

## Entrance finished

The front doors are back at the Goodland Public Library and people can get in the front door. Dependable Glass re-installed the doors. The benches were being put back last Friday.

The library board decided to replace the cement at the front because a couple of people had fallen and they didn't want anyone to get hurt, said Library Director Karen Gilliahan.

The library's hours are: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.



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## New member picked for board

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as a board member and 10) Any final thoughts.

The first to be interviewed was Tomsic, owner of Topside Office Products. Tomsic said he had 25 years of business management, had served on the boards of the Chamber of Commerce and the First Christian Church for ten years and had two kids going to school in the district.

Cochran, owner of Cochran Farm Supply, said he graduated from Goodland High School in 1985, got his Associate of Arts from Colby Community College and then went to the University of Northern Colorado. He said he has been very active in the 4-H programs and is also on the Sherman County Economic Development Board. Cochran said his parents were both teachers and that he had a daughter in school in the district.

Next was Slough, who works for S & T Telephone in sales and

marketing, who said he had lived in Goodland since 1991. He is involved with Sherman County Economic Development Board, Goodland Chamber of Commerce and the medical foundation. He has a son in school.

Bostwick said she had lived here 15 years and was a teacher in California. She said she loved children and would fight for kids to get education. Bostwick has two grandchildren.

After each of the candidates was interviewed Board President Wilkins thanked each one for applying and said that everyone of the candidates would do a good job.

Each of the board members had a paper ballot to place their top choice for the job on. Clerk Pat Juhl counted the votes. Tomsic got one, Cochran two, Slough three and Bostwick none.

Board member Dick Short nominated Slough for the job and Jane Philbrick seconded. Slough got the job 6-0.

## Keeping young people in community is focus of group

By Tom Betz  
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How to keep young people in our community was one of the planning areas identified at the Sherman County strategic planning session held at the technical college in August, and last Tuesday college officials proposed a scholarship program to help address keeping the young people here.

Bill Finley, director of support services and the endowment program for Northwest Kansas Technical College told the Sherman County Economic Development Council he had been at the planning session and was interested in how to keep the young people in the community.

"I am interested in this topic," Finley said. "I took the chairmanship for that committee."

"We recognize we need something to help retain our young people. We saw a 2.6 percent population decrease when I was in a strategic planning group 15 years ago."

Finley said he had been talking about this problem with the college staff, and was looking for a way to help keep the young people in the community.

"Scholarships have an impact on where people go to school," Finley

said, "and in many cases the students stay in that community."

He said Colby offers a tuition scholarship for Thomas County students, and as a community college have taxing authority to allow them to raise the money for this program.

"We at the tech college do not have that taxing authority," he said. "We have the endowment fund and can help through that, but we cannot match what Colby does dollar for dollar."

Finley said keeping students in the community is a part of economic development to provide an educated and available work force.

He introduced a financial scholarship program "Investing in the Future" designed to help retain Goodland graduates within the region and community.

"This program cannot guarantee lifetime retention," he said, "but it is a start where we could have them stay in our community for one or two years and some may stay here longer."

Finley said the college endowment has set up \$10,000 to encourage students to stay here at \$1,000 each per year. He said if they could get some help from the city and county the college could have

\$30,000 to use to help students stay closer to home.

Council member Jerry Fairbanks of First National Bank, asked how many Goodland High School students the college is getting now?

Ken Clouse, college president, said the college is getting about 20 to 25 each year.

"Some of those are coming back to the area," he said. "This plan is not just for the immediate graduates. We do want to keep those who have lived here all their lives."

"We know it works," Fairbanks said. "We have done this at the bank with some of our employees who we wanted to help, and it has worked and they have stayed."

Clouse said the \$10,000 is a commitment on the college's part, but that it is only seed money and a starting point to get the program started.

Dave Daniels, city commissioner, said if the college is already getting 25 would the scholarship program target a different group or be the same graduates.

"That is a good point," Clouse said. "We feel this is a beginning. We have not gone to the city or the county about this. Bill said he came from the strategic planning session and we are working on the idea."

## We Welcome the Vault Creamery!



The Goodland Star-News, The Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce and The Goodland Ambassadors congratulate and welcome The Vault Creamery to downtown Goodland!

Tim and Amy Isham moved to Goodland in 2005 from Bailey, Colo., and purchased the Leonard building at 921 Main Ave. Tim is a talented carpenter by trade and has his wood shop in the north half of the building and The Vault Creamery soda shop is in the south half.

The soda shop is old fashioned, created with the feel of an early 1900's ice cream parlor. They serve hard ice cream in different flavors depending on the week, soft-serve ice cream, sundaes, shakes, malts and sodas. Every soda is made by hand and no, they don't stir it with their finger! They use antique soda taps, which do not dispense syrup so you have a choice of 30 soda syrup flavors to choose from. They can make ice cream sodas, which are very popular! M&M's and peanuts, etc. can be added to the shakes, malts and ice cream sodas.

They mix the shakes and malts on an old style malt mixer and build them to order. The Vault Creamery offers sandwiches and

as the weather turns colder, they will have soups on hand to warm the soul.

Thomas and Kate Leonard were real estate agents and had founded the city of Itasca. When the county seat was moved to Goodland, the Leonard's purchased the first two lots, situated on the northeast corner of 10th and Main.

Leonard moved a two-story wood frame hotel from Itasca and placed it on the south lot. He then built a brick office building on the north lot. It was constructed very similar to the hotel with two stories, plate glass windows with two halves for two businesses. There was a fire in the hotel on Aug. 14, 1902 that destroyed the hotel and the brick building to the north as well as other buildings.

There was no vault in the brick building but only a small safe. The safe did not survive but the contents did and since the Leonard's were abstractors and had titles and other important documents, they decided to build a fireproof vault

in the new building. The building has been home to many businesses since then. To mention a few, it has been a grocery, newspaper, furniture store and post office (1905-1935).

Tim and Amy are the fifth owners of the building since 1889. The Leonard's sold their abstracting business to Jesse Teeters and Teeters Abstract is still in business in Goodland today with Annette Fairbanks at the helm.

Tim, Amy and their staff would like to extend a sincere invitation to anyone who loves ice cream to come in and sit for a spell, enjoy an old-fashioned ice cream soda and visit. The Vault Creamery is located at 921 Main Street in downtown Goodland. Their phone number is (785) 890-7001. The Vault Creamery is open Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Winter hours will be similar, but they will gauge their hours with customer traffic.

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## A New Star on the Horizon



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## Goodland Skate Park Donation Auction

Sponsored by Shine On Sherman County Youth Committee

**Where:** 17th Cherry (Steever Park) Skate Park location

**When:** October 4 at 10 A.M.

**Auctioneer:** Tom Harrison (donated his time and talents)

**Donations** can be called in anytime to committee members. Items will be picked up or donated items can also be brought on the day of sale, before 9:30 A.M.

Call: members on committee:

Connie Livengood: (785) 899-3482;

Kim Bohme: (785) 821-2993;

Iris Scheopner: (785) 899-6454;

Dana Belshe: (785) 890-6153;

Wendy Wellman: (785) 899-9213;

Shelly Angelos: (785) 899-6318.



**Refreshments will be available.**

Items already donated: lamps, shelving, small refrigerator, air purifier for room, knick-knacks, stereo, etc.