



The cast of the Goodland Arts Council's dinner theater production, "Rogue of the Railway or ... Should He Free Her or Knot?" danced during practice Monday night. Pictured are (left to right, front to back) Brook Redlin, George Adelgren, Jeanie Shields, Curt Goodwin, Annette Fairbanks, Dale Schields, Dennie Sorwell, Frank Avila, Stephanie McGinley, Janet Redlin, Elwyn Vatcher and Marlyn Mangus. They will perform this weekend at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall.

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High speed chase ends with two arrested

By Karen Krien

St. Francis Herald

A high-speed chase started in Sherman County and ended in Cheyenne County on Friday night with two men being arrested on charges of fleeing and eluding police, state troopers and sheriff deputies.

Jason Showalter, Sherman County Deputy, attempted to stop

the pickup in Sherman County when he saw several Bud Light cans fly out of the pickup.

Matt Green, Shawnee, driving a 2002 white Dodge pickup, eluded Sherman and Cheyenne county and Kansas State Patrol officers, refusing to bring the vehicle to a stop. He was clocked going 110 miles per hour in a 65 miles per hour zone while going north of Goodland on

K-27 and also made numerous turns onto county roads without signaling. When the vehicle stopped in Cheyenne County, both occupants of the pickup made a run for it. St. Francis firemen were called in to help with the thermal scanner (body heat locator). Each man was arrested at a different time and place.

His passenger, Travis Hilt of Desoto, was given a summons to

appear in Sherman County District Court on May 16 on charges for fleeing and eluding and transporting an open container.

Green faces seven charges including two level 9 felonies for eluding and hitting a police car.

Both were taken to the Sherman County Bastille. Hilt was released on Monday. Green met a \$25,000 bond and was released on Monday.

County approves development director's contract

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The commissioners set the contract for \$170,000 with \$5,000 for a fuel adjustment if needed. The fuel adjustment is set on a certain price for diesel and an adjustment is added if it goes above that level.

This is a multi year contract.

"I enjoy doing it," Schrader said.

The City of Goodland sent the commissioners notification of an industrial revenue bond hearing for the Holiday Inn Express on K-27 for Monday, May 15 at 5 p.m. at the city building.

Iris Scheopener, county treasurer, recommended they give Theresa David a 7 percent raise, \$7.50 to \$8.03 per hour, after her six month evalua-

tion. The commissioners agreed.

The commissioners picked D.A. Davidson and Co. as financial advisor for the \$12 million bond issue for road and street work. The other firm being considered was Ranson Financial Consultants from Wichita. Davidson has branches in Denver and Wichita.

"Davidson is slightly cheaper,"

Rasure said. They also have access for selling bonds on the Internet. It will take 45 to 60 days after that for the bonds to be written and sold.

"Both firms have excellent references," said Janet Rumpel, county clerk.

The commissioners chose Davidson to handle the bonds.

Chamber wants council to merge organizations

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are open to other options. We want what is best for the community."

Council members questioned that stand.

"Why is it a better fit (to merge) the Chamber and economic development and not Chamber and Convention and Visitors Bureau," Council member Gary Slough of S&T Communications asked.

Linin said it may not be better, but the Chamber has worked with the economic development group over the past six months.

"We came to you and bared our souls," Linin said.

"You could put CVB in any of these statements," added Ken Clouse, Chamber vice president. "We are not opposed to anything. We are making the pitch to you today.

"There are some places that are different, and lots of variances about how this could work. We are prepared to think about other options.

"Myself as a taxpayer I feel we are extremely inefficient and ineffective with three organizations."

Slough said he thinks people want the best for all three organizations.

"I do have a problem with one manager working for two different boards," he added.

"That is why we are saying we would step aside," said Debbie Reed, a Chamber board member.

"It is not our goal to take over the organizations in this community," Linin said. "I am willing to do whatever it takes."

"We want to keep a Chamber in Goodland," Reed said.

"I don't think there is anyone here who doesn't think we need a Chamber," Slough said.

"If we don't do something, there will not be a Chamber," Reed said.

Clouse said the board had asked Larry Keirns to help recruit new members for the Chamber, and asked him to tell the council what he has heard.

