

## Candidate brings 'plan' to town

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A native of Quinter, Tracey Mann, is considered one of the top three of the seven Republicans running in the upcoming August primary to replace Congressman Jerry Moran in the First District.

Mann was in Goodland on Tuesday as he and his wife, Audrey, were making stops in a 12-county swing through the northwest part of the 69-county district.

He said he was trying to get to as many places in the district as he could. He likes to meet the people living in the district and to listen to what they have to say.

Mann was part of the candidate forum on Monday at Fort Hays State University where

all of the candidates answered questions and gave their reason for being the better candidate.

Mann feels he is one of the top candidates, and that his business and agriculture background set him apart from the rest of the field.



Mann

Mann grew up on a farm at Quinter and attended Kansas State University where he was elected student body president. He graduated with a bachelors degree in Agricultural Economics.

He said after college he moved to Salina where he started a career in commercial real estate.

"I currently serve as Vice President and Director of Industrial Sales and Leasing for Zimmer Real Estate Services of Salina," he said. "I've represented and advised hundreds

of businesses from multiple Fortune 500 companies to smaller start-up companies in Kansas that have been an integral part of the economic development in our state."

Mann believes his business background is a good basis for facing the problems in Washington.

He has the "Mann Plan" and one of the first things he says is it is time to quit promoting politicians and elect more people with business and agricultural experience.

Mann says the country is in a financial mess, and that a similar situation faces the people of Kansas. He noted two of his opponents, Jim Barnett and Tim Huelskamp are in the state legislature and are having trouble handling the state finances.

On health care, Mann feels it needs to be changed. He said it might be tough to repeal the law, but it will be up to Congress to modify

the law and work to help the rural hospitals, doctors and pharmacists deal with the changes and to see that Medicare does not get cut to hurt rural hospitals.

He said there are more hospitals in the First District than any other district in the country.

In his plan, Mann says one of the best ways to reform Congress is to pass term limits, and feels that would help reduce the professional politicians and give more people an opportunity to serve.

The plan covers reforming Congress; fixing healthcare; stop growth of federal government, debt and deficits; promote economic growth; tax relief to create jobs; agriculture; immigration; and preserving Kansas common sense values.

For more information on Mann and his plan go to [www.mannforcongress.com](http://www.mannforcongress.com).

## Planning finalized for riders

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The XXII Annual Run for The Wall will be spending a night in Goodland on Saturday, May 22, and plans are being finalized for welcoming the motorcycle riders.

Jo Ann Wahrman, who has been part of the ride for five years, has been helping organize the overnight program.

She said Wednesday most of the details have been worked out. She said the group could always use more money, and could use more volunteers to help feed the riders on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

She said people are being encouraged to greet the riders by gathering with flags on the overpass over I-70 at County Road 17 west of Goodland about 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 22, to wave at the riders when they arrive from the west.

Citizens are encouraged to line and show their flags along Eighth Street and Caldwell Ave., as the riders come into town. She said when the large group arrives getting gas will be the first part of the agenda. She said it will probably take about half an hour to gas the bikes before they have a police escort up K-27 to Eighth and then to Caldwell and up to Armory Road about 6 p.m.

At the armory, Wahrman said

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## Mother Nature paints with vibrant colors



Driving down Caldwell Ave. has been a real pleasure over the past couple of weeks with the beautiful flowers grown by Tim McGraff on the corner of 11th and Caldwell Ave. The flowers have survived the winds and chilly temperatures of the past week, but with a

chance for frost this weekend the flowers may have reached their zenith. The National Weather Service office in Goodland is calling for a chance of showers over the weekend, and for the highs to be in the 60s with lows in the low 30s.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

## School district gets teacher training money from state

By Pat Schiefen

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Superintendent Shelly Angelos shared the news that the Goodland School District will receive a school improvement grant of \$231,289 from the Kansas Department of Education at the regular school board meeting on Monday night.

The grant will provide money for teachers to receive more training on the new reading curriculum, the multi-tier system of supports, professional learning communities, positive behavior support and

instructional frame work.

Teachers will be paid to receive training, plus their fees, food and rooms when they attend workshops. During the year, the teachers will receive support from Southwest Plains Regional Service Center at Garden City.

Four students were approved for the Junior/Senior option that allows them to attend Northwest Tech while they are attending Goodland High School. High school principal Sharon Gregory said the students went through a rigorous interview

process before being recommended. Chris Millam was approved to take the cosmetology program. Alistar Lopez and Kendra Promise will take the medical assistant program and Matthew West will do automotive tech.

