

# Bids to be awarded for street projects Monday

**By Tom Betz**  
*The Goodland Star-News*  
Bids for the city projects on 17th Street and Caldwell were opened on Jan. 24, and at Monday's meeting the city commission will review the tabulation and award the contracts.

The city is expected to award the Caldwell project to APAC Paving of Hays and the 17th Street project to Sporer Land Development of Oakley.

The two bids for Caldwell included options that would save money if the same contractor was selected by Sherman County to resurface old U.S. 24. Darin Neufeld, engineer from Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, who designed the city projects said the APAC Paving of

Hays bid was for \$888,798, and had a note saying that if the Caldwell project was awarded with the old U.S. 24 project there would be a deduction of \$20,000 for mobilization.

The bid from Venture of Great Bend had a similar note saying there would be a deduction of \$47,000 if they received both the county and city project. Wednesday Sherman County awarded the old U.S. 24 project to APAC.

There were three bids on the 17th Street project to rebuild the street from Main to the railroad crossing at Cherry with concrete.

The low bid from Sporer was \$1,235,740. Miller Construction's bid was \$1,265,145, \$29,405 higher than Sporer's

Smoky Hill of Salina was the high bidder with \$1,580,634.

Neufeld said he thought the bid on 17th Street was about \$200,000 less than estimated, and the bids on Caldwell were nearly what had been estimated.

The city commission will consider an alternate for the section of Eighth Street from Cattle Trail to D'Lao Drive. Neufeld had each bidder for Caldwell bid an asphalt overlay for the smaller section, and each bidder for the 17th Street project bid concrete for the smaller section.

APAC's bid for asphalt was \$195,447, and Sporer's bid for concrete was \$252,381.

Mayor Rick Billinger said at the county commissioner meeting Wednesday he felt

it would be better to do the small section of Eighth Street in concrete because of the amount of truck traffic along that stretch.

In other business the commission will:

- Approve resolutions for the repair or demolition of houses at 526 W. 16th, owned by Jimmy Clift; 204 W. 16th, owned by Robert Duane Cowan; and 510 W. 15th, owned by Louis B. and Diana D. Spinney. Hearings on the three houses were held on Monday, Jan. 22, and the commission agreed to give the homeowners 90 days to either begin repairing the unsafe conditions or giving the city the authority to have the homes torn down.
- Approve a resolution for the geometric improvement project to widen Business U.S. 24 at Cherry to provide for turning

lanes. City Manager Wayne Hill said the project has been approved, but the state wants the resolution passed to give the mayor and city clerk authority to sign the documents.

- Hear an update on the High Plains Museum project and budget request for increased operational costs of a new museum.
- Consider changing the date for the commission meeting to Tuesday, Feb. 20 because the city offices would be closed on Monday, President's Day.

The city commission meets at 5 p.m. in the commission room on the second floor of the City Administration Building, 204 W. 11th. To gain entrance, press the button on the wall inside the first set of double doors.

## New scam discovered

There seems to be a new scam around every corner. One of the latest in town is a check sent by Publisher's Clearing House for people to cash.

In order to win the prize the person must send back a portion of the amount of the check, said Darlene Lauer, assistant vice president of First National Bank, last Friday.

Lauer said if you win something from a sweepstakes you don't have to do anything else. You don't have to provide personal information. Pay a processing fee. Call a phone number or anything else.

Naturally the check is fraudulent so it comes out of the customer's account, she said. The person is out the money they send in to collect the larger prize.

This latest scam uses both the Publisher's Clearing House and Reader's Digest name. It claims that the computerized ballots were drawn by Reader's Digest.

One thing to watch for on scams is misspellings in the letterhead and at the bottom of the letter, she said. First National Bank had two of the checks come in.

## Snowball royalty



Snowball Queen Ashley Cebula and King Andrew Pettibone of Goodland High School were crowned at half time of the basketball games with Oberlin last Friday. The students had a dance at 9 p.m. Saturday night at the high school gym. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

## Hearing delayed on prairie dogs

The hearing on a Logan County injunction to poison prairie dogs on private lands scheduled for 8 a.m. today has been postponed until March 23.

