

## Dressing up nature



Once again this summer, the trees in front of the Carnegie Arts Center in Goodland are being wrapped in fabric. This year the trees will have a "Wizard of Oz" theme. Rebecca Downs, director of the arts center, (right) held some burlap material for her sister, Brenna Downs, as she nailed it in place Monday afternoon on the tree which will be the "scarecrow." Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

## Kansas artist finds resistance on Cuba project

LAWRENCE (AP) — The U.S. government sends radio signals into Cuba every day in the name Jose Marti, but it doesn't want artist Stan Herd to

create the poet's likeness there.

Kansas Sen. Pat Roberts has intervened with Treasury Department officials to allow Herd to make a landscape portrait of Marti on a hill overlooking Havana Harbor.

Roberts sees the issue as part of an effort to open the communist island. Herd's work, he said, would be a good starting point in creating better relations.

"What he will do down there is leave

an American landmark that will speak well of democracy," Roberts said.

Herd is best known for his crop art plowed into large fields, the designs visible from above.

In January, he and another Lawrence resident, Robert Augelli, went to Cuba to create "Rosa Blanca," a depiction of a white rose in a Havana park that pays tribute to Marti, a Cuban patriot and poet who died in 1895.

# New bricks to arrive in August

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duce the loss of sand to cracks in the concrete. It has been discovered from past projects, he said, that the bedding sand is washed into cracks, causing a void where the bricks will settle unevenly.

The commission approved an ordinance relating to the tap charge for new or upgraded electrical service for commercial and industrial accounts. The new ordinance says the city will pay one-half of the cost up to \$1,500 for commercial and industrial taps. The original ordinance said the city would pay up to \$1,500 of the cost of the tap.

They also decided to allow a curb and gutter and asphalt to be installed on the west side of Cattletail between 12th and 16th Streets. The land devel-

oper, building new apartments at the site, will be paying for this expense.

Two requests for home occupation special use permits were approved for Connie Johnson at 1502 Sherman and Dedra Sawyer at 804 Walnut to operate daycare centers.

The commissioners approved a charter ordinance, which repealed a previous charter ordinance that gave up to 4 mills for operation of the Goodland Public Library. Each mill was worth \$21,855, which brought in about \$87,420 for the library.

With the new ordinance, there would be no limit on the mill levy and the commissioners will have to determine each year how much money to give to the library.

The commissioners listened to the

third reading of two franchise agreements between the city and S&T Communications Inc. of Brewster.

They adopted one, allowing S&T to install a telecommunications system, but didn't adopt the other one for a cable television system, as it requires a public hearing.

The public hearing will be held at the next city commission meeting, which will take place at 5 p.m. on Monday, July 2. There is a 60-day waiting period after the adoption of the franchise agreements before the agreements can take effect.

The commissioners approved a motion to keep the liability insurance with Scottsdale Insurance for Steever Water Park for one year and look for another company in the meantime.

## Marijuana found after chase ends

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a.m. about a mile east of the west Goodland exit and attempted to pull her over. Whitson said Mills, who had her daughters, 4 and 6 years old, in the front seat, ignored the deputy and didn't stop until she reached Colby, where she pulled off the highway.

The sheriff said Colby police helped search the 2001 Chevrolet Impala Mills was driving, finding over four pounds of marijuana in one-pound bricks wrapped in cellophane.

Court records say Mills was charged with possession of a hallucinogenic drug with intent to sell, endangering a child, fleeing or attempting to elude a

police officer, speeding and no child restraint.

Her bond was set at \$10,000 and she is still being held at the Sherman County Bastille awaiting a preliminary hearing, scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Friday. Whitson said an aunt picked up the children, who were in foster care for two days, and took them back to California.

In another case, Whitson said Tami Skrdlant, 40, Sherman County, reported at 11:30 p.m. Wednesday that Leonard Barnes, 33, had held her against her will at his home, 1870 County Road 73, from Tuesday evening to Wednesday morning.

Court records say Barnes parked a pickup truck and tractor across both

ends of the road leading to and from his home. The sheriff said Barnes told Skrdlant he had taken pills that could be deadly.

Whitson said Barnes' grandmother was at his home, and officers were scared he or the grandmother would be hurt. He said he called for the Kansas Highway Patrol's special response team, and 14 officers from around the state started to make their way to Goodland.

After about five hours of watching the house, Whitson said, Undersheriff Kevin Butts was able to arrest Barnes and take him from the home about 5:30 a.m. He was charged with one count of kidnapping and is being held on \$10,000 bond.

## Deputy able to hold on, saves woman

WICHITA (AP) — A deputy sheriff who grabbed a suicidal woman's shirt as she jumped from a bridge says he thinks he had "a little guardian angel" over his shoulder.

Burkhead got to the bridge just after Maize police officer Doug Prier arrived.

A woman in her late 30s sat on a wide concrete railing at the center of the bridge. Her feet dangled over the water as she sat next to her car, parked on the northbound shoulder.

Burkhead lured her away from the edge. The woman walked to the driver's side of her car, with Burkhead following, concerned she would try to drive away.

Instead, she made a beeline for the side of the bridge.

Burkhead lunged after her, grasping the back of her shirt as she threw herself over the low railing.

Holding the woman's shirt with his right hand, Burkhead grabbed the concrete railing with his left hand as he toppled over the side.

He and the woman dangled for several seconds. Then his right wrist slammed against the bottom of the bridge and he realized he was going to drop the woman.

But before she slipped from his fingers, he managed to swing her away from the concrete bridge supports and toward deeper water.

Prier sprinted down to the riverbank and dived into the water, where he saved the woman who was conscious, but deliberately floating face-down.

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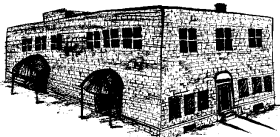
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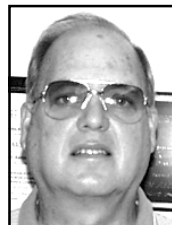
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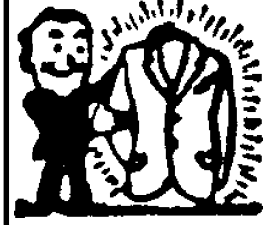
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