

# Are you becoming what you are hearing

It was Will Rogers who said, "All I know is just what I read in the papers." On the surface that seems like a simple statement. Perhaps even one that doesn't have a whole lot of teeth to it, but then again there is truth to it. Let me share a little story to hopefully illustrate what I am talking about.

There as a man who lived by the side of the road and sold hot dogs for a living. Believe it or not, it was a pretty good living for this fellow!

The hot dog vendor was hard of hearing and because of that problem didn't have a radio or television set. He also had an eye problem. It was difficult for him to read, so he read no newspapers or magazines. But he sold lots and lots of excellent hot dogs.

He put up signs on the highway



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in both directions telling the public how good the hot dogs were. The signs caused lots of attention. This little man stood by the side of the road and cried out as people drove by, "Buy a good hot dog, Mister!" He was enthusiastic as he hawked his hot dogs. He shouted it so people could hear, "Hey, get your hot dogs here!" And people bought his hot dogs. Soon folks were driving out just to buy his hot dogs. Business was great!

Business was so good that he increased his meat and bun orders.

He ordered more mustard, pickles, and catsup. Then he bought a larger stove and a larger walk-in cooler. He increased the size of his stand and put up more signs in all directions. Soon people where standing in line for those incredible hot dogs.

He enlarged his menu, adding French fries and a pop dispenser.

Business was booming! He needed more help to dispense the hot dogs, so when his son got home from college he hired him to help with the business. But then something happened.

"Dad, haven't you been listening to the radio?" his son asked one day. "Haven't you been watching televi-

sion? Haven't you been reading the newspaper?" "What's the matter, son?" the father asked. "There's a big recession on.

The situation in the Middle East is terrible. The domestic situation here at home is worse. The stock market is shaky. Violence is up."

After hearing the news the father thought, well, my son's been to college, he reads the papers and listens to the radio and watches TV, and he ought to know.

So the father cut his meat and bread orders and took down his signs. His sales fell overnight.

"You're right son. We are in the middle of a recession!"

There are a lot of voices trying to get our attention, and to buy into their particular view on an issue. "Buy this vehicle it has the best

hauling capacity." "Pursue this type of lady and then you will be happy." "Vote for this party, the other one is fickle." "Don't get too serious about your faith you have the other six days to live for." "Make sure you live for the now because you aren't guaranteed a tomorrow."

I like what the author of the book of Galatians writes in chapter 5 verses 7 and 8. "You were getting along so well. Who has interfered with you to hold you back from following the truth?" It certainly isn't God, for he is the one who called you to freedom." There are two things you learn from that passage. First, God is for you. He wants to be on your team. He is cheering for you to win the race of life and the race of faith. He believes you can make the right decisions.

Secondly, God's plan for you is freedom. Are the decisions you're making and the lifestyle you're living producing freedom in your life? When there are moments of silence in your day and you're able to reflect do you see freedom, or is it just a rat race. When you look in the mirror is there peace and contentment in your eyes?

Here is the good news. You don't have to be entrapped by the ways and news of this world. There is a high life, and there is a greater calling. Run with God, because He will run with you!

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# Director talks about his goals, objectives

After being in Goodland for over a week now, I had figured I should write something detailing my objectives, plans, goals and personal mission statement.

First, I would like to thank everyone in Goodland and Sherman County for the warm welcome over the past week. Everyone who has stopped my fiancée and I to say hello, or tell us how excited they are to have us, just shows the kind of great community atmosphere we expected before arriving.

We have enjoyed numerous events in the last week alone, from the parade, pep rally and football games, to the scruffy dog contest, bike rally, car show and getting a pie in my face! Goodland already feels like home, and we would like to thank you.

Former Director Tiffani McMinn came to Goodland last week to help the office get up to speed as far as grants currently in process, projects under way and policies she implemented. I thank her for taking time out of her schedule to come and meet with me, and I wish her the best with her banking career in Houston.

As Economic Development Director for Sherman County, I will continue to go forward with her business and housing grant programs.

With the Economic Development budget approval for next year, I plan to have four rounds of applications for these grants, allowing residents 16 chances at the community renewal program. The next round will be in the spring.