Larry Haverfield, one of the landowners who resisting the poisoning of all his prairie dogs, called Wednesday to say the hearing had been postponed at the request of Judge Jack Lively, a senior retired judge from Coffeyville, who was appointed to hear the injunction motion.

Haverfield said he was told the judge did not want to drive in the snowy weather that hit the Wichita area on Wednesday, and decided to reschedule the hearing.

The injunction names Larry and Elizabeth Haverfield, who live south of Russell Springs, Robert Barnhardt of Bucklin, who has property south of Russell Springs; Maxine Blank, Willard, Utah, who has land in Logan County; and Donald and Lillian Becker of Winona.

The petition filed in Logan County District Court on Jan. 10, says the board of county commissioners "has received numerous

complaints about prairie dog infestation in Logan County since early 2004. As recently as Dec. 18, 47 concerned and frustrated Logan County landowners met with the board regarding the prairie dog infestation in Logan County."

The petition said the county commissioners sent notices to the landowners named in the lawsuit telling them to control or make arrangements to control their prairie dogs.

The petition says the "defendants have refused to take adequate action to control the prairie dog infestation on their lands with resulting infestation on adjoining lands."

The Logan County Commissioners agreed in December to hire the Hays law firm of Dreiling, Bieker and Hoffman to file the petition and request the injunction.

The notice of the request for a temporary injunction was filed on Jan. 17.

Haverfield said postponing the hearing will give him and his attorney more time to gather people to testify in support of his efforts to save his prairie dogs and reintroduce the black-footed ferret to help balance the number of prairie dogs.

## Student projects encourage young people to be business people

**By Tom Betz**  
*The Goodland Star-News*

Students from the high school DECA program appeared at the city commission meeting to ask the week of Feb. 4 to 10 be proclaimed Entrepreneurship Promotion Week and the week of Feb. 12 to 16 be proclaimed Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter Promotion Week.

Jessica Lu, Jillian Parker and Sandy Johnson presented a program about Entrepreneurship Week, and said this year they would be working with students from Central and North Elementary and Grant Junior High to promote local shopping and influence their habits.

Lu said part of the program will be a special hands-on activity where part of the kids are the entrepreneurs trying to sell a product and the other half will be the consumers who are there to buy the products.

Each group of entrepreneurs will develop a marketing plan to persuade the consumers their product is the best buy.

She said the students would switch sides and do it again so everyone experiences both parts.

There will be a winner declared

at the end of the activity.

"We see a decline of local consumerism," Lu said, "and want to see more of our young people consider being entrepreneurs when they enter the business world."

Richard Schwasinger, DECA sponsor, said the entrepreneur project has been one the students have been doing for several years, and have done well with the project in the state and national competitions.

He said the students keep working on ways to improve their effort, and come up with new ideas for each year.

Students Mindy Keith and Linsey Owens gave a second presentation about another DECA project this year to help raise money for the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter.

Keith and Owens said they knew the city had recently helped out the animal shelter with some money.

The girls said their project was to conduct a fundraiser for the animal shelter during the week of Feb. 12 to 16.

The girls said Shawn Cochran, who was one of their group was

unable to attend the meeting.

They asked the mayor to sign the proclamation and thanked the city for the support for the animal shelter.

Details for the fundraiser were being worked out, and Schwasinger thought they were talking about doing a bake sale. He said the date would be set in the next week.

In other business the commission:

- Accepted the bid from Bankwest for the city banking services for the next three years. City Clerk Mary Volk said the city bids out the banking services every three years, and that the staff recommended taking the bid from Bankwest. A question was asked if this was for all the city banking. Volk said it was for the checking accounts, and that the city split the certificates of deposit through all four banks. Commissioner Dave Daniels said he thought Bankwest had the best interest and made the motion to accept their bid. The vote was 4-0 with Commissioner Josh

Dechant of Bankwest abstaining.