"For a three-week period I have worked to raise the membership," Keirns said. "I contacted 84 businesses. Those businesses where I talked to the owners wanted to

know why the economic development and Chamber were separate.

"What is different between the ways the two are trying to attempt to get Goodland to grow? I have never seen Goodland on the threshold of growth like I see now. There is a long list of things that are happening, and we are seeing prospect of many other things happening. I think it would be beneficial to the community if these two boards would pull together.

"I do believe one board is all that I needed. Then you would see the unity and the progress together. Join the team to help Goodland and business grow."

"I think there is a different mission statement for the two," Slough said. "Economic development brings in competition to the businesses that the Chamber is promoting. In that aspect, they are different."

"I agree with what you said," Clouse said, "and I can see that perspective. At the same time, the little economic development sense I have is that bringing in business doesn't happen frequently. Most communities grow by expanding existing businesses."

Tiffani Kirk, newly hired economic development director, said she was interested in a list of communities which are sharing a director.

"Many of these are separating because there is a lot of work," Kirk said. "I found that in Sharon Springs. It was scary for me, because in Wallace County we had a chamber with no director. I was hired as economic development director, but you take on different roles and different hats. I took on the tourism role in that community. The business part of the chamber needed to be manned, and that ended up running through my office. It was a lot of work, and a lot of work gets left undone.

"Economic development people were not as happy with you spending time on events. The chamber wants you to be working on their event, and then tourism is another total area.

"I think all three share missions to promote Sherman County."

"I think we all want the same

thing for Sherman County," said Steve West, a council member, former Chamber president and president of Western State Bank. "I am all for efficiency and less meetings, and for better utilizing taxpayers money.

"We were ineffective and inefficient in the past. That is all dirty laundry, but the thing is, we were not getting the job done. That is why the council exists today.

"We told Tiffani that we would not throw the chamber on her right away. She knew that is something our board would firm on. We do want to find something to work."

"I can respect what you are saying," Clouse said. "The more fragmented we are, the less efficient we are.... Here we sit today, three boards, three organizations, doing the same thing. I ask you to think about this. It does not have to be a snap decision. I think the time is right, and as community leaders we need to discuss this seriously."

"We have the same goals for Sherman County," Kirk said. "We have different missions, but we all want the same thing for Sherman County.

"It is important that all three work together. Our mission is the same,

to bring people to Goodland and bring businesses to the county. They are set up for different reasons."

Kirk suggested bringing in Terry Woodbury of Kansas Communities LLC to talk about helping the county create a development plan.

Linin said the Chamber had Woodbury as the speaker at its annual banquet, and liked what they heard.

"If you are interested, we would like to follow up on this," Linin said. "Our desire is not to go on as the Chamber has done in the past five years. We want our Chamber to make Goodland the place to be.

Kim Bohme, council treasurer, said she felt they need all the council members present to talk about a merger, not just a few.

Richard Breininger, council secretary, said his concern would be the money, and how it is set up. He wondered how a merger would affect that.

Linin asked if it would help if the Chamber board members were at the council meeting.

"It is an open meeting," Breininger said. "We will probably discuss it. It didn't get this way overnight, and won't change overnight. You are well represented here."

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Brick colors approved

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planned for next week.

Later in the meeting Neufeld brought the commission up to date on the city street projects to replace the intersections at Eighth and Caldwell and Armory Road and Caldwell.

He said the design work is nearly completed on Eight and Caldwell, and he would be meeting with the city staff to review the replacement of valley gutter and plans for traffic control when the intersection is replaced.

Neufeld said the plans are to put the project out for bid June 15, open bids on July 15, and begin construction by August 1 on the two intersections.

Plans for the paving work on Caldwell and Eighth from Cattle-trail to D'Lao Drive are to be ready to go to bid by Sept. 15, and bid opening on Oct. 15. He said construction on these would begin April 1.

Replacement of the bricks and pavement on 17th from Main to the railroad crossing at Cherry will be ready to go out for bids in October and bid opening in November. He said construction on 17th could begin in January, weather permitting.

Mayor Rick Billinger thanked Neufeld for the reports and said having the progress information will be helpful in answering questions from citizens about the progress.

