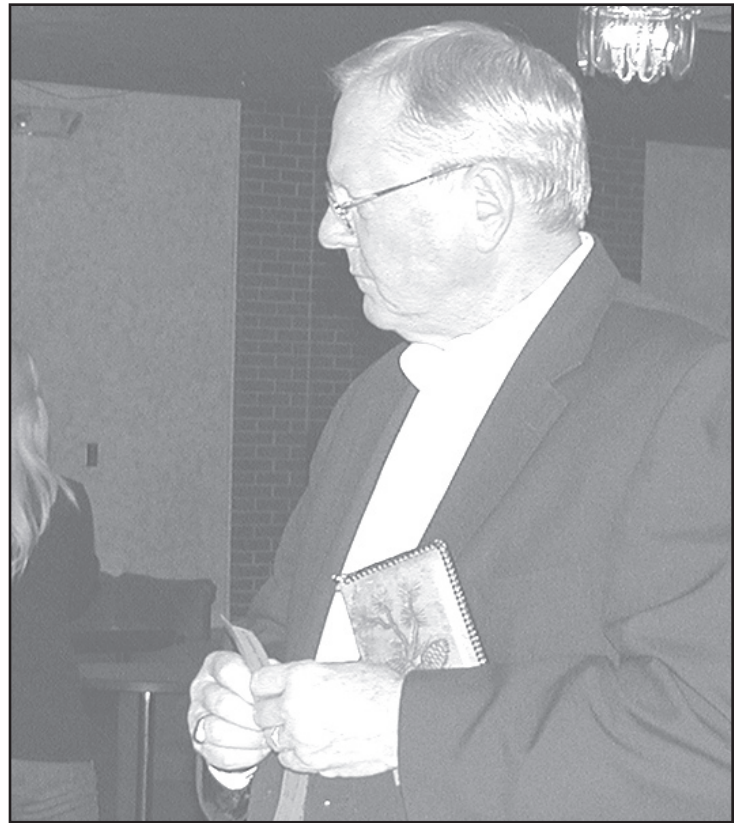
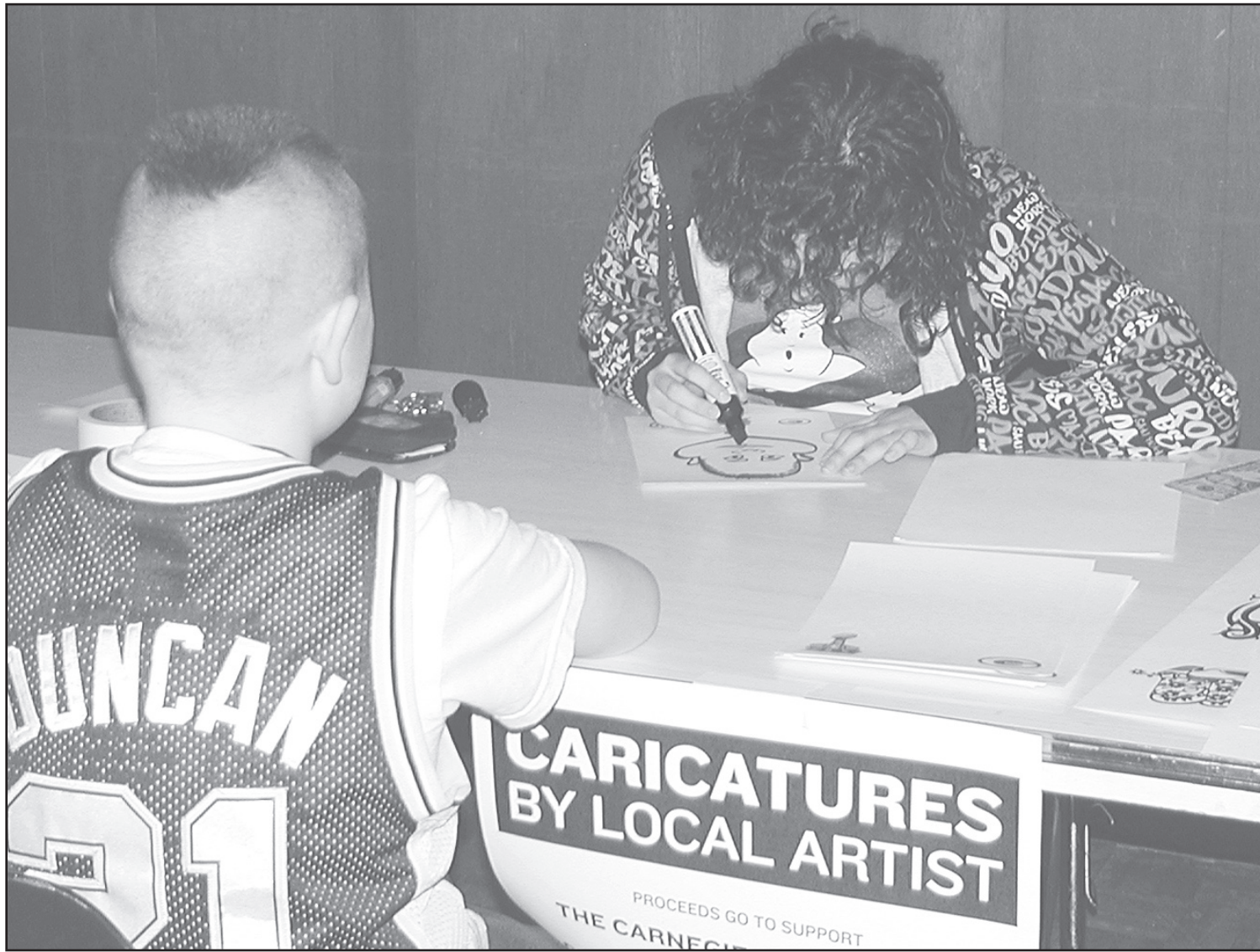


