

Shine On teams report on projects

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curbs, gutters and sidewalks on Main Avenue, cleanup the east exit to I-70 (Exit 19). Freeman said the city has demolished the old K-Inn motel. The five-year goal is to increase community pride through making neighborhoods, entrances and Main more attractive.

Jeff Deeds, farmer, reported for the government services alliance group which met the second Monday of the month at the First National Bank with Trevor Linton providing pizza. In two years they would like to propose a plan to consolidation and or combination several city and county services. In five years they would like to see some city and county services combined. He said the City Clerk Mary Volk and County Clerk Janet Rumpel had joined their group.

Brian Linin, chief financial officer of Frontier Ag, reported for regional health care. He said it took one meeting to name the group and they had to rework their goals. The

group would like to establish a center for treatment in an area such as cancer and have transportation for people to get to Goodland Regional Medical Center and go to hospitals in Denver or Hays. In five years they would like to expand on the services to meet regional health care needs.

During the open mike time Jessica Kannady, dance teacher, said we need to think about building a larger auditorium for events.

Lawyer Ron Vignery asked why we couldn't develop a campaign of following the yellow brick road to downtown. He said a stranger would not have a hard time finding it.

Freeman said the group is working on getting the planters on Main taken care of.

Ken Huang, president of the Sherman County Community Foundation said the group is five years old and in the last 2.5 years has increased its funds 12 times.

"Our goal is \$3 million," Huang said.

Missing Army private arrested near town

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from Fort Carson and the Army had confirmed the vehicle and trailer were stolen.

Sheriff Kevin Butts said officers found an all-terrain-vehicle inside the trailer that was later identified as apparently being stolen from Brandon White's storage barn on County Road 65 west of town. Butts said a deputy found tracks from the Humvee near a fuel tank and the

owner had come out and discovered the missing vehicle.

Army representatives arrived in Goodland Wednesday afternoon to pickup the soldier and the vehicle and trailer.

McNutt said Rambo was reported absent without leave on Monday, but the information had not been entered into the national database when he was stopped near Burlington.

Two Titan players, coach in 8-man all-star game Saturday

Two players and a coach from Northwest Kansas have been selected to participate in the 22nd annual 8-Man All Star Football game at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Trojan Field, on North Hersey Avenue in Beloit.

Aric Grob, of Winona, and Andrew Starns of Brewster will play and Beau Sheets will coach.

Next year will be Sheets' fourth year as the head coach at Brewster. Last year was the first year Brewster and Triplains combined for football and called themselves the Titans. Their 2006 record was 7-3. Brewster-Triplains was district runner up, then lost a heartbreaker to Victoria in the playoffs.

Playing for Brewster, Starns was

chosen first-team all-league running back and second-team all league linebacker his senior year.

Starn's parents are Jon Starns and Terry Starns of Brewster.

Grob, a 2007 graduate of Triplains High School, will be playing for the Division II West Team.

Tim and Karla Wilson are Grob's parents.

Curb work continues on 17th



Workers for Spore Land Development smoothed the new curb on the east side of Broadway and 17th on Tuesday. The project is moving down the north side of 17th, and Jerry Nemecheck from Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates inspecting the

project for the city, said the plan is to do the curb and gutter all the way to Caldwell and then come back to pour the street. He said APAC of Hays plans to begin work on North Caldwell next week, and the street will be closed for several weeks. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Commission approves skate park site at Steever Park

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thought it would be great since no one has done anything with the area.

City Commissioner Josh Dechant said he thought it was a good area, and asked if there were any trees that would be removed.

Hill said he did not think there were any trees in the area, but there might be an underground water line that could be moved.

Dana Belshe, action team member, said the concrete slab would still be available for other uses.

Dechant asked if the proposed site would work in with the sidewalk planned around that park.

Bohme said the plan would be reviewed through the city and Darin Neufeld of Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, who has been involved in the design of the hike and bike trail that is supposed to go around the outside of Steever Park.

Connie Livengood, action team co-convenor, said the team had talked to the county about the tennis courts at Gulick Park but the county was up in the air about using that area.

"We would like to have the 200 x 200 to give us room to grow if we add a roller rink," Livengood said.

Bohme said they would like to start with a 100 x 100 area.

Fairbanks asked how the skate park would be paid for.

"We are working on grants," Bohme said, "and would like to be on the budget list to talk to the city."

"We have a fund raiser planned this weekend at Wal-Mart."

Dechant asked if the insurance had been checked out?

Hill said it would be part of the city overall policy.

Billinger asked if there was any opposition from any commission member, and when there was none said it appeared the youth team could go ahead.

Livengood said they want to get started as soon as possible.

"We know it will probably be about six months," she said, "but we are working with a company that has been good to work with us."

"If we could get a 30 x 30 piece done we could get the half-pipe in. That is our goal."

City Commissioner John Garcia

said that sounded great, and suggested they talk with Neufeld about the sidewalk around the park.

City Commissioner Dave Daniels asked if the city would see some plans before any concrete is poured?

Hill said he was sure there would be some design plans to show where the site is to be and how it will be constructed.

Billinger told the action team members the city would put their request on the budget list.

Bohme said the car wash and bake sale would be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday at Wal-Mart.

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"I was going to the cardiologist in Wichita and was not too happy..."

John Strobel, Retired Professor of Music

A couple of episodes of afibrillation two years ago sent John Strobel to seek specialized cardiology services in Wichita. A heart catheterization and angiogram showed a major blockage on the right-hand side of his heart. Fortunately, the left-hand side of his heart had channeled over the right and was covering the problem. While the diagnosis was encouraging, the overall cardiology experience in Wichita was not.

"I was going to the cardiologist in Wichita and was not too happy with a number of things...the distance to get down there, one thing, and just the whole procedure was not up to my expectations," he said.

When it was time for him to go back for another treadmill, instead of returning to Wichita, Strobel requested a referral to Hays and the DeBakey Heart Institute. In addition to the treadmill, the DeBakey cardiologists also performed a carotid artery Doppler to make sure he wasn't in danger of a stroke.

"When we did the tests in Wichita, it took two weeks before we had the results and when we had it at DeBakey Institute in Hays, we had the results within the hour," he said.

"At the DeBakey Institute in Hays, the people were more interested in me and in seeing to it that I was happy with what was going on and that I was comfortable."

"And then, of course, too, the drive to Wichita is kind of a hectic drive," he said. "The drive itself becomes a trauma...Two hours down there and then have to fight the traffic after you get there...and then worry about trying to find a place to park...It's an easy hour to Hays and you don't fight city traffic."

"It was just a much more pleasant experience," he said. "I can drive an hour and have absolutely state-of-the-art cardiology."

"I just go on and live a normal life now."



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