

Weeding effort starts Saturday morning

By Sharon Corcoran

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If you love to garden and don't have enough room at home, or you are willing to endure the chore for the good of the community, a city commissioner is looking for your help.

Commissioner Annette Fairbanks, owner of Teeters Abstract and Title Co., is coordinating a "Willing to Weed" program to keep up the bush and tree areas of Pioneer Park.

Anyone who willing to help is encouraged to bring gloves and edge clippers, if they have them, to

the atrium in the park at 8:30 a.m. Saturday for an initial cleanup in conjunction with the annual high-way cleanup project.

The city will provide waste bags and disposal. With a good turnout, Fairbanks said, the work should take about an hour.

After Saturday, Fairbanks is establishing an "adoption" program to encourage citizens to weed and check on an area once a week for the summer. There are 21 rocked areas in the park, she said, that need to be kept weed free for the enjoyment of all visitors.

The city crews have their hands

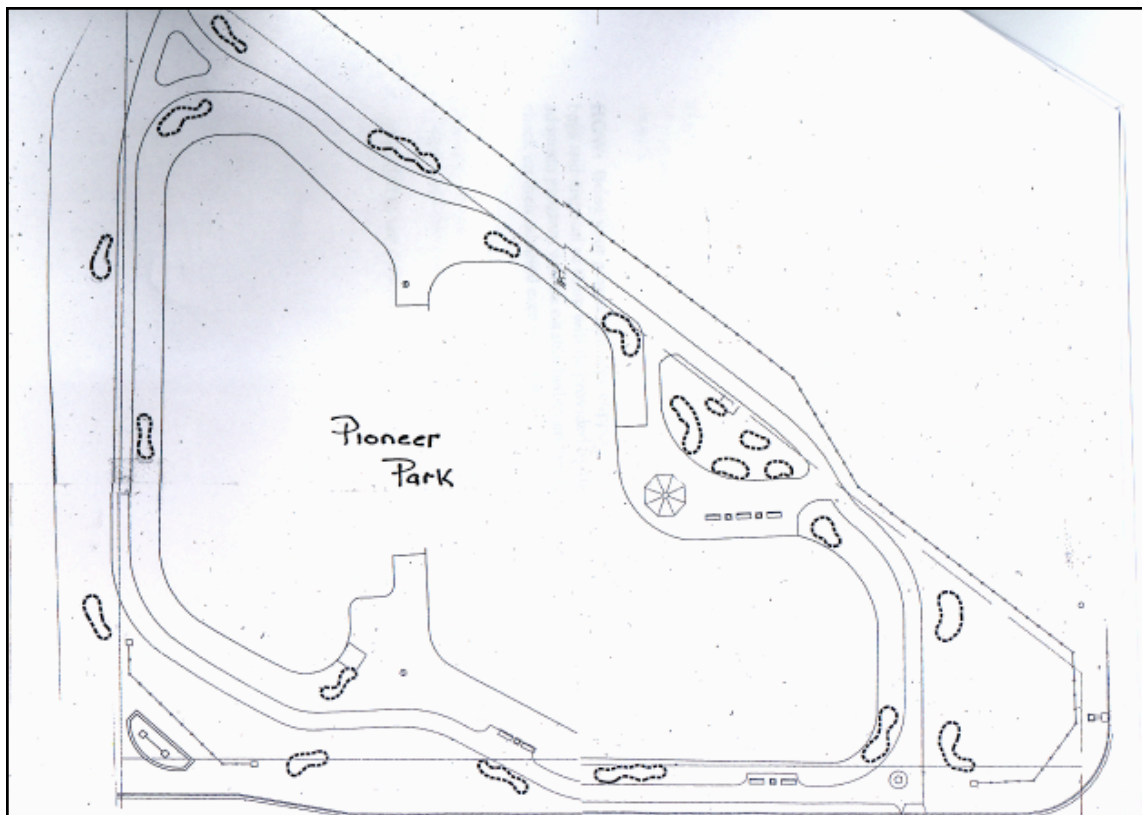
full just mowing, watering and fertilizing all the city's parks, Fairbanks said. Anyone can pitch in, alone or with a team of family or friends or members of a club.

Fairbanks said she has pulled weeds in a couple of the areas already.

