

## Weed mowing going well commissioners told

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The top half of the county has been mowed the Sherman County commissioners heard on Wednesday.

Butch Vandiver, public works manager, said about the time he was talking to the commissioners the last five miles in the top half of the county were being mowed, and Darrell Schrader had already moved to the south half.

He said they had been working three mowers and he was having one mow the Smoky Garden area for the holiday and then work to the west.

He said the mowers are cutting some crops planted out in the right of way. The mowers are taking 15 feet of the 30 foot right of way, he said. They are mowing out the intersections, and he said most of the school bus routes have been mowed.

The mowers have been going six days a week and 12 hours a day, and you can get a lot of roads mowed that way.

He said they got rid of three loads of metal to Brent Flanders and got paid \$8,066. The going rate was \$120 a ton, he said, and these were baled loads.

The bridge up north is nearly complete and bridge No. 24 was to be the next one, but Vandiver said the state changed the guidelines and that bridge is now an off-system bridge. He said he would like permission to pursue a grant for the bridge on an 80 percent to 20 percent match. He said it may be possible to get some federal money to help pay for the county's cost.

He said it would not start until 2013. The bridge is on County Road 32 between old U.S. 24 and the railroad tracks. He said it is an old wooden narrow bridge 23 feet wide.

When asked if the bridge would last, Vandiver said it would probably last, but it is out of compliance.

In other business the commissioners:

- Heard a request from Marshall Hatfield about doing some soft metal recycling at the transfer station. Hatfield said he would like to get the soft metals – aluminum, copper, brass and stainless steel – out of the waste stream on a regular basis.

Hatfield said he would be willing to pay to recover the metals.

Commissioner Larry Enfield said it sounded like a good plan, but felt the county should open it to bid.

Commissioner Max Linin agreed that was a good idea.

The commissioners decided to place an ad to accept bids for the recycling of soft metals and for the bids to be opened on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

- County Attorney Bonnie Selby said she had responded to a request from Attorney Jerry Fairbanks who is working with eight banks and the potential new owners of the Goodland Energy Center.

She said the request was to know if the county had any zoning restrictions in the area of the energy center. She said the county does not have

any zoning rules in the county. The only restrictions the county has by resolution are no fireworks within three miles of town and no swine production within three miles.

The request for letter was from Kennedy Funding, Inc of Hackensack, N.J. and she said these were the people Fairbanks had brought to meet the commissioners during their budget work session the week before.

Selby said she will send a letter saying there are no zoning restrictions.

## Supper time?



One of the many turkey vultures that nest and fly over Goodland during the summer months. The vultures leave in the fall and return in the spring.

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## High Plains Museum to host traveling exhibit

The High Plains Museum was selected as one of six in the state to host the Smithsonian Institution's traveling exhibition, "The Way We Worked."

"The Way We Worked" explores the stories of America's workers and invites us to consider how the workplace and workforce have changed over time. Through photographs from the National Archives, audio and video clips, and hands-on components, Kansans will discover how, together, our work makes America.

The tour is part of the Kansas Humanities Council's 2012-2013 state tour. The exhibit will be at the High Plains Museum Dec. 15, 2012 to Jan. 27, 2013.

The High Plains Museum is located near downtown Goodland and features exhibits of local history. The High Plains Museum under the direction of Karen Anderson is working with the Carnegie Arts Center and the Goodland Public Library to offer a wide range of programming which includes a film series and a ride-along program.

"The Kansas Humanities Council received a record number of applications – 36 in all – from museums, public libraries and art centers across the state. It was difficult to narrow the selection to six finalists with so many really strong applications," said Julie Mulvihill, executive director of the Kansas Humanities Council. "Our six finalists

were selected because of their compelling local 'work stories' and their innovative exhibition and program plans to use the Smithsonian exhibition as a springboard to explore, preserve and share these stories in their communities."

The Kansas Humanities Council sponsors the 2012-2013 Kansas Tour of "The Way We Worked" in partnership with the Smithsonian Institution. Other host communities include: Coronado Quivira Museum, Lyons; Stevens County Library, Hugoton; National Orphan Train Complex, Concordia; Lumberyard Art Center, Baldwin City; and the Miners Hall Museum, Franklin.

## Organization seeks volunteers to train for taxes

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If you are not afraid of people, computers, tax returns, personal challenges, or learning new things; we may have just the opportunity for you. American Association of Retired People Tax-Aide, the nation's largest free volunteer-run tax preparation and assistance service is the organization seeking volunteers across the state to help Kansas taxpayers prepare and file their tax returns.

Volunteers do not need to be an organization member or retiree to participate. We do need volunteers who have basic computer skills and the personal drive necessary to learn and become proficient with new tax return preparation software, said Edie Loughmiller, volunteer district coordinator from Dodge City..

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers receive free tax training and are reimbursed on a limited basis for qualified program-related expenses. They learn new skills while making a real difference in their communities.

Kansas AARP District 11 is particularly in need of additional volunteers to help serve at sites in the

communities of Goodland, Hoxie, Jennings, Saint Francis and Sharon Springs, Loughmiller said.

"Each year, our volunteers in these communities help hundreds of taxpayers prepare and file their returns," he said. "We could help many more with additional volunteers in this area of our state."

The dedicated team of more than 35,000 AARP Tax-Aide volunteers across the country help millions of taxpayers each year.

For more information and links to an on-line application, visit the Kansas Tax-Aide web site at [www.KStaxaide.com](http://www.KStaxaide.com).

## Goodland man to retire in fall

Dave Hovis of Goodland, KS, will retire from his position of equipment operator senior with the Kansas Department of Transportation on Saturday, Oct. 1. He has worked over 28 years for the state.

A retirement party is being planned from noon to 2 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Thursday at the Atwood sub-area shop, 801 Grant Street/ East Highway 36, Atwood. Hovis began working for the state

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His plans include traveling, mowing and fishing.

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## Alzheimer's walk in Hays planned for October weekend

The Hays Walk to End Alzheimer's is planned for Saturday, Oct. 1, starting at 10 a.m. at Gross Memorial Coliseum.

People interested in helping raise money to help cure Alzheimer's are encouraged to get a team together or sign up as individuals to join the effort. To start or join a team go to [alz.org/walk](http://alz.org/walk) or call (785) 625-8040.

In 2010, the walk nationally contributed more than \$42.2 million raised by participants for care, support and research efforts for those impacted by Alzheimer's.

Walk to End Alzheimer's participants will be able to learn more about Alzheimer's disease, advoca-

cacy opportunities, clinical trial enrollment and support programs and services. Each walker will join in a meaningful tribute ceremony to honor those affected by Alzheimer's disease.

Registration will be at 9:30 a.m. at Gross Memorial Coliseum and the walk begins at 10 a.m. Call or e-mail Jenny Shipman at the Central and Western Kan. office at (316) 267-

7333 or [jenny.shipman@alz.org](mailto:jenny.shipman@alz.org)

The Alzheimer's Association is the world's leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. The mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

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