

# Pioneer Park done; ribbon cutting Friday

**By Tom Betz**  
*The Goodland Star-News*  
Pioneer Park is nearly done, and city commission and Goodland Ambassadors plan a ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. on Friday.  
City Manager Wayne Hill complimented the city crew for the work they did to finish erecting a gazebo donated by the Kiwanis Club.  
He told the commissioners last Monday there are lights yet to be installed around the hike and bike trail.  
Commissioner Annette Fairbanks asked if there would be a light

inside the gazebo. She said she likes to walk her dog around the park, and thought it would be better for security if there was a light in the gazebo.  
Hill asked Darin Neufeld, engineer from Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates who has been handling the project, to explain what needs to be done to get the lights installed.  
Neufeld said there is conduit in place for all the lights, but that they were not in the original budget because of the cost cutbacks.  
However, he said, the state Department of Transportation has said

they would allow the lights to be included and would pay 70 percent of the cost.  
“We can go back and do the lights as planned,” Neufeld said. “I will have costs for you at the next meeting, and with options as to who will install them.”  
He said the options are for the city to run the wires and install the lights or to go back and have Miller Construction do the work.  
“We can add a light to the gazebo,” he said. “The conduit is in the leg, and we could put it on the same photo cell as the other lights.”

Neufeld said the commission should decide on the style of light at the next meeting. He promised to bring brochures. One style is like the one installed on Cherry across from the park, and the other option is similar, he said, but not as shiny. He said there are about 20 lights that go around the path and others from the park down to the museum. He said the majority of the walk lights will be on the backside, and one style does include an option to add Christmas lights.  
“I have been asked about the lights by people who use the walk,”

he said. “I told them the conduit is in place and we are waiting on the wiring and lights.”  
Neufeld said if the city crew pulls the wire and installs the lights, that can be part of the city’s 30 percent match for the project.  
He said they want to buy the lights through the city because there is a better discount, and 70 percent of the cost will be reimbursed by the state.  
“It is nice to see we are going to get 70 percent of it back,” Neufeld said. “I would have the information here tonight, but did not get all of

them.”  
Commissioner Dave Daniels said he thought the city should proceed with the lights.  
The commission discussed holding the ribbon cutting, and it was decided to do it at 10 a.m. on Friday with the Ambassadors, either at the gazebo or in front of the new city sign.  
Fairbanks said she would call the Ambassadors to decide where the ceremony will be held.  
People who want to attend can park in the city lot across from the park.

# Craft fairs start holiday season

**By Pat Schiefen**  
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What could be better than Christmas shopping and supporting local causes?  
There’ll be plenty of opportunities in Goodland on Saturday.  
The Nu Phi Mu Craft Fair at Max Jones Fieldhosue is a good place to find a gift for the hard-to-buy-for friend or relative, says chairman Penny Nemechek.  
The “We Did It” Craft Fair will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, 824 Main. Organizers expect 25 to 30 exhibitors, said Judy Stroup. The crafts will include woods, handmade items, candles and jewelry.  
“We plan to have at least 1,000 people show up,” said Stroup. “We’re hoping they come to see what we got.”  
The Nu Phi Mu fair will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Max Jones, 13th and Arcade.  
People have been using the fair to do part of their Christmas shopping for 28 years. The sorority uses 95 percent of the profit to help area families and organizations.  
“This year we will make a memorial gift in honor of Brianna Linin,” said Nemechek. Linin was the five year old daughter of Brian and Janda Linin who died of a brain tumor on March 4.  
There will be a bake sale booth, she said, as well as a booth from the Goodland Arts Center. Every hour there will be a drawing for a door

prize donated by the exhibitors.  
Max Jones will be filled with crafted items from 40 exhibitors. New exhibitors include Susan Bloom of Bloom Studio, Stephanie Zweifel of What’s the Buzz, Brandy Todd of Cowgirl Clutter, Trudy Wildeman of Klassic Collectible by Trujo and Bridget Pochop of Simply Adorned.  
Among the new are exhibitors is Joe Armstrong of Joe’s Boxes and Benches, who makes planters and benches from old barn wood. Other new exhibitors include Koren Dechant of Cards & Such, April Hall, and Dana and Laurel Belshe and Randy and Shelly Gausman of Barnyard Craftin’.  
The sorority will have a concession stand that serves cinnamon rolls for breakfast and sandwiches, chips and drinks for lunch. They are planning an activity area for kids. Santa will be there for pictures, said Nemechek, and there will be babysitting.  
The craft fair has four sponsors, including Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, engineers; Jacque’s Gold Crown Hallmark; Wal-Mart Supercenter; and McDonalds. Other chapters of Beta Sigma Phi help put on the craft fair.  
And if you get tired of crafts, the Antique Warehouse, 109 E. 17th, will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and noon to 5 p.m., Sunday.  
“We will be decorated and ready for Christmas,” said owner Kim Acuff.

