up the town. After successful clean-up campaigns, Linin said, they feel beautification is important and should be continued.

The Chamber, he said, will work closely with the Sherman County Economic Development Council and the Convention and Visitor's Bureau to continue promoting the area.

"Our commitment is to have the organizations to-

gether, working together as effectively and efficiently as possible," Linin said.

These new plans will all be coordinated by the board and through the office, which will continue to keep regular hours.

Linin said having an operating Chamber is important to the community and with volunteer help, they should be able to keep the doors open.

The office will continue to provide Chamber relocation packets full of information for people moving to town.

Linin said they will keep the Chamber web site up, since many people go there first to check out Goodland.

"It's a valuable service we provide," he said.

The Chamber, Linin said, still plans to hold its annual meeting. He said the board wants the meeting to continue as a nice event.

For information, to volunteer or to join the Chamber, call 890-7130.

Board has new members

The Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce board is made up of President Brian Linin, Frontier Equity Exchange; Vice President Ken Clouse, president of the Northwest Kansas Technical College; Secretary Debbie Reed, real estate and insurance agent at Hayden Inc.; Treasurer Dan Rasure, Rasure Lumber; and members Karen Ginther, vice president at Western State Bank; Trevor Linton, wealth management financial consultant at First National Bank; Darren Kannady, vice president of the information technology department at First National; and Darrick Leiker, owner and manager of High Plains Office Supply.

"We've got a really good

group," Linin said.

"Everybody's committed. We want to put Goodland on the map."

Former president Donna Swager resigned this summer. Linin said she felt it was best for the Chamber.

Linton and Kannady are relative newcomers.

They were elected to take the places of Tremon Kizer, band instructor in the Goodland School District, and Randy Schoenthaler, manager of People's State Bank, who both moved from town.

The nine-member board is still short one member and they plan to have elections to fill the spot soon.

Goodland sex offender sentenced to ten years in prison

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tions."

Selby asked King where these special treatment programs are offered.

He said Texas, Arizona and California.

She asked if they were expensive and who would pay for the treatment.

King said they cost \$800-\$1,000 per day, and the patient is responsible for the cost.

He agreed that Petrachich was too

high a risk to be placed on probation.

Selby said the state offers a program within the prison system.

She said the two-year program is required for this type of conviction.

Mason read a statement from Petrachich.

"My offense is not who I am," Petrachich's statement said. 'I didn't plan to hurt anyone, especially the kind family I worked for.

"I believe with the right treatment, I should have a second

bring the group back to a zero balance by the end of the year.

They hope to do that through a contribution from Economic Development and one-time donations from members, in addition to regular fees.

Linin said the board wants to get and maintain a bank balance of at least \$5,000 and increase that to at least \$10,000 in coming years.

"It's a whole different mentality,"

he said.

Everyone the Chamber owes money to has been contacted and the group has worked out payment plans, he said.

Along with new money management, Linin said, over the next five to seven years, the board hopes to become a model Chamber in the state.

So far, Linin said, people have voiced support for the group and

they haven't lost any members.

"I really see our community getting behind us and helping," he said.

Right now, they have 99 total members, about one-third of them private members or small organizations and the other two-thirds from businesses. That is about 60 of a possible 180 businesses, he added.

Linin said people should join the Chamber because they will work to make Goodland a better place and

that alone will attract more businesses. He said the Chamber is only as good as its members allow it to be.

The new mission for the organization is: "The Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce dynamically represents the community of Goodland through continual improvement to promote growth, development and a positive business atmosphere."

"I don't see any real alternatives. I looked at all the filing from Scott County that there were two offenses, and I am going to consider it that way.

"That makes this a Level 5 category, and with the previous cases it is a 'B,' which means I sentence him to the Department of Corrections for 120 months with credit for time served."

Burr added court costs, other fees and restitution of \$30 for one of the mental health evaluations to the sentence.

matters of record

Goodland Police

The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

Sept. 12 — Lacy Potterf-Carson was arrested for battery and disorderly conduct against Lisa Carson at 2160 Commerce. The case was referred to the city attorney.

Sept. 13 — A juvenile was taken into protective custody at 813 Broadway. The case was referred to the county attorney.

Vernon Hunt reported burglary and theft at 1016 Sherman.

Sept. 14 — A runaway was reported at 717 Grand.

An out of state runaway was reported at 1629 Wyoming.

The case was referred to the county attorney.

Sept. 15 — Micki Ensign reported criminal use of a financial card used for \$462.96 at 314 Broadway. The case was referred to the city attorney.

Sept. 16 — Two juveniles were taken into protective custody at 222

W. 2nd. The case was referred to the county attorney.

Joshua Hatfield and one juvenile were arrested for driving while suspended and minor in possession at 1400 Main. The case was referred to the county attorney.

Sept. 17 — Daron J. Hovis was arrested for aggravated battery and disorderly conduct against Joshua M. Hatfield at 312 W. 15th. The case was referred to the city attorney.

Caleb Simon was arrested for theft from Wal-Mart at 2160 Commerce. The case was referred to the city attorney.

Sept. 19 — Brendan Andrew Flodin reported battery and disorderly conduct at 1209 Cherry. The case was referred to the county attorney.

Justin Tesmer was arrested on a warrant at 824 Wyoming. The case was referred to the city attorney.

Sept. 20 — Pamela Has was arrested for a warrant in another jurisdiction at 204 W. 11th. The case was referred to the county attorney.

Sept. 21 — A juvenile was arrested for minor in possession at 1209 Cherry. The case was referred to the county attorney.

Real Estate

The following real estate transactions were reported by the Sherman County Register of Deeds:

J. P. Gregory Williams and Charles J. Wyant to J.P. Gregory Williams, Lot 5, Block 59, Original Town of Goodland.

Syd D. and Sherri A. Keith to Jay M. O'Brien, Lot 5, Block 1, Eastridge subdivision of Academy Addition in the City of Goodland.

Arnold R. and Darlene W. Scott to Justin P. Harris, Lots 13, 14, 15, the south 19 feet of Lot 15 and the south 19 feet of Lot 16, Block 22, Third Addition in the City of Goodland.

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