



Bill Fulcher (from left), Craig Medsker, Joni Showalter, Selby and Cliff Couch modeled the new Goodland Police Department's all-black uniforms. Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

Goodland police making changes

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utilizing the law enforcement trust fund, which is usually money from drug seizures, and VIN inspection money, which is delegated to each department by the state for performing VIN inspections.

The new colors nearly match the department's new drug dog, Selby. The black and brown Czechoslovakian Shepherd was obtained this summer when the National Guard's Counter Drug Task Force program

lost its funding.

Selby is a single-purpose dog, which means he is only trained to locate drug odors. Couch said the department had been looking at getting a K-9 since last year, but the cost was prohibitive. The Guard was able to provide Selby to the Goodland Police for free since his program had been shut down.

The department has hired experienced police officer Craig Medsker to be Selby's handler. The two have been in training for several months.

Governor's hunt brings in the tourists

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ment; and Jerry Thomas, Scott City, did paintings which were raffled off to pay for the event. He had earlier shot a double which, Mildenerger said, would have been good enough to paint.

Macken lives in Oakley and is a friend of Mildenerger's, as is

Coulter Boyd, one of the guides, who is a freshman at Fort Hays State University.

"That's a great thing. it brings people from all walks of life together," Palace said. "It's good for Kansas."

The hunters said they liked being outdoors, watching the dogs work and being able to socialize with

people from around the state.

"It's good for your head, it's good for your heart," Macken said.

Macken added that hunting is one recreational activity Kansas can hang its hat on.

"It probably one of the funnest thing I do with my kids any more," he said, "and I think it instills pretty good value in your kids."

Fire station agreement still under review this week

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The county commission met right after the city meeting. Commissioner Larry Enfield said he had spoken to a state tax official who said that the building should come off the tax rolls. However, he said, that is not 100 percent certain. He said he felt the city's offer to split the taxes if need be is a fair one.

Enfield had recently attended a Kansas Association of Counties conference, and said he was very proud of how the county has been working compared to others.

"But we have to keep working together as one community," he said, addressing both the county commissioners, commissioners elect Steve Evert and Ken Klemm and city manager Doug Gerber, all of whom were in attendance at the meeting.

Enfield had also gotten a second

opinion on the contract from an attorney, who recommended some added language, including adding an option for renewal after the 30 years expires, changing the word rent - even though no rent is being assessed - to "consideration," as rent might be a red flag to the Kansas Board of Tax Appeals and a section saying the city and county would seek mediation if there are any disputes before filing a lawsuit. Gerber said he saw no problems with those changes.

The lawyer also recommended inserting language requiring a good faith negotiation between the city and county should there be any future projects on the building exceeding \$50,000. Gerbersaid that although that might seem reasonable, the city commission might have a problem with it, as the agreements thus far have simply been that the city supplies the building and the

county maintains it.

"Some of these immaterial changes are fine," he said, "but some will be political changes and the commission might be less agreeable."

Commissioner Max Linin said that since the city and county are so close to an agreement, at this point neither side should try and pick apart the contract.

"There's nothing in there we can't get along with," he said. "If we start adopting new language the whole process starts over."

After discussing the issue, the county commissioners decided not to include the language requiring a negotiation. Gerber said the contract would be on the city commission's agenda at the regular Monday meeting. The county commission was scheduled to meet again this morning.

Kansas getting new driver's license

Starting last month, Kansans have been receiving a redesigned driver's license which the state says is more secure.

"We are committed to protecting people from driver's license fraud and identity fraud," said Donna Shelite, director of the Division of Vehicles. "That sort of fraud is typically a building-block crime from which more serious crimes are committed."

Shelite and Revenue Secretary Nick Jordan, along with Gov. Sam Brownback, unveiled the new design at a press conference.

"It is important to protect the integrity of our identification cards for all Kansans," said the governor. "This new card will make illegal duplication very difficult, and in turn will protect Kansas citizens better."

The new license includes security features that make it difficult for counterfeiters to forge, including:

- Ultra-violet image of the cardholder's portrait

and date of birth on the back of the card (viewable with ultraviolet light).

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Kansas' driver's license and ID card design last changed in 2004; states typically change their designs every four to six years.

"The new Kansas driver's license card is among the most secure in the country," said Director Dean Reynoldson of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control. He oversees the department's Office of Special Investigations, which investigates driver's license fraud.

License and ID cards using the old design will still be valid and people will not need to come in to get a new card until their current one expires.

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