Tailgate party to support the arts



Around 125 people including Ron Vignery (above) attended the tailgate party last Saturday at the Goodland Elks that was put on by the Goodland Arts Council to raise funds for the Carnegie Arts Center. The bands Pieces of Eight, Double Shot (formerly Nobody Important) and Crooked Creek donated their performances. Joni Wilson won the basket of goodies from the drawing. Jacquelynn Gulley (left) did caricatures and did one of Luke Hamilton (left). Adam Elliott also created sports teams' decals for people.

Photos by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Kansas House passes first bills of 2011 session

Despite snowstorms that closed state government for two days of last week (in what some were calling the blizzard of 2011), a little snow and wind but nothing like what we have in Western Kansas.

The House has continued to work at reducing the scope of government and ensuring responsible budget reform.

This week, the full House went on General Orders to pass the first bills of the session. Among the items the House passed, was a "Pay-Go" provision in the House Rules to help ensure fiscal responsibility and reign-in unsustainable state spending.

We cannot continue to spend money we do not have and this will help keep the lid on spending. "The Pay-Go Rule", (HR 6004), requires any amendment to any appropriations bill which adds money must



rick billinger
state rep.

identify the same amount to reduce in the budget.

This is a common sense change mirroring the way we all have to operate our family or business budgets. You have to make real priorities and in a tough year like this, our legislature must do the same. I should have kept track of how many amendments were offered and voted on trying to weaken this rule. After two hours of substantive debate we must have voted 25 to 50 times on amendments but at the end the conservative representatives prevailed.

This week marked the beginning

of action on the House floor. On Thursday, the House dissolved into a Committee of the Whole (COW) for debate on several bills. Once debated and recommended for passage by Committee of the Whole, a bill goes to Final Action for a recorded vote to send it to the other chamber. During Final Action, legislators must be in their seats and staff, guests and interns are prohibited from being on the House floor.

We worked on three bills on "General Orders." This refers to the work for the COW which includes all members. This is the opportunity for members to amend and discuss the bill.

HB 2001, clarifies who pays for the funding required for the operation of the Law Enforcement

Training Center and moves the operation of the fund from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center (KLTEC) to the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training correcting an oversight in prior legislation. HB 2033 would allow fleets of 250 vehicles or more to receive permanent registration and will streamline the registration process for county treasurers' offices across the state without changing local government revenues.