In other business the board:

- Approved the moth balling of North Elementary School after school is out in May.

- Gave permission to district maintenance supervisor Kenny Studer to seek bids on getting the parking lot north of Goodland High

School done in either asphalt or concrete.

- Selected Bankwest as the official depository for 2010 to 2012.
- Paid \$22,197 in bills.

- Accepted the retirement of first grade teacher Patty Thompson; German and English high school teacher Elaine Felver; Grant Junior High School physical education teacher Jerry McKee; junior high family and consumer science teacher Gwen Cebula; and Central Elementary paraprofessional Barb Graber.

- Accepted the resignation of junior high football, wrestling and track coach Greg Craig and Central Elementary fourth grade teacher Jona Neufeld.

- Accepted the contract of Mary Porterfield as part time Spanish teacher at the high school.

- Hired Becky Schulte to head the lunch program and handle payroll.
- Had no student matters or negotiations to discuss.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 10, at the administration building, 1312 Main.

## City asked to endorse art in park easel program

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Looking at beautifying the city the commissioners were asked to endorse a grant application to create an outdoor art project in Gulick Park as part of a plan to bring more people downtown.

Rev. Travis Blake of the First Baptist Church and a member of the Shine on Sherman County Beautification Committee, spoke to the commissioners on April 19, about the art project and other ways to improve the beauty of the downtown and entrances.

"I have been here about five years," Blake said. "One of the things that Goodland doesn't have is an ease of access to downtown."

"The first impression of coming into town is what we have to deal with for people to move to town. The challenge is taking advantage of

the Interstate traffic and how we draw them into the community and then into the heart of the community.

"One thing I believe is we need to understand the community story. We are a welcome mat for Kansas. Some people view themselves as a door mat for those going through.

"People know a town by the things they have, like the Greensburg Well. We have the potential to have the largest outdoor art gallery.

"I am not sure how I feel about the VanGogh painting, but I think there have to be some inexpensive ways to take advantage of the painting being here."

He said the arts council is working on a grant to put up a piece of prairie art in Gulick Park, and suggested having more art would be a way for those who stop at the big painting to

drive into town to see what other things there are in the community.

"I do not want to over bill it," he said. "We do have some things like a downtown art walk. If we get people to drive downtown as they drive around they get a good impression of the city. It is like the Norman Rockwell atmosphere. We have that here."

Blake said there are some existing murals and the city doesn't have to reinvent everything to make this beautification happen. He said the arts council is working on a tutoring class for the kids. He said the plan would create five downtown murals if the grant application is approved.

He said the beautification committee is asking for the commission consideration, and needs approval to put the prairie art in Gulick Park. He said the city needs to approve the

easel to be put in the park.

Getting back to the VanGogh painting, Blake said he feels the city ought to do an application for mobile devices about the painting and a map of Goodland. He mentioned doing a historical home tour.

"We already get visitors further into our town with the painting," he said. "We need to have more help as we need more than the five mural spots we have. We need to create an identity that we can use the assets. These are simple ideas to get people into town."

"Lot of other ideas of how to use art and give people something else to do to bring people into town."

He said the beautification committee is working on the planters for the intersection

### weather report

58°  
noon

Thursday

Today

• Sunset, 7:40 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 5:48 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:41 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 52 degrees

• Humidity 43 percent

• Sky clear and sunny

• Winds northwest 6-17 mph

• Barometer 29.35 inches

and falling

• Record High today 96° (1992)

• Record Low today 14° (1907)

Last 24 Hours\*

High Wednesday 86°

Low Wednesday 42°

Precipitation none

This month 2.07

Year to date 4.60

Above normal 1.18 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly cloudy with a 20

percent chance of showers after

noon, a high near 58, winds breezy

out of the northwest at 15 to 30 mph

and a low around 32. Saturday:

Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent

chance of showers after noon, a high

near 59, winds out of the northwest at

10 mph and a low around 36.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a 20

percent chance of showers, a

high near 59 and a low around 39.

Monday: Mostly cloudy with a 20

percent chance of showers, a high

near 61 and a low around 40.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

### local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$4.03 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.92

Corn — \$3.10 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.32

Milo — \$2.86 bushel

Soybeans — \$8.89 bushel

Posted county price — \$9.26

Millet — \$5 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$15.35 cwt.

Confection — \$28/\$15 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)

(Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta,

Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean.

These may not be closing figures.)

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### Cowboys play Larned

A fly to right field put an end to the Cougars in the first inning. The Cowboys won 11-9. The Cowboys play at 2 p.m. today at Memorial Field against Larned. See story, photo on Page 11.

