

Employees, volunteers get driving form

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Star-News
Sherman County employees and volunteer emergency workers will be receiving a new form asking for driver's license information and consent to review the person's driving record.

The commissioners have been discussing revisions to the Motor Vehicle Record Review Consent form recommended by their insurance company. Tuesday they approved the final form to be sent to county employees and volunteers.

The commissioners talked to Sheriff Kevin Butts about the forms and asked if his department would be able to handle the driving record search.

"I think it makes a lot of sense," Sheriff Butts said. "We can handle these the same way we have been doing the emergency volunteers."

Commissioner Kevin Rasure said the form would apply to all employees who drive a county vehicle, and the form has to be returned within 30 days.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said it was

important to have this form on file for all employees. Rasure said from now on, it should be a part of the new hire package.

"Sometimes it is hard to keep track of who is a new employee or who has quit," he said

He asked County Clerk Janet Rumpel to see if she has a current list of employees.

Butts asked about the part of the form where it says anyone who is involved in an accident has to report it to their department head within one business day.

"Kansas is a no-fault state," Butts said.

"Who is going to determine who is at fault in the accident?"

Butts suggested adding that the employee or volunteer should get a copy of the accident report to be part of the determination.

The commissioners decided to add that to the accident portion of the form and that everything else was OK. They told Rumpel to send them out to the employees and volunteers. Employees who do not return the form in 30 days will not be allowed to drive county vehicles. Volunteer firemen —

county and city — who have emergency designations will not be allowed to drive county vehicles and their emergency designation will be revoked, commissioners said..

Once the forms are returned, the sheriff is to check the driving record, and a copy of the report will go in the employee file — whether it is clean or if there are items listed. If there is something major in the record, the commissioners would need to determine if they should reduce the person's driving privileges.

Webster for third graders



Devada Pummer, a student of Rebecca Musil's third grade, got a dictionary from the Goodland Elks Lodge on Thursday for Library Day at Central Elementary School. It was the third year the lodge had given kids "Webster's Dictionary for Students." Students getting dictionaries were (from left, back) Pummer, Telanie Reicks, Sean Johnson, Jon Salinas and (front) Lee Rust, Hannah Sanderson and Kyler Amthor.

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Band rates high at Hays contest

By Pat Schiefen
The Goodland Star-News
The Goodland High marching band won top ratings at the High Plains Marching Festival in Hays last month. Oct. 24.

A bus and a suburban loaded with 41 students, sponsors and band directors went to the festival. The color guard is directed by Jessica Kannady. Melanie Biel directs the band with the help of Joey Nickols, a student teacher from Fort Hays State University. Nickols is from

Colby and his wife is the band director there.

Seventeen bands performed for six judges. Superior was the top score.

The students spent the day performing, watching the other bands and eating lunch, Biel.

She said Dr. Jeff Jordan, a judge from Fort Hays State, said the Goodland band has gotten better every year.

The scores the band received were percussion, excellent; color

guard, excellent; marching and maneuvering, good; musical performance I, excellent; musical performance II, superior; and general effect, superior.

"These ratings are even an improvement from last year, which is really exciting for the program," Biel said.

Last year the band, had only one superior, in band performance, she said, but this year they got two.

Members of the band include Lauren Abernathy, Tyler Anderson, Jonathon Beeson, Nathan Brady, Kylie Buller, Josh Cech, Brennan Clouse, Katrina Cotter, Alicia Felver, Derek Fenner, Erica Fenner, Kaitlin Fugleberg, Josiah Goodley, Bryan Gray, Jared Hall, Christopher Irvin, Mindi Keith, Jessica Lu, Devin Mangus, Kerek Mason, Jena McCall, BreAnna Nemechek, Tanner Oharah, Jillian Parker, Andrew Pettibone, Danielle Pettibone, Andrew Philbrick, Renea Reasoner, Lacey Ridder, Matthew Rohr, Lea Shores, Grant Wilkens, Molly Witzel and Brandon Zelfer.

Color guard members are Ashley Cebula, Vanesa Crotinger, Andrea Grieve, Sandy Johnson, Megan Rubio and Briana Taylor, captain.

"We have a great group of students and they have risen far above their circumstances," said Biel. "I'm proud of all of them, and they are great kids."

Hearing continued

A hearing scheduled last Tuesday for a Colorado radio personality involving a domestic battery was continued due to scheduling problems.

The Conman, Chris Cohn, was arrested for domestic battery after a Tracy Lawrence concert July 2 by Deputy Burton Pianalto of the Sherman County Sheriff's Office.

The victim was Cohn's wife, Heidi N. Cohn.

The State of Kansas, Sheriff Kevin Butts said at the time, requires officers to press charges in domestic cases regardless of the victim's wishes.

The Conman Radio Show, broadcast live from Denver, is a nationally syndicated country music program. It is heard on over 100 stations across the country and here on KWGB-FM in the evenings.

Station has dinner

By Jan Katz Ackerman
The Colby Free Press
Tri-State Praise Radio KGCR will sponsor its second annual Thanksgiving family gathering on Thanksgiving evening.

"The event is for anyone who doesn't have any place else to go on Thanksgiving Day," said station manager James Claassen. "The goal is that everyone will have someone to spend Thanksgiving with."

Starting at 4 p.m. Mountain time, staff members of will welcome guests to the 4-H building at the fairgrounds in Colby.

"KGCR is supplying the tea, coffee, and tableware," Claassen said. "Wal-Mart in Goodland is donating ham and decorations, and Dillon's in Colby is supplying the turkey. (People should) bring a side dish or dessert if they're able, and their favorite table game."

Claassen said the event is open to anyone, "even if you don't listen to KGCR or live in Colby."

"Last year we had residents from Oakley, Oberlin, Atwood and Hoxie ..., in addition to a number from Colby," Claassen said. "Even people like truck drivers, who don't live in this area but happen to be

driving through ... and would like someone to celebrate the holiday with are welcome. We'll have plenty of food."

For more information, call Claassen at (785) 694-2877 or visit the station's website at www.kgcr.org.



Pictured are Mel Bracelin, Greg Shores, Keith and Jeanette Bracelin, Mary Butler, Bumper to Bumper Representatives John Winter, Dale Whetstone and Barry Leabo and the Goodland Ambassadors.

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Shores Bumper to Bumper
1619 Main

Retired businessman Keith Bracelin (Great Western Tire), his wife Jeanette and son Mel have reopened Shores Bumper to Bumper, a Goodland landmark. Hiring former owner Greg Shores and Mary Butler, bookkeeper, the Bracelins are keeping its 70 year history. In September, the building received a face lift with the repainting of the south wall by WW Contracting. Although Keith and Jeanette have plans to retire in Arizona, Keith says wanted to give his son Mel a legacy and support downtown Goodland.

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