

Aquila employees Sid Thompson (left) and Chris Bauman of Goodland weather stripped a door at the home of Bill and Kim Knox, 1414 Cherry. The Knox's home was the first for a weatherization team of Aquila employees from Goodland, Burlington and Flagler, Colo.

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Gas company crew weatherizes home here

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

Employees from Aquila offices in Goodland, Burlington and Limon are getting together to help winterize the homes of one customer in each town, starting in Goodland.

The first project was the house of Bill and Kim Knox at 1414 Cherry, on Wednesday, Oct. 25, said Don North, supervisor in Burlington for this area and leader for the weatherization team. He said Kim Knox has been battling cancer.

"It was great and they did a good job," Kim Knox said.

Knox said she was not home when the crew came, as she spends all week at the University of Colorado Cancer Center for chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Her husband works at Mueller Grain, she said, but her mother, Elsie Miller, from Texas, helps her.

Knox said she misses her grandson and dogs when she is gone.

This is the first project for the new Aguila Weatherization Team, a statewide project to raise people's awareness of what people can do to control their cost of energy during the winter, North said.

"We care about our customers," he said. "The company is giving back to the communities, and fice took service calls for the other towns while the helping customers reduce their cost of energy is a men worked on the home on company time, North priority to us.

"With winter approaching, our program helps customers focus on things they can do themselves to make their homes more energy efficient, and for those who can't do it themselves, we're doing it for them."

He said they are going to try to winterize a few homes every year. This is the first year for the program, which isn't being done everywhere, he said.

Aquila provides natural gas service to 106,000 customers in Kansas, including Goodland, with the state headquarters in Lawrence.

The utility, based in Kansas City, Mo., says it has more than a million customers in Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska.

North said the team first conducts an inspection to see what a home needs. They weather-stripped doors, and caulked and scraped windows before painting.

The team may also install expanding foam, window plastic, outlet gaskets, furnace filters, water heater blankets, water heater pipe insulation, faucet aerators and low-flow shower heads.

The weatherization crew from Goodland includes Chris Bauman, Harold Gillihan and Troy Mannis; from Burlington Sid Thompson and North; and from Flagler, Jess Elrick. A crew at the Limon of-

High school musical begins Friday night

By Pat Schiefen

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The Goodland Star-News The audience for this year's corn grows as high as an elephant's eve

The show goes on at 7 p.m. Fririum, with matinees for the grade Kaitlin Fugleberg as Ellen, Julica schools on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

homa state song in it and the state Christopher Irvin as Sam and Fringe on Top," and "People will of Oklahoma will celebrate its cen- Amanda Amthor as Ballet Laurey. tennial in 2007."

Aunt Eller, Kerek Mason as Curly, Jena McCall as Laurey, Forrest McLemore, Chelsie Gausman, Goodland High School musical will Trachsel as Ike Skidmore, Doug Hidee Lawson, Erica Fenner, Jesgo to "Oklahoma," where the the Eddleman as Fred, Kade Sheldon as sica Bauman, Amthor and Hannah Slim, Brennen Clouse as Will West play townsfolks. Sheldon, Parker, Tanner Oharah as Jud Fry, McLemore and West come on as Jillian Parker as Ado Annie Carnes, ballet town girls, and Crotinger, day and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Jake Kling as Ali Hakim, Ashley Hall, Stone and Bellamy are can-Sunday at the high school audito- Cebula as Gertie Cummings, can girls Bonsall as Aggie, Michelle Smith by Richard Rodgers and Oscar as Sylvie, Saundra Redlin as Hammerstein II. The movie ver-"Rehearsals have gone very Armina, Devin Mangus as Andrew sion, produced in 1955, won an well," said director Randy Berls, Carnes, Bryan Gray as Cord Elam, Oscar. The musical contains the vocal music teacher at the high Dallas Price as Jess, Brook Redlin songs "Oh, What a Beautiful school. "The muscial has the Okla- as Chalmers, Ben Waugh as Joe, Mornin'," "The Surrey with the Vanessa Crotinger, Shelbi Hall,

The cast includes Lea Shores as Kerri Bellamy, Halli Stone, Shonna Webster, Courtney Sheldon, Taylor

> "Oklahoma's" music was written say we're in Love."

Study says tourism worth about \$47 million

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News How important is travel and tourism to the Sherman County economy? About \$47 million a year worth, according to a study by Global Insight.

Donna Price, Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau director, presented the study at the bureau's board meeting Tuesday, Oct. 17, at the bureau's office. These numbers have been worked on two years, she said, by a nationally known company.

The study says \$46.77 million was spent on tourism in Sherman County in 2004; the county was ranked third in northwest Kansas after Ellis with \$141.7 million and Thomas with \$80.76 million.

In Sherman County, she said, \$2.41 million was spent on entertainment, \$5.98 million on accommodations, \$9.49 million on transportation, \$12.47 million on food and \$16.42 million on shopping.

items such as amusement parks,

director of operations for travel and said. tourism consulting at Global Insight.

Accommodations includes hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts, youth hostels and seasonal second homes, she said, any type of lodging.

Transportation includes gas, tolls, taxis, public transportation, train travel and a portion of air fares (the portion that accrues to the local economy and is not sent back to corporate headquarters), she said, and shopping is retail purchases.

Food includes grocery stores as well as restaurants, Price said, and transportation includes gas, oil changes and tires. The numbers were based on sales tax receipts, she added.

In each of the categories, Fuller said, Global Insight is measuring only the portion of spending done by tourists, not locals.

A tourist is defined as anyone who took an overnight trip or trav-Entertainment is spending on eled more than 50 miles one-way for a day trip, she said.

The survey provides State-level tourism spending for each of the categories, she said, and asks respondents how far they traveled.

They capture answers only from visitors who stayed overnight (regardless of distance traveled) or who traveled at least 50 miles oneway for a day trip.

"The community needs to realize what this industry does for our county," Price said.

The firm has been working on this for two years, she said; they went around Kansas and talked to people in several areas, including Goodland.

They didn't tell people who they were, she said, so people wouldn't give false information to bias their research

"I don't question those numbers," Price said, "because I know what we bring in for transient guest tax in Sherman County and others in the area, when you compare the numbers for the counties, these numbers make sense."

said.

free.

museums, sports events, theater, national and state parks, casinos, spending is done by tourists by linkanything entertainment related, said Jennifer Fuller, principal and

"We determine how much of the ing our results to the DK Shifflet survey results at the State level," she

Also, she said, Global Insight uses internationally accepted formulas and criteria.

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District Traffic The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court: speeding. Oct. 12 – John Karagianis, \$156 for improper parking. Oct. 13 — Efrain Chavez, \$132 speeding. for speeding.

Oct. 14 - Mary E. Cameron, speeding.

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\$132 for speeding. Richard J. Gilbert, \$108 for speeding.

Robin Jones, \$114 for speeding. Christopher A. Nusser, \$114 for

Robert N. Plummer, \$108 for

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Kenneth H. Townsend, \$126 for speeding.

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Oct. 17 — Donald L. Clapper, Aubrey Lee Miller, \$166 for

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If so, please call the Goodland Elks #1528 at 785-890-6521or drop by at 1523 Arcade in Goodland for information about this program.

Sherman County Economic Development Board has openings for 2 Council members.

Council nominations should be turned into Tiffani at the Sherman County Economics Development Office at 104 E. 10th, Goodland no later than November 17th.

New members will be decided at the board meeting on November 21st.

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