"I just call it therapy," she said.

Anyone who would like to adopt an area but can't help on Saturday can call her at 890-7389.

A diagram of Pioneer Park (right) shows the 21 small areas that need to be weeded.



Horses getting make over

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A dizzying array of designs and colors — ballet slippers, sunflowers, butterflies, blue skies with clouds and Wildcat purple — will be spinning 'round and 'round the carousel at the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair this year.

Five of the 22 horses were painted last year, five more have been started and three more artists and organizations have talked about painting a horse this year.

The horses needed a facelift, and the Goodland Arts Council and the Sherman County Community Services Inc., which runs the home-owned carnival at the fair, conceived a large-scale community art project to beautify the horses and allow people to put their mark on the carousel.

Members of the arts council and the carnival board thought the Carnegie Arts Center should be involved in the project. And Center Director Tina Goodwin, inspired by projects in other cities, came up with the idea of making it a community project.

Last year, dance students painted a horse with dancing shoes; technical college students painted two horses, one with stars and planets and the other with a black-and-white checkered design with red accents; a Kansas State University fan hired a body shop to paint one with Wildcat purple and silver paw prints; and a sorority painted a horse black and red with yellow daisies.

Jessica Kannady's students from the Right Combination Dance Studio painted a horse in the arts center basement after their recital, and students in the graphic arts department at the Northwest Kansas Technical College designed and painted two horses in class.

Cora House, a quilter rather than a painter, hired Advanced Auto Body to paint one honoring her favorite team, and PEO Chapter ID painted daisies on a horse.

This year, Goodland artist Shirley Houston has started painting a horse with a field of sunflowers and a barn with a blue sky with fluffy clouds overhead, and the Exemplar Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi is planning a horse with a bright red, orange and yellow saddle and bridle.

Students in the college's graphic



Tina Goodwin, Carnegie Arts Center director, has four more designs approved for carousel horses to be painted this summer. She expects at least five horses to be done this year, but there may be as many as eight ready for the county fair and home-owned carnival this summer. Five of the 22 horses were painted last year.

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arts department will paint two more, one with a blue sky and fluffy clouds with monarch butterflies, the other with a patriotic red, white and blue design. And the dancers will paint another horse after this

spring's recital.

Three others have talked about painting horses, Goodwin said, but haven't turned in designs, so there could be as many as eight horses painted this summer. There will be

10 done by fair time, she said, but there could be 13 if the others go ahead this summer. That would mean more than half would be done, she said, so the outside horses on the carousel could all be "new."

School distict finances center

By Pat Schiefen

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The Goodland School Board decided Monday night to go ahead and turn a warehouse on Broadway into a technology center for the district, housing the district's Internet connections, technology offices and a classroom.

The office space will give Karla Murray, district technology coordinator, and her assistant Bill Frazier room to work on computers. Computer training for staff could be done in the classroom area.

The matter came up because Eagle Cable is laying new fiber-optic lines to carry cable and Internet signals in Goodland and the district needed to let them know where to run the Internet connections.

Superintendent Marvin Selby gave the board the preliminary estimates of what it would cost to turn the warehouse into a technology center.

The building at 14th and Broadway was a grocery at one time, Selby said. It has two rooms, 42 by 24 and 36 by 28. The back section would be used for work and storage and the front part for teaching.

"We checked into the greenhouse as a possible location and

it would not work," he said, referring to the old Cobblestone building across from the high school that the district bought this year.

Selby said remodeling estimates totaled \$25,960, including sheet rock, lowering the ceiling and doors \$2,800; carpet \$2,500; bathroom \$1,435; heating and air conditioning \$8,800; new roof \$8,625; and electrical \$1,800.

The summer work crew will do as much of the job as they can, he said. The building will need a new roof anyway. Roofmasters of Colby gave the bid on the roof, he said and McClure's Heating and Air Conditioning gave the estimate for heating and air conditioning. Selby said they would also get an estimate from Bowman's Heating and Air Conditioning. The duct work could be run on the ceiling if needed, he said.

"Can we keep the cost around that figure?" asked board member LeAnn Friedrichs. Selby said he thought so.

The board voted unanimously to proceed with the conversion of the building into a technology center for the district.

"It will turn a not-very-well-used space into a nice space for technology," Selby said.

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