

# Library gives update on services, usage

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The Goodland Public library reported they have about 56,000 visits a year the City Commissioners were told at the meeting on Monday.

Karen Gillihan, library director, spoke to the city commissioners to give them an update about the library and the many services the library provides. She said one reason for making the presentation was the city commission has three new members and she and the library board felt it was a good idea to give them an idea about how important the library is in the community.

She said the library has about 56,500 visits per year or an average of about 180 per day, and 12,500 reference questions. She said the library does about 350 programs during the year with an attendance of 7,365.

She said the visits are up this year and the people are using the com-

puters more. She said last year they had about 18,000 use the computers and that number has been exceeded already for this year.

“We do more than provide check out of books,” she said.

The library has a meeting room and Gillihan said they had three different meetings there that Monday.

“We are seeing a big increase in our entertainment side of the library,” she said. “We do not charge to rent a DVD, and we have a large collection of movies and books on both CD and DVD.”

About 4,000 people have a library card, and a lot more use the library who do not have a card.

“We have a lot of people who use the library every day,” she said. “We do children’s programs during the year and have a large summer reading program. We had 1,600 kids who came to the summer programs.

“We do a variety of things for people. We can help with e-mail,

scanning materials and faxing. We had a man stop in the other day who needed something scanned and faxed to his office, and we were able to help him.”

The building belongs to the city, and Gillihan said the library board had installed new windows to conserve energy, and had put on a new roof.

She said the library has a new sitting area with the help of Walmart employees and a grant from Walmart.

One of the things that has helped is a courier service that comes every day and helps with the interlibrary loan. She said a courier comes from Colorado and they have an exchange to make it easier to get books from other libraries.

She said the library is working with the High Plains Museum and the Carnegie Arts Center, and had their First Saturday program. The idea is to have a cooperative plan

with all three locations to have an activity on the first Saturday of each month, and the first one was dealing with the VanGogh exhibit at the museum.

The library had a craft program with sunflowers and Gillihan said they had a good turnout.

Another part of the First Week program is having a sack lunch Thursday and inviting people to bring their lunch and listen to a program. Gillihan said the library will do the Sack Lunch Thursday on Dec.1, and she has an idea for a program.

Another program the library has found successful was the “Movie on the Wall.” She said for legal reasons they had to move the screen to the library, and the city crew helped put the screen up on the north wall. She said it has gone well. With the colder weather the screen has been taken down, but the library will have the screen put up in the spring to do

more movies.

The annual book sale helps pay for the library’s updated home page on their web site at [goodlandlibrary.org](http://goodlandlibrary.org).

She said last year the library donated at book for every child in the Genesis program for Christmas. Last year that was about 200 books, and the library plans to help Genesis with books this year.

The library has books on CDs and can get ebooks. She said the library is doing more ebooks and the state library is providing a lot of these. She said the ebooks are very popular.

Mayor John Garcia thanked Gillihan for the presentation and said the library is a great facility in the community and commended them on the great variety of services they are providing the public.

Gillihan said she will be interested to see the results Chris Foltz was able to get in his survey about library

services. She hopes the survey will give them an idea of what the library patrons want and use the most.

City Manager Doug Gerber said when he was in a previous position he was looking for the best practices in a library. He said he did not come to Goodland, but should have as the local library have the best programs he knows of and have had a lot of good programs.

Garcia said he has heard a lot of comments about the movie on the wall.

Library board members Barb Graber and Jeff Bhend were at the meeting, and Gillihan introduced them to the commissioners.

Each commissioner was given a copy of information about the library and examples of the programs the library has held during the past year.

## Hunting northwest Kansas style



This hunter with his his dog enjoyed the beautiful weather as he hunted on Tom Livengood’s land on Sunday morning. The hunting was supposed to be good according to the state wildlife service. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

## Kansas county clerks leading in challenge to collect food

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Kansas County Clerks appear to be leading in the challenge with Nebraska to see which state can collect the most items for their local food banks based on a report on Tuesday.

Sherman County Clerk Janet Rumpel, who is president of Kansas County Clerks and Election Officials, said she has been getting great reports from the participating Kansas counties and Kansas appears to be leading with two weeks to go.

The challenge began at the end of October and runs through Monday, Nov. 21.

