

Convenience store expansion



Remodeling and expansion is moving along quickly at Casey's Corner at Eighth and Caldwell Ave. The expansion will include a kitchen area to allow Casey's to provide hot items for breakfast, lunch and dinner.
Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

City plans cleanup week for town in October

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City officials asked Sherman County commissioners Wednesday to waive fees at the transfer station for the Goodland citywide cleanup planned for the week of Oct. 3 to 7, and the commissioners agreed.

City Manager Doug Gerber and Public Works Director Rich Simon were at the county meeting to discuss the cleanup week plans.

Simon asked the county to waive the fees, and said the city would be doing tires again, but would only handle individuals and not businesses.

He said the main target will be cleaning alleys and knows the city will have trees and branches to haul

out to the pit.

Commissioner Larry Enfield asked if the county waived the fees last year, and was told yes.

Commissioner Max Linin said he felt it was a good thing for the city, and made a motion to waive the fees for the citywide cleanup.

Enfield seconded and it passed 2-0. Commissioner Cynthia Strnad arrived at the meeting later.

Simon said the city fog sealing would begin on Wednesday, Sept. 7, and invited the commissioners to see how that works.

Enfield asked what the city used as a shot rate and if the fog seal was to hold the rock in place.

Simon said he has always kept the shot rate for the oil at 40, and was

told the rock would not hold with a lower shot rate. He said the first application is to get the rock down solid and the city sweeps the loose rock off before doing the fog seal.

The fog seal is a way to put a good surface on top of the rock, and it helps with reflectivity in the winter.

In other business the commissioners:

- Heard an economic development update from Michael Solomon, and he said the Crop Production Services new building is now under construction in the industrial park.

Said Cowboy Corner Express was to open at 6 a.m. on Thursday, and Casey's Corner was progressing

with their addition and remodel.

He said he did not have any update on Bella's Market.

Enfield asked Solomon if he believes the grocery store will ever happen.

"I believe it will be a grocery store," Solomon said. "I know Sam Mancini is trying and he and the city set some deadlines. I know in the financial and economic conditions it is hard to do some expansions."

On the Rural Opportunity Zone Solomon said he has had a couple of local kids show interest in applying for the program. He said he is going to two job fairs, one in Omaha and one at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs. He said Fort Carson will be cutting 4,000 troops.

He said he submitted a proposal to Gov. Brownback's office about the potential to provide office space to state offices that might relocate out of Topeka. He said the details are sketchy at this time. He said the proposal he submitted said the county could provide office space for 10 to 75 people.

Solomon said Radical Games plans to open in the old bank building on the corner of 11th and Main. He said they are making sure everything is ready and to make sure they are successful.

He presented some updated demographics for the county, and said he is working with the company that provides the figures to find ways to use them in recruiting business.

He said one example was being able to give in depth information about the number of people and what the figures show about entertainment spending.

- Approved four neighborhood revitalization projects including Crop Production Services for a warehouse and office building, 80x200; Steve Duell for a storage building, 50x125; Dave Reitcheck for an 80x195 building; and Aaron Duell for siding and windows on his house.

The Sherman County commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

State senator files for re-election for his third term in 40th district

State senator from 40th Senate District made it official on Monday he will be seeking a third term.

State Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer, R-Grinnell, made it official by formally filing for reelection with the Kansas Secretary of State's Office in Topeka.

Ostmeyer, nearing the end of his second four-year term, has represented Kansas' 40th State Senate District since 2004.

"Ever since I came to the Legislature, I have put my district first," Ostmeyer said. "There is a lot of work to be done and challenges to be met, and it would be my honor to continue to serve the people of the



Ostmeyer

40th district."

Prior to his election to the state senate, Sen. Ostmeyer served two terms in the Kansas House of Representatives, 2001-2004, representing the 118th House District.

Senator Ostmeyer, a farmer and rancher, serves as Chairman of the Senate Natural Resources committee and is a member of the Senate Committees on Agriculture; Federal and State Affairs; Local Government; and Reapportionment. He serves on Senate/House Joint Committees on Administrative Rules and Regulations; and on Energy and Environmental Policy.

Ostmeyer is on the reapportionment committee tasked with redrawing the district lines for the state legislature. He has said he expects the 40th District to get larger based on the new U.S. Census figures.

Ostmeyer is a Republican, and he and his wife, Kay, live in Grinnell.

The 40th Senate District presently includes Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Graham, Greeley, Lane, Logan, Ness, Norton, Rawlins, Rooks, Scott, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas, Trego, Wallace and Wichita Counties.

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Interstate project bid approved

The Kansas Department of Transportation Tuesday announced approved bids for state highway construction and maintenance projects in Kansas.

The letting was held Friday in Topeka. For District Three – Northwest

U.S. 40 milling in District Three, Venture Corporation, Great Bend, \$16,034.

I-70 from K-253 (Edson exit) east to 0.5 mile east of the Sherman-Thomas county line, milling and overlay, 8.4 miles, Koss Construction Co., Topeka, \$7,080,225.75.

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