Shine On Sherman County, a community-building project established last year with McMinn's help, will continue to work on its goals, including the current project of a skate park next to the city pool.

As an Economic Development office, we will be stay in partnership with this group to help drive motivation, ownership and a sense of communal pride throughout the teams and continue focus on a very attainable goal. The five teams that make up this committee (including a Youth Action Team, the members of which have devoted their time and

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energy to generate a vast amount of the money needed to start Phase One of this project) all have leaders that make up a Steering Committee.

This Steering Committee will continue to support community connectedness with an overall goal to be an Accredited Kansas Community through the state Department of Commerce by 2009.

One of the grants established with the Beautification Action Team of Shine On Sherman County is the Main Street Incentive grant by the Economic Development office. This is a grant that would match \$10,000 raised by the Beautification team, creating a fund no smaller than \$20,000 for additional cleaning and development of Main Street.

We will also continue the grant process for this, and future projects that are developed with Shine On Sherman County.

Other projects that are being established or continued by the Sherman County Economic Development office include:

- The Main Street Development Project.
- The Industrial Park Incentive Project.
- New business incentives and planning.
- Commercial building sale, and lease listing advertisements.
- Goodland "Stay a Night; Stay a Lifetime" ad campaign.
- Seminars for business owners on e-commerce and Internet sales.
- Continue to work on the High Plains Museum expansion plan.
- Contract farming seminars and programs.
- An alumni database and e-newsletter keeping Goodland High School alumni and residents in touch with the community in order to inspire return with employment and career opportunities to a family friendly community.

As your Economic Development Director, I plan to support, protect,

and expand local business. We have an open-door policy for anyone

who wishes to stop by the office at 1005 East 10th or call us at (785) 890-3743.

We thank you for your support

and for the welcoming experience we have received.