Each Kansas County clerk has designated drop off points within the county for food items. In Sherman County, collection boxes for cans of food are at Walmart, Dollar General and the Sherman County Courthouse lobby.

Cash donations should be marked to go to the Food Drive Challenge,

and be sent or brought to the Courthouse to County Clerk Janet Rumpel, or similarly marked and mailed to the Genesis Food Bank, P.O. Box 313. Goodland, Kan. 67735.

Each dollar of cash donated will count as one food item, Rumpel explained.

Each week the county clerks of participating counties will email in the total number of items collected that week. At the end of the drive the weekly entries will be totaled and the winner - Kansas or Nebraska - announced.

Tuesday Rumpel talked to the Sherman County commissioners about making a donation to Genesis.

Commissioner Larry Enfield said he has helped deliver the boxes for many years.

Rumpel said Sherman County had collected 128 items in the past week. She said other counties were doing well in collections.

Commissioner Max Linin asked

if the county has made a donation to Genesis in the past.

Commissioner Cynthia Strnad, who attended the meeting by phone conference said she was not sure it is a precedent we want to set.

Linin said he felt it is a great cause, but felt it would be better for each commissioner to make a donation on a personal basis.

Strnad said she liked the personal donation idea and said the county could challenge the city commissioners and school board members to make a donation. She said she would call and make the challenge to the other boards.

Rumpel said that was a good idea.

She said when the contest is over, all donations will be passed on to local food banks in each county. In Sherman County, donations will go to Genesis.

Slogan for the drive is “Your Neighbors Need You – Give a Can!”

## New wrinkle on scam reported

The Better Business Bureau wants to alert consumers, especially those families of military personnel, to a new twist on an the “Grandparent scam.”

The older version went like this: A grandparent receives a call from someone posing as their grandchild. The pretend-grandchild claims to need financial assistance in order to be bailed out of some sort of trouble.

Recently the Better Business Bureau has become aware of a new version of this ploy. A grandfather was called by an individual claiming to be his grandchild stationed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base located in Tucson, Ariz.

The story was the young man

was jailed for fishing illegally in Barcelona, Spain. A follow-up call, supposedly from the American Consulate, asked for \$2,350 to be wired through Western Union by the grandfather.

A Better Business office was contacted by the Grandfather in an effort to verify whether the calls were valid. Contact was made with the bureau office in Tucson, which in turn contacted the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. The Base verified the grandchild was present and not overseas.

Scams of this nature play on folks’ natural concern for their loved ones. The Better Business Bureau cautions anyone receiving such calls to contact authorities

before sending money. If you believe you have been contacted on one of these calls let the police know.

If you receive such a call ask personal questions only the grandchild would know the answer to, and don’t be satisfied with one question ask several. The scammers may have dug out some information to fool the grandparent, but with more than a few questions it will become apparent they are an impostor.

Scammers have countless ways of separating people from their money. Please don’t become a victim to this latest twist on the old “Grandparent scam.”

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### Sherman County accepting bids

Sherman County is currently accepting bids for the metal at the Transfer Station. For interest or questions, please contact the Sherman County Road & Bridge Department at (785) 890-4865. You may submit your bids to the Sherman County Clerk, 813 Broadway Room 102, Goodland, KS 67735.

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### Walk-in Flu Clinic

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8 a.m. to 5 p.m. MT

**Sherman County Health Department**

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Questions call 785-890-4888

### Kiwanis Hoop Shoot

Kiwanians encourage all interested elementary age children, **grades third through sixth**, to bring one adult partner with them **Thursday, November 17th, to the Goodland Activities Center.**

5:45-6:00 p.m.- 3rd & 4th Grade REGISTRATION/WARM UP  
6-6:45 p.m.- 3rd & 4th Grades Compete  
6:45-7 p.m.- 3rd & 4th Grade Awards  
6:45-7 p.m.- 5th & 6th Grade REGISTRATION/WARM UP  
7:00-7:45 p.m.- 5th & 6th Grades Compete  
7:45-8 p.m.- 5th & 6th Grade Awards

The winning hoop shoot pair in eight categories will receive a free turkey compliments of Goodland Walmart Super Center. This event is free to all participants.

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