

City spends \$9,400 to explore sewer plant option

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The city sewer treatment plant needs an upgrade, and Monday the commissioners approved spending \$9,400 to have a company explore one option to building an expensive new plant.

Dave Delker of BeneTerra, a Pratt engineering and construction firm, presented a proposal for a feasibility study as a follow-up to a work session where the commissioners met with John Zupancic and Delker to hear about a potential solution to the plants problems.

Their approach involves building large lagoons for storage of the wastewater, and then using and irrigation system to pump the water onto fields of milo, feed corn and

alfalfa.

Dodge City has used this type of wastewater treatment for several years, the men said, and is south of the city.

Delker's proposal is to look at the present Goodland system and see if there is a way to pump the water north and east or west, where a series of lagoons could be built. He will also be looking for farm ground where they could pump the water out for irrigation.

The study will be done between May 19 and July 7. The outcome would be presented to the commissioner in the fall.

As part of the study, Delker said, they will study the current wastewater system, review possible sites, climatological data, storage re-

quirements and the option to lease or purchase the land.

The results will include a design cost assessment, construction costs estimates, and equipment, maintenance and operational costs.

He told the commissioners that unlike other firms they have had proposals from, BeneTerra is uniquely qualified to provide a practical, efficient and flexible system. BeneTerra would handle all phases of the project from the feasibility study through the design, construction and operational startup.

The commissioners were interested in seeing the results of the study on the basis that this option would cost about half of the estimated \$4 million to replace the cur-

rent sewage treatment plant.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard from City Manager Ron Pickman that the lift for the Carnegie Art Center is back to square one because of <a problem with the local representative for LINK Living ?<explain?>It seems the city has received a complaint against the company that the city had awarded a bid to buy and install a new lift for the center. Pickman said the company has withdrawn their bid, and the city is looking at other options. He said they have contacted the state attorney general's office for advice in handling the complaint.
- Approved renewal of the city's membership in the Nebraska Mu-

nicipal Power Pool at a cost of \$1,013 for a year. The renewal had been tabled at the previous meeting, but with the city trying to find alternative power sourcesm Pickman said he adn Ed Wolak, public works director, thought they should continue the membership.

- Discussed the sale of old city street bricks, and left it up to the staff to research this and bring a proposal back to the commission.

- Approved sponsoring a hole for \$100 for the upcoming Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter golf tournament. The commissioners agreed that the animal shelter people have been a great help in handling stray dog problems in the city, and deserved some support.
- Heard Commissioner John

Garcia report he had checked on the new stop signs on Cherry and 10th, and that the people felt they were working. On the other hand, Commissioner Chuck Lutters said he had several people tell him the signs should be removed.

- Went into executive session for 10 minutes to consider the possible acquisition of property. When they returned, they directed Pickman to continue the negotiations, and said that the matter may be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Approved bills totaling \$225,620.

The next meeting will be at 5 p.m. on Monday, May 19, in the commission room on the second floor of the City Administration Building, 204 W. 11th.

Goodland gets money to improve airport

U.S. Sen Sam Brownback announced Wednesday that the federal Department of Transportation has awarded Goodland a total of \$409,510 for improvements at Renner Field.

The grant will be used to upgrade and replace the taxiway and runway lighting for operational safety.

The Kansas Department of Transportation has announced that bids for replacement of the bridge

east of Kanorado will be opened on May 21 in Topeka.

The bridge is 14.5 miles west of Goodland on old U.S. 24, and Sherman County will be responsible for a part of the project cost and the engineering.

Replacing the bridge is expected to take about six months, and a detour is planned next to the existing bridge, so the road will not be closed.

Tri-State group to discuss water conservation here

The Tri-State Initiative for Economic Development will hold its quarterly meeting at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Sugar Hills Golf Club, hosted by the Sherman County Economic Development Council.