ELKS YOUTH WEEK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS has designated the first week of May as Youth Week to honor America's Junior Citizens for their accomplishments, and to give fitting recognition of their services to their community; and

WHEREAS, Goodland Elks Lodge #1528 has strived this past year to serve the youth (junior citizens) by:

2005-2006 PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Hoop Shoot: 384 area youth (ages 8 through 13) participated in this free "free-throw" competition. Basketball balls and medals were awarded at the lodge's "shoot-off" at Max Jones Fieldhouse in Dec. 2005. Six winners the advanced to district competition at Russell. One advanced then to state competition in Newton.

Scholarships: A total of \$3,900 was given to high school seniors this past year --- Legacy, Most Valuable Student and local awards.

Junior teen of the Year: Devin Mangus and Michelle Smith were awarded Elks Certificates and \$50 savings bonds for their being named for the "Citizenship Boy and Girl" from the 8th grade.

Eagle Scout: As Americanism Chair for the lodge, Ron Barkley, was the "Voice of the Eagle" in Matt Rohr's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. An American flag and an Eagle Court certificate from the Elks was also given to Matt by Barkley. Flag lapel pins were given to all in attendance.

Girl Scouts: The Elks provides a meeting room for Junior Girl Scouts.

Youth Sporting Programs: K-18 was sponsored once again by Goodland Elks #1528 - and "ELKS" was shown proudly on the back of their uniforms. A girls softball team was sponsored by Elks, and Elks vests were again used by Goodland Recreation for girls basketball.

Drug-Free Youth Events at Elks: High School PROM, Project Graduation, Distributive Education Banquet, G-Club and GAA banquet, 6th grade end of elementary school party.

Drug Awareness Program: Approximately 5,000 drug awareness pamphlets for all atypes of drugs were delivered to 10 area schools.

Red Ribbon Week-October: rubber bracelets "Don't Do Drugs" were presented to all students and teachers at Grant Junior High School...pencils to 5th-6th grade students at North...suckers or jelly beans to K-2 at west and 3rd-4th graders at Central.

Dictionary Project: Webster dictionaries were given to the entire 3rd grade class at Central School (63).

Americanism/Patriotism: FLAG DAY ceremony was held this year at goodland High School. Flag was presented to the Principal of the high school by the ELKS. Small flags given to all 50 in attendance.

BLUE STAR FLAG ceremony was held 13/03/2005...presented 15 more flags to families having active duty Servicemen or women.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE kit given Cris Riebel's new Pre-School...and refills of certificates and stickers to Judi's Pre-School.

AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST: 77 area students submitted essays to our lodge this year. Certificates and \$50 bonds were awarded to top winner in both divisions (5th-6th and 7th-8th)

"WE HONOR THOSE WHO SERVE" flag is flown day and night on the flag pole in front of the lodge (just below the American flag) to honor the young men and women who are serving in the military to defend our country!

LAW AND ORDER APPRECIATION DINNER: This annual event for personell of the police department, sheriff's department, Ks highway patrol and game warden was held on 11/27/05. Flag decals and flag lapel pins were made available to all in attendance! Recognizing law enforcement personnel is important to youth within our community.

Ambulance/EMT Project: 80 stuffed animals donated by Goodland Elk members for crew to give to children when they find it necessary to ride in the Goodland ambulance.

Quarter Slide Game: Elk members volunteer each August during the fair to man this game at the home-owned carnival....

WHEREAS, The GOODLAND ELKS LODGE #1528 will continue to provide guidance, inspiration and encouragement to help develop those qualities of character essential for future leadership by our youth

WHEREAS, to achieve this worthy objective, Goodland Elks #1528 will demonstrate our partnership with the YOUTH OF OUR COMMUNITY, our understanding of their hopes and aspirations and a sincere willingness to help prepare them in every way for the responsibilities of citizenship;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Billinger, Mayor of the City of Goodland, do hereby proclaim the week beginning May 1, 2006, as:

ELKS YOUTH WEEK

We urge all government departments, civic, fraternal and patriotic groups, and Goodland citizens in general, to participate wholeheartedly in its observance.

GOODLAND ELKS LODGE #1528

Steve Riebel, Exalted Ruler, Goodland Elks #1528

David J. Daniels, CITY OF GOODLAND Vice-Mayor



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