

Flatlander Fall Festival to include cancer screening

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Car show, food, games, fun and cancer screening?

You heard right. Clinicians and staff from the University of Kansas Medical Center will be in Goodland on Saturday, Sept. 23, to give out information on cancer prevention and do free screenings at the Flatlander Fall Festival.

The teams hopes to make cancer screenings and information available here, said Brenda McCants, director of patient relations at Goodland Regional Medical Center, for everyone who travels to the festival.

The Kansas Masonic Foundation and Kansas Shriners will have a booth in front of Dr. Sid Unruh's office, 1015 Main, McCants said, where people can register for screenings beginning at 9:30 a.m. It will be first come, first served.

Screenings will be available will be prostate cancer, breast cancer

Rod Run features classic, hot rod cars

Gentlemen — and ladies — start your engines. Get out your polishing rags, and line up the best and the brightest of your classic cars on Main Ave. next Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 23 and 24, for the Flatlander Fall Festival.

The Early Iron of Western Kansas Car Club will hold its 19th annual Rod Run at the festival. Registration will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, and from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 23, at Central Elementary School. The "show and shine" will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday on Main in front of Central Elementary School.

There will be drawings for prizes for adults and

children, and there will be a "motor blow," a contest in which organizers drain oil from an engine and let it run until it blows up, at 3:30 Saturday.

The informal show and shine will begin at 8 a.m. Sunday, said Iris Scheopner, an organizer of the event, and there will be a fun walk at 9:30 a.m. on Main. Awards will be given at 11 a.m.

There are 63 cars registered for the event, Scheopner said, as many as there were at this time last year. There ended up being 150 cars in the show, she said, and there will probably be that many this year.

People drove their cars in from all over Kansas, she said, and from Oklahoma, Texas, Wyoming and

Goodland will be the second site to hold this clinic, McCants added.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment web site reports there were 24 cases of cancer in Sherman County in 2002 and 10 deaths.

Statistics listed for area counties for 2002 included Cheyenne, 22 cases and eight deaths; Thomas, 43 cases and 15 deaths; and Wallace, seven cases and less than six deaths. Figures for the state for 2002 are 12,238 cases and 5,345 deaths.

A support group for women with cancer started in October last year and is up to 16 members. Cheryl Peck, owner of the Framing Place, said she decided to start the group because she had a lot of support from friends when she had cancer, and she thought everyone should.

The group doesn't just dwell on cancer, she said; they celebrate. They have champagne celebrations for those who have made it five, 10 or more years, major anniversaries,

and each year, members bring a dessert on their anniversary.

The group meets at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the dome at the Howard Johnson Hotel.

The Goodland hospital started offering counseling services at the end of August, McCants said, for individuals, families, couples and teens, and the counselors are working with the schools. Anyone struggling with cancer or any terminal illness can get help, she said.

The counselors come to Goodland on Thursdays from Colorado Springs, she said, and can help people dealing with cancer, the loss of a loved one or other problems. They work with grief counseling, life crises, many areas, she said. For an appointment, call 890-6030.

"Sometimes we forget how family members are affected when a loved one is diagnosed with cancer," she said, "and by end-of-life decisions. Our goal is to provide a safe environment for people to work out life problems."

Commissioner candidate sees trust, buying locally as key issues

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Neufeld said he thinks more effort needs to be put into working with the city.

"There are areas of duplication within the local governments," he said. "Every aspect should be reviewed to see where improvements and joint efforts can benefit the entire county."

"I believe I have a positive outlook. I don't want someone to tell me something can't be done. Bring me every potential solution, and we can work through to find the best, most economical feasible solution together."

During the primary, a question came up about a potential conflict of interest because Neufeld's firm

Write-in campaign launched

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county are the same as during the primary, with some new ideas that he got from Hurd and Enfield.

"I have added some things from sitting in on over half the commission meetings and the budget workshop," Neufeld said.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said anyone who fills out a declaration of candidacy can be a

write-in candidate.

Rumpel said there is no law requiring a candidate to declare they are going to be a write-in candidate before the election. However, she said, when Tiede, declared in October 2000, she had him fill out the candidate forms for the state.

She said a write-in candidate is required to file the same campaign spending reports as party-nominated candidates.

has a contract to design a mile of County Road 14 as part of the city-county joint road project.

"Some people have asked about my potential conflict of interest," Neufeld said, "since my company

currently holds a contract with Sherman County.

"I feel that in any rural community, there is a potential for conflict of interest in almost every aspect of local government.

"It is the integrity of the elected or appointed individual to remove themselves from any part of the decision-making process in these situations.

"Up until May of this year, Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates has never had a contract with Sherman County. Under the current governance, we will not receive any future contracts, so having none in the past and not planning to get any in the future places me in a position of not losing anything by becoming a county commissioner.

"As a county commissioner, I would not abuse the power to increase the presence of my firm with contracts or work with Sherman County."

Neufeld said he plans to campaign through the district before the election on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

"Anyone who knows me knows my integrity extends as deep as my commitment and dedication," Neufeld said. "If you don't know me, I welcome you to contact me by phone, e-mail or just stop by my office (at the airport).

"I believe Sherman County is a great place with really good people. I feel I can help lead the county to becoming an excellent organization that is a leader in the state and thought of as a model for other

counties."

Neufeld came to Sherman County in 1998 when his firm began handling projects for the City of Goodland and opened an office at Renner Field.

He graduated from Eastern Heights High School in Agra in 1988, and went to Kansas State University, where he earned an architectural engineering degree in 1993.

While going to school in Manhattan, he met his wife Jona, then a student at Emporia State University. She finished a teaching degree in 1993, and the couple married a few weeks after graduation.

His wife teaches fifth grade at North Elementary. The Neufelds have three children, Tyler, 9; Austin, 6; and Megan 3.

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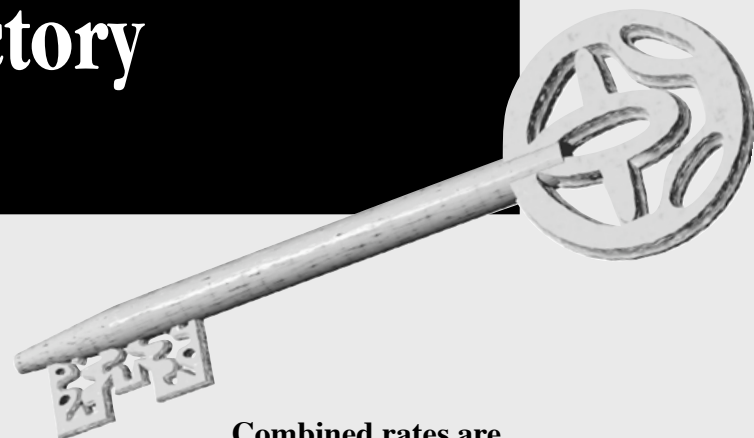
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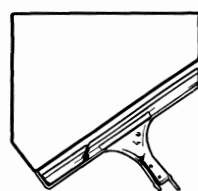
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