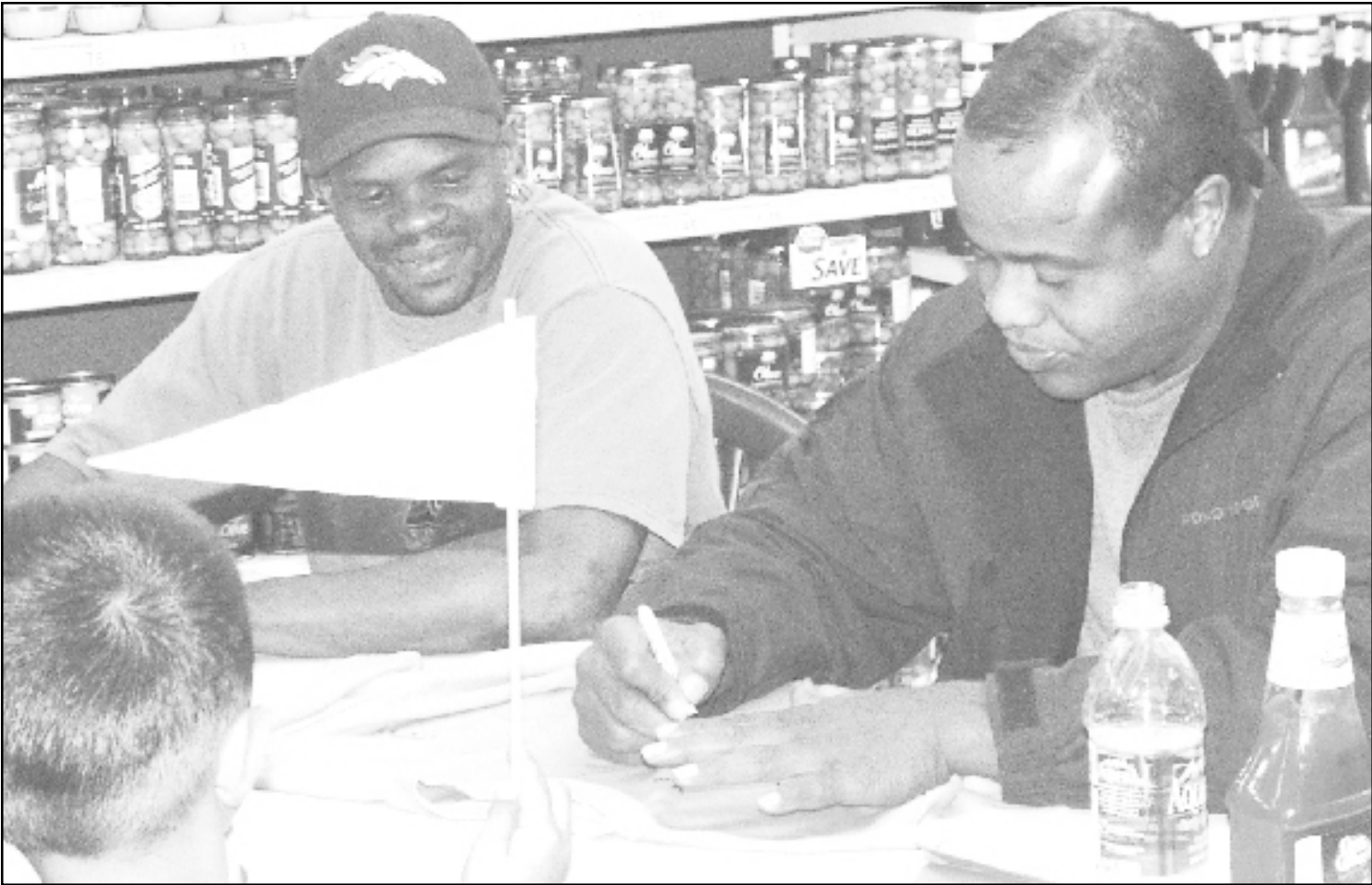
The day will be spent learning about water conservation, including talks by Freddie Lamm, professor and research irrigation engineer at Kansas State University; Wayne Bossert, manager of the northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District; and Jennifer Nelson of the

Groundwater Foundation.

The group will take a field trip with Marc Pottoroff of Hitchcock to see a sub-surface drip irrigation system. There will be a dutch-treat supper at 5 p.m. at the c lub.

The Tri-State Initiative, established in 1991, is an organization of individuals and agencies in northwest Kansas, northeast Colorado and southwest Nebraska, dedicated to preserving and enhancing the quality of life and the economy in the Tri-State Region.

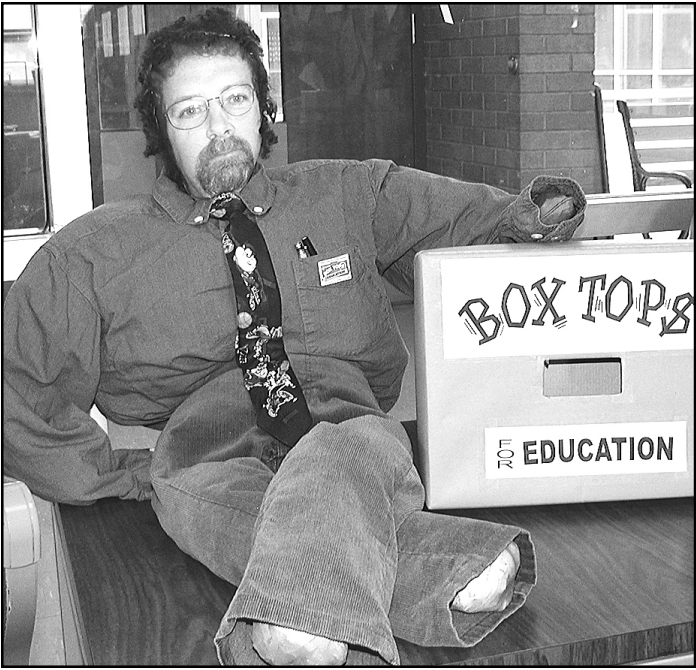
Broncos featured at grocery grand opening