## Worship warms the heart

<p><b>Calvary Gospel Church</b>  <b>Pastor:</b> Steve Rains, Ben Coats, youth pastor                  Fourth &amp; College • 890-3605  <b>Sunday:</b> Kid's Church: 10:30 am                  Morning Service: 10:30 am                  Evening Service: 5:00 p.m.  <b>Wednesday:</b> Royal Rangers Missionettes 6:30 p.m.                  Adult mid-week service: 7:00 p.m.                  Youth @ the Rock House: 7:00 p.m.                  Small Group Ministries meets through out the week.  <a href="http://www.calvarygospel.net">www.calvarygospel.net</a></p>	<p><b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b>  <b>Pastor:</b> Father Norbert Diabal                  307 W. 13th • 890-7205  <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b>                  4:30-5 pm Saturday or by appointment  <b>Mass Schedule:</b>                  Saturday: 6 pm, Sunday: 10:30 am  <b>Spanish Mass:</b>                  Sunday: 12:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Pleasant Home Church</b>                  Serving the rural community                  for over 100 years                  Rt. 1, Box 180 • 694-2807 • 3190 Road 70  <b>Pastor:</b> Charlie Busch                  694-2242  <b>Sunday:</b> Worship Service: 9 a.m.                  Sunday School: 10 a.m.                  Evening Service: 6 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Bible Baptist Church</b>  <b>Pastor:</b> Michael Estep                  Fifth &amp; Broadway                  890-7368  <b>Sunday:</b> Sunday School: 9 a.m.                  Morning Service: 10 a.m.                  Evening Service: 6:30 p.m.  <b>Wednesday:</b> Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints</b>                  1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO                  (719) 346-7984  <b>Sacrament Meeting:</b> 10 a.m.  <b>Sunday School:</b> 11:15 a.m.  <b>Priesthood/Relief Society:</b> 12 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Iglesia Del Dios Vivo</b>                  La Luz Del Mundo                  Spanish Speaking Church  <b>Minister:</b> Esteban Ortiz B.                  1601 Texas • 899-5275  <b>Daily Prayer:</b> Sunday thru Saturday: 5a.m. &amp; 6 p.m.  <b>Sunday:</b> Sunday School: 10 a.m.</p>
<p><b>United Methodist Church Brewster:</b>  <b>Pastor:</b> Dorine Chambers                  Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. CST                  Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. CST  <b>Winona:</b>  <b>Minister:</b> Sheryl Johnson                  Worship Service: 9 a.m. CST                  Sunday School: 10:15 am CST</p>	<p><b>First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)</b>  <b>Pastor:</b> Rev. Ted Amos                  Eighth &amp; Arcade • 890-5233  <b>Sunday:</b> Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.  <b>Sunday School:</b> 9:15 a.m.  <b>Activities:</b> Junior High &amp; High School Youth Groups, Adult Bible Study, Choir, Men's and Women's Groups, Devotions Study, Monthly Fellowship  <b>Special Notice:</b> Handicap Accessible, Hearing Assistance Equipment and Infant and Toddler Nurseries Available</p>	<p><b>Kanorado United Methodist Church</b>  <b>Pastor:</b> Leonard Cox                  399-2468  <b>Sunday:</b> Sunday School: 9 a.m.                  Worship Service: 10:15 a.m.</p>
<p><b>Church of the Nazarene</b>  <b>Pastor:</b> Bob Willis                  Third &amp; Caldwell                  899-2080 or 899-3797  <b>Sunday:</b> Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.                  Worship Service: 10:50 a.m.                  Evening Service: 6 p.m.  <b>Wednesday:</b> Evening Service: 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>First United Methodist Church</b>                  1116 Sherman 899-3631  <b>Pastor:</b> Rev. Kasey Crosby  <b>Saturday:</b> Worship: 5:30 p.m.  <b>Sunday:</b> Adult Classes: 9:15 a.m.                  Worship: 10:30 a.m.  <b>Wednesday:</b> Wednesday Nite Live 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. Simple Supper "Free will Offering 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Classes for all ages</p>	<p><b>Goodland Bible Church</b>                  109 Willow Road • 899-6400  <b>Pastor:</b> Chad DeJong  <b>Sunday:</b> Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.                  Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m.                  Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  <b>Wednesday:</b> AWANA (Winter) and prayer: 7 p.m.</p>
<p><b>First Baptist Church</b>  <b>Pastor:</b> Travis Blake                  Bateman's Funeral Home, 211 E. 11th                  890-3450  <b>Sunday:</b> Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 a.m. (Child care provided)                  Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.  <b>Thursday:</b> Bible study 9:30 a.m.                  Wheatridge Center</p>	<p><b>St. Paul's Episcopal Church</b>                  13th &amp; Center                  Church 890-2115 or Rectory 890-6969  <b>Priest:</b> Father Hal Lycett  <b>Holy Eucharist:</b> 10:00 a.m. Sunday                  10:00 a.m. Thursday  <b>Morning Prayer:</b> 8:00 a.m. Wed. - Sun.                  For emergencies 890-6969</p>	<p><b>Harvest Evangelical Free Church</b>                  104 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-7918  <b>Pastor:</b> Brian Fugleberg  <b>Sunday:</b> Worship: 10:30 a.m.                  Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  <b>Wednesday:</b> Youth group meets at 7 p.m.                  at Scherlings', 827 Caldwell.</p>
<p><b>Seventh Day Adventist Church</b>                  1160 Cattletrail  <b>Pastor:</b> Mike Larson  <b>Saturday:</b> Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.                  Worship Service: 11 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Emmanuel Lutheran Church</b>                  13th &amp; Sherman • 890-6161  <b>Sunday:</b> Christian education/fellowship: 10:15 a.m.                  Worship Service: 9 a.m.  <b>Wednesday:</b> Confirmation: 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Church of Christ</b>                  401 Caldwell                  890-6185  <b>Sunday:</b> Bible Study: 9:45 a.m.                  Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.  <b>Wednesday:</b> Bible Study: 7 p.m.</p>

## matters of record

The following accidents were investigated by the Goodland Police Department.

Sept. 26 — 1:44 p.m., 1520 S. K-27, a 2005 Ford driven by Jerry

Fairbanks was backing from a garage area and hit a 2002 Saturn driven by James Weeter while turning.

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**Anna from Germany, 16 yrs.**  
 Likes to play tennis, swim, loves to dance. Anna hopes to play American softball and learn American slang while in the USA.

**Pascal from France, 17 yrs.**  
 Loves the outdoors and playing soccer. Pascal's dream has been to spend time in America learning about our customs and attending American high school.

**The following sponsors urge YOU to attend your chosen House of Worship this Sabbath:**

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