- Heard a report from City Manager Wayne Hill that he had attended a meeting at the National Weather Service office where there is a conference room the weather service is offering as a location for an emergency operations center in times of disasters and emergencies. Hill said the county emergency planning people were there and everyone thought the conference room would make a great place for an emergency operations center. City Commissioner Annette Fairbanks, who attended the meeting, said she was impressed with what is available and what can be done. Hill said the weather service and county emergency management people will develop a plan to be submitted to the regional weather service for approval.
- Offered an office at the airport that is not being used as a place for the Sherman County Emergency Management office. Hill said he had looked at the office building at the airport and told Gary Rogers,

regional emergency management director that the office could be used for this purpose. Hill said he thought it was a good use of an empty office, and that the county would be looking at installing a phone line for the office. The commissioners agreed it sounded like a good idea.

- Thanked the city crews for their snow removal efforts over the past

several weeks.

- Held a closed session for 10 minutes with City Attorney Jeff Mason, the commissioners, Volk and Hill on a personnel matter.

The next commission meeting will be 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 5. The commission meets in the commission room upstairs at the Administration Building, 204 W. 11th.

## student of the week



**Name:** Josiah Goodley  
**Parents:** Bonnie Thompson & Charles Goodley  
**Grade:** Senior  
**Age:** 18

**We've nominated this student because:** Josiah always comes to class prepared and ready to learn. He is very considerate of the staff and students. Josiah is a joy to teach and have in the classroom.

**Student Comment:** I have always enjoyed spending time with my friends and

having some good times. I will always remember football and state wrestling.

**Activities involved in at school:** Football, Wrestling, G-Club and Jazz Band.

**My choice of movies, books, and games:** I like every type of entertainment. I especially like Shawshank Redemption.

**After I leave Goodland High School I intend to:** attend college and major in architecture.

**And 10 years from now, I think I'll be:** starting a family and enjoying my career.

**Favorite Quote:** "Yesterday is but a memory and tomorrow is only a vision, but today well lived makes yesterday a memory of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope."

- Anonymous

**Feb. 2 - Feb 8**  
**We Are Marshall**  
PG: Emotional thematic material, a crash scene, mild language  
Bring this AD to the theatre for \$1 OFF on a large popcorn & 2 med. drinks  
EXP: 1/23/07  
Nightly 7:00  
Sunday Matinee 1:30  
Movie Bucks Make Great Gifts!  
www.goodlandnet.com/movies  
**Sherman**  
1203 Main - Phone 899-6103

**LOW ON WATER?**  
**WHY NOT PLANT PINTO BEANS?**  

- Good rotation crop
- Use less water/less input costs
- Payment when YOU want it
- Fast turn around time

**For all your 2007 pinto seed & contracting needs**  
Contact  
**WRAY FEED & BEAN CO.**  
2 miles west of Wray, CO on Hwy 34  
CALL (970) 332-4369 - Jim or Launa

**Taste of Home Cooking School tickets available now!**  
**899-2338**

**RICHARDSON'S HOMESTEAD REALTY AND AUCTION**  
**EXCLUSIVE LAND LISTING**  
Two quarters of Cheyenne County irrigated land. This land is being offer with or without the building site. NE 1/4 of 7-5-37 and SE 1/4 of 6-5-37 consists of 311 acres of crop land and 6 + acre building site. The home is a 3 bedroom ranch with double car attached garage, 1500 bu. grain bins. Please call Donna Moore, listing agent, 1-800-974-2426, 785-899-6159 or email donna@goodlandhomestead.com for more details.  
785-899-2328 800-974-2426  
1023 Main Street ~ Goodland, Ks  
E-mails: Terry, Donna or Cynthia@goodlandhomestead.com  
Terry Richardson | Donna Moore | Cynthia Butts  
www.GoodlandHomestead.com

**Strait Associates**  
485 N. Court Ave.  
Colby, Kan.  
(785) 460-8363