Former Denver Bronco players Tyrone Braxton and Clarence Kay were a featured attraction Saturday, May 3, at the grand opening of the Super Foods store in Burlington, where they

signed all kinds of items for fans and kids.

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Mini-Raymer, a three-foot-tall stuffed replica of Principal Steve Raymer, guards to box-top receptacle in the North Elementary School office.

Students need boxtops to put principal on roof

Just 1,250 more boxtops, and North Elementary Principal Steve Raymer will be spending a night on the school's roof.

Raymer might escape his fate, though. The deadline for collecting the special General Mills boxtops is just two days away.

Yvonne Koehler, North secretary, said Monday that the school has collected 3,750 General Mills Boxtops for Education so far, but to put Raymer on the roof, they need 5,000. Double that, and he'll shave his head, too, but he isn't exactly in a lather yet.

Koehler said she has put out the word throughout the school district that they need help to reach the goal.

Raymer has agreed that if the 5,000 boxtops can be raised, he will

spend a night on the school roof. The principal says he is sure there is a secret stash of boxtops just waiting for the last moment.

Koehler said she knows there is a box with about 500 to come in by Thursday, and that they have not looked at the number of boxtops in the collections points at the city library or the First Christian Church.

She said she is receiving a good response from the public and hopes they will top the 5,000 by the deadline so that Raymer and his double, Mini-Raymer, will get to spend the night under the stars.

The General Mills program provides 10 cents for each boxtop, and meeting the goal will provide \$500 for the school.

Top baby names are Emily and Jacob

The top female and male baby names in the United States are Emily for a girl and Jacob for a boy, as compiled by the Social Security Administration.

In Kansas the top name for a girl is Madison while the boy matches the national with Jacob.

This figures are based on all Social Security card applications for children born last year.

Nationally, there are two repeat performers; Emily is still the top girl baby name and Jacob returns as the most popular boy name.

The top 10 boys and girls names for last year are:

Boys: Jacob, Michael, Matthew, Joshua, Christopher, Nicholas, Andrew, Joseph, Daniel and Tyler.

Girls: Emily, Hannah, Madison, Ashley, Sarah, Alexis, Samantha, Jessica Elizabeth and Taylor.

Emily and Jacob have become entrenched atop the list. Emily has been the most popular female name each year since 1996. Before that,

it was Jessica, which topped the list from 1989 to 1995.

Jacob has been the top male name since 1999. Prior to that, Michael was the most popular name each year from 1964 to 1998.

In Kansas, the top five boys and girls names for 2002 are:

Boys: Jacob (405), Michael (248), Tyler (239), Joshua (238) and Zachary (236).

Girls: Madison (277), Hannah (256), Emily (238), Taylor (181) and Alexis (171)

A list of the 1,000 most popular baby names for 2002, as well as the most popular baby names for each state, can be found by clicking the link to the Most Popular Baby Names at Social Security's newly redesigned website — <http://www.socialsecurity.gov>.

Social Security started compiling baby name lists in 1997. Today, the Social Security website offers lists of baby names for each year since 1880.

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Municipal Traffic

The following traffic fines have been paid in the Municipal Court:

April 14— Patrick L. Kernal, 40, of Goodland was fined \$136 for pedestrian under the influence and \$300 for battery on a law enforcement officer. He was also sentenced to five days in jail and credited for time served.

Jeremy E. Holm, 18, of Goodland was fined \$336 for no proof of insurance and \$40 for illegal registration.

April 17 — Danny Ray Fisher, 28, of Goodland was fined \$536 for battery, second offense. He was sentenced to five days in jail and a year

of unsupervised probation and was ordered to pay \$200 attorney fees.

April 18 — Michael R. Dennis, 21, of Burlington was fined \$76 for disobeying a stop sign.

April 21 — Orlando S. Gonzales, 25, of Goodland was fined \$46 for parking a disabled vehicle.

April 22 — Sherri Shuler of Goodland was fined \$46 for improper parking.

Heath A. Hill, 19, of Goodland was fined \$236 for minor in consumption of alcohol.

April 23 — Kevin P. Hatfield, 27,

of Goodland was fined \$436 for driving while suspended. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail and ordered to pay \$100 attorney fees.



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