HB 2057 would add crime labs in Johnson and Sedgwick Counties to the list of sources which provide forensic evidence without requiring a forensic scientist to appear in court for every hearing. Current law already makes this provision for the KBI, the Kansas Highway Patrol, and several federal agencies. This will assist law enforcement by allowing forensic scientists to spend

more time in the Lab completing exams rather than attending hearings in court. Anything we can do to stretch our limited resources is a winner.

Real Debate Friday The legislature had already taken appropriate action when the integrated smoke alarms became standard in new construction.

Last year the legislature prohibited local governments from mandating sprinkler systems for single family and duplex housing for one year. House Bill 2088 would make this law permanent. The law does not prohibit any homeowner from choosing to add the system to their home and doesn't affect triplexes and multi-family housing. Homes with the integrated smoke alarm, is already mandated by state law for all new construction. The rate of survival in a residential fire, with a

smoke alarm, is 96.45 percent. The sprinkler system does improve that percentage to 96.70 percent. This boils down to each individual homeowner should have that choice.

This weeks question is: Should we vote only once a year in the Fall or twice a year in election years, Fall and Spring? By changing this, it will save the counties thousands of dollars and the County Clerks like the option of voting in November versus April. The statistics show there is a higher voter turnout in the Fall elections versus Spring elections.

On, at 6:30 p.m. tonight several representatives, including Rep. Billinger will be interviewed on Smokey Hill TV.

Senator Ralph Ostmeyer and myself will be visiting the 121st District on Saturday February 19. We will be in Goodland from 2:30 until 3:30 at Hank's Restaurant.

Tech college honor roll announced

Northwest Tech released its fall 2010 honor roll. To be on the honor roll, the students must obtain at least a 3.5 average.

Bird City: Aleisha Bremenkamp and Jance L. McKee
Colby: Kevin Johnson

Goodland: Allan Alanis, Teather Dautel, Sarah Dexter, Brandon Douglas, Tiffany Fisher, Shawn Gastineau, Timothy Hawkins, Kimberly Horinek, Gregory Justice, Devin Keister, Monte McClure, Kamisha Nonamaker, Rececca

O'Neal, Joan Partridge, Shana Salazar and Rusty Short
Wallace: Sarah Elliott
Burlington: Brian Chacon, David Herring, Randy McElwain, Joshua Mesecher and Allen Neal.

corrections

The Goodland Star-News will correct any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story.

Please call our office at (785) 899-2338 to report errors.

We believe that news should be fair and factual.

We want to keep an accurate record and appreciate you calling to our attention any failure to live up to this standard.

matters of record

Municipal Court
These are cases decided by the Goodland Municipal Court:

Jan. 6: Kabir Moreno, minor consuming alcohol, diversion, \$310.
Stacy Lee Petrik, failed to yield at stop or yield sign, fined, \$135.
Jan. 7: Yesinia Salinas, expired

license or no driver's license and illegal tag or no tab, fined, \$235.

Jan. 10: Taylor Allyn Wuthnow, minor consuming alcohol, diversion, \$310.

Jan. 11: Mary Ann Herrera, parking, standing, stopped in prohibited area, fined, \$105.

Jan. 12: Norma L. Ramirez, speeding 10 mph over limit, fined, \$105.

Joseph D. White, minor consuming alcohol, fined, \$260.

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JOHN DEERE TRACTORS

08JD7330 mfwid ivt 741ldr.....	\$116,000W
76 JD 4630.....	\$18,000G
81 JD 4640.....	\$19,750W
84 JD 4650.....	\$27,000G
88 JD 4650.....	\$22,500W
97 JD 8300 MFWD.....	\$73,000W
02 JD 8320 MFWD.....	\$113,000W
09 JD 8330, 1140 hrs.....	\$170,000G
95 JD 8400 MFWD.....	\$75,000W
09 JD 8430 ILS.....	\$188,000G
90 JD 8760 3p, PTO.....	\$53,000G
95 JD 8770, 3p.....	\$63,000W
83 JD 8850, BB.....	\$28,000G
02 JD 9320, PS.....	\$133,000G
09 JD 9330, 3p, PTO.....	\$225,000G
95 FNH 9680, BB.....	\$59,900W