# Convention bureau changes bylaws

**By Sharon Corcoran**  
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What do you do when more than half of your board frequently misses meetings, using proxies to get credit for being there?  
And what if one member could have enough proxies to single-handedly determine the outcome of a vote?  
These are questions the Sherman County Convention and Visitors board wrestled with at its meeting Thursday. The board has 10 voting members, but often has four or more missing.  
The board decided the solution was to limit the number of proxies each member can use in a year and the number of proxies any member can vote at a meeting.  
The board voted to make an addendum to its bylaws, stating that each voting member is allowed a maximum of two proxies per year, and a member can vote with no more than one proxy at any meeting.  
“Last month was a real chore with proxies,” said Chairman Dale Neill. “I’m really sorry I couldn’t be here.”  
Four members faxed their proxies in, said Donna Price, bureau director, for Bill Stoick, manager of Super8, to use. Stoick was not there and did not know any of the members had given him their proxies.  
“I had three of five front desk people out,” he said. “I had to work.”  
The board needs to do something about proxies, Neill said, whether getting rid of them altogether or putting restrictions on them. He asked board members to express their thoughts.  
The way the bylaws are written, Neill said, if a member misses three meetings in a row, they are considered to have resigned. Members are using their proxies to count as at-

tending, he said, and still are missing two meetings and then coming to one, sometimes by proxy.  
Board member Brenda McCants, director of marketing and patient relations at the hospital, asked if “excused” and “unexcused” absences would be distinguished. It’s one thing if someone’s ill or on a family emergency, she said, but all the board members have businesses they’re involved in. Board members agreed that just not wanting to take the time for the meetings wasn’t a good excuse not to be there.  
Before expressing ideas on what to do, McCants thought it would be a good idea to discuss attendance figures.  
“We should be upfront,” she said. “I don’t need to know who, but how many have missed more than three meetings?”  
So far this year, Price said, one member has missed two meetings and turned in five proxies; another has missed four and used a proxy; one has missed three meetings; one has missed two meetings and used two proxies; another has missed two meetings and used one proxy; and another has missed two meetings. There was a member who used five proxies, she said, but none were turned in.  
There are 10 voting members, Price said, and three advisory members; there have to be five voting members present to hold a meeting.  
Board member Arlo Hansen, a manager at the Sinclair service station, said he thought each member should only be allowed two proxies per year. Voting board members, Stoick, McCants and Marilyn Collett, and advisory members Julie Crotinger and Linda Holton agreed.  
Most of the board members present, voting and nonvoting, said that each member should only be able to hold one proxy at a meeting.

## Chicken and noodles for the masses



There was a line for seats at lunchtime Saturday for St. Paul’s Episcopal Church’s annual Noodle Magic and bazaar. The dinner is a fund-raising effort of the Ladies Guild for projects at the

church. Volunteers reported a larger crowd this year, and the cooks ran out of noodles.

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## Students sing, play in Hays

**By Pat Schiefen**  
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Eighteen junior high vocal and band students and two high school jazz band students left in the dark of morning last week to play in Kansas Music Educators Association’s northwest honor groups.  
The day in Hays was filled with rehearsals and a performance late that afternoon. The students auditioned by submitting a taped piece.  
The junior high honor choir had 12 members from Goodland. The sopranos were Alexandra Borders, Ashley Martell, Jennifer Hernandez and Day Waugh. The

altos were Ashley Archer, Christy Studer, Ashley Garza and Layne Perdwew. Baritones were Dane Frazier, Michael Pettibone, Brook Redlin and Ben Waugh. Randy Berls is the Goodland choir director.  
Joining the junior high honor band were Kaitlyn Topliff, flute; Leroy Prine, clarinet; Andrew Shores, baritone; and Tyler Jones, percussion.  
Two high school band students were in the honor jazz band. Tanner Oharah played the bass guitar and Josh Cech the trombone.  
The junior high band and the high

school jazz band were directed by band teacher Melanie Biel and Joey Nickols, a student teacher from Fort Hays State University.  
“They’re a great bunch of kids,” said Biel.

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