SEEDING

98 JD 12R 1770.....	\$48,000
01 JD 24R 1770.....	\$68,000
00 JD 1900/1860.....	\$73,500W
04 JD 1910/1890 7.5".....	\$110,000G
07 JD 1910/1890.....	\$115,000G
CB 41' 3200 hoe drill.....	\$3,750G
GP 30' Hoe Drill.....	\$6,000G
IH 7100 42' Hoe Drill.....	\$8,000G

COMBINES

80 JD 7720.....	\$18,500W
89 JD 9600 dls.....	\$33,000W
98 JD 9610 dls.....	\$55,000G
02 JD 9650W dls.....	\$98,000W
01 JD 9750STS dls.....	\$110,000G
02 JD 9750 STS, dls.....	\$110,000W
06 JD 9760STS dls.....	\$170,000W
06 JD 9760STS, dls.....	\$180,000W
07 JD 9760STS, dls.....	\$195,000G
07 JD 9860 dls, CM.....	\$205,000W
08 JD 9770STS.....	\$175,000W
08 JD 9770STS...(3).....	\$210,000G
09 JD 9770STS...(3).....	\$223,000G

SPRAYERS

07 JD 4930 spr.....	\$228,000G
08 JD 4930 spr.....	\$215,000G
98 Hardi Nav 1000.....	\$12,500G

HAY & FORAGE

98 JD 566 rnd baler.....	\$13,500W
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MISCELLANEOUS

JD 1060 F. Cult, 60".....	\$22,000G
6600 Degel dzt, 16".....	\$13,000G
7200 Degel dzt 14".....	\$16,000G
006 Polaris Ranger.....	\$5,000G

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TAKE CHARGE CHALLENGE
GOODLAND EVENT • FEBRUARY 15, 2011
At the COWGIRLS/COWBOYS BASKETBALL GAME from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. at the Max Jones Field house.

Take Charge! CHALLENGE

Stop by the Take Charge Challenge booth and learn how you can help our community win \$100,000 efficiency prize, by just making the switch! Sign up for a home energy audit. For more information please contact the City Office 785-890-4500.

Soup Supper Silent Auction

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
(222 W. 13th, Goodland)
Saturday, February 19 from 4-7 p.m.
Adults \$6.00 • Child \$3.00 • 6 yrs. & under: FREE

Door Prizes
Walmart gift certificates: \$50 & \$25

Gambino's Pizza Sherman County Relay for Life Fundraiser
Thursday, Feb 17, 2011
11:00am to 9:00pm

4 EASY STEPS TO PLACE YOUR RELAY FOR LIFE ORDER

1. Call or dine in at Gambino's Pizza of Goodland.
2. Before ordering, please let the order taker know "Relay for Life Order".
3. Fill out the claim check below.
4. Detach the claim check & give to the delivery driver or to the cashier at the time of payment.

Note: Please be aware that we must have the claim check in order to credit your Relay for Life Team with the sale. Sales total is based on regular price and excludes Coupons, in-store specials, lunch buffet, Awards Cards or Gift Certificate purchases. Sales total is good for dine-in, carryout and delivery orders. Claim check is valid from 11:30 to 9:00pm on Tuesday, February 17, 2011. Sales total does not include tax and tip, or delivery charges.

RELAY FOR LIFE SALES CLAIM CHECK
VALID ONLY on FEBRUARY 17, 2011
20% of each purchase supports SHERMAN COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE

Purchaser's Name _____
Email address: _____
For Store Use: Check # _____ Subtotal or Adj Total \$ _____
Do not include sales tax, tip or delivery charges.

Reminder: Please attach the receipt to claim check

\$16.00
Two Medium 1-Topping Pizzas

\$20.00
One Large Specialty Pizza, plus a small dessert pizza.

Present coupon when ordering. Not valid with any other offer. Valid only on February 17, 2011. Good only at Gambino's in Goodland.

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