

Commissioners approve appointment, gas tank

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Sherman County commissioners approved appointments to the rural fire board and the Economic Development Council on Tuesday and agreed to have a special gas tank built for the building superintendent's pickup.

John Garcia, chairman of the economic development council, and Carolyn Applegate, economic development director, asked the commissioners to bless the appointment of Shelly Thompson to replace President Cara Daise as the representative from Bankwest.

Garcia said the council had approved the appointment at the last meeting. He said Daise had suggested Thompson, who is the secretary to the board at the bank, as a replacement because she was finding it difficult to make the meetings.

Thompson would serve the remainder of Daise's present term, until December.

The commissioners said they had no problem with the appointment, approving it on a 2-0 vote with Commissioner Chuck Thomas absent.

Applegate said the county needs to consider reappointing the micro loan review board because of the six month extension of the program. She said a third loan, for JK Radiator, has been approved, and a fourth is being considered this week.

Rasure said the county will need a micro loan board as payments come in and the money can be loaned out again. Reappointment of the micro loan board will be on the agenda for the next meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, March 23.

Applegate said that Don Ballek of the state Department of Commerce and Housing was at the meeting. He helped citizens and board members develop a series of action plans for economic development.

The commissioners unanimously ap-

proved appointment of Kenny Sanderson of Helena Chemical to the rural fire board for a 3-year term, replacing Tom Rohr, of Dependable Glass, whose term expired. Rohr had served on the board for nine years.

Crystal Wright, supervisor of the county computer system, talked to the commissioners about a problem that had surfaced with departments purchasing software.

Wright said the county Health Department was trying to update its anti-virus software and she had told them they had to buy a separate license for each computer. She said she had checked with other departments on this and had discussed it with road and bridge.

She gave the commissioners copies of computer policies from other counties and the existing one for Sherman County for them to review. Commissioners said they felt the current policy was fine.

The commissioners approved paying up to \$590 for a specially built a split gas tank

for building supervisor William McKnight's county pickup.

The tank would be divided in half and fit in the back of the pickup to hold gas for the mower and diesel for the tractor, with hand pumps on each tank.

Tiede said he had checked the bids McKnight had received, and felt they were a bit high for what was needed. He had called Hitchcock, Inc. about building a special tank and then purchasing the hand pumps from Orscheln Farm & Home Supply.

The tank would cost \$350 and the pumps would be \$120 each.

Rasure said he could live with the \$590 price, and made a motion to approve. Tiede seconded and it passed 2-0.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved the weekend of Sept. 18-19 for a special demolition derby being organized by J.J. Howard, who works for Larry White. He said he hopes to draw 50-100 cars

with a first prize of \$3,000. The commissioners asked Howard about insurance, and he said he has got that covered, and that he would be getting his information out soon. He can be reached at 899-3198 or 821-2172.

- Agreed to update county cell phones that are currently not in use, and to give one to Applegate to use when she is on the road.

- Tiede said he had seen the new noxious weed truck with a box built at Farris Manufacturing. He said it looked good and the truck is in Wichita to have equipment installed.

- Approved signing the renewal of the Community Lake Assistance Program agreement with the state for Smoky Gardens, which allows the local board to apply for grants.

- Approved a bid from B & B Electric for two utility outlets in the courthouse boiler room at a cost of \$77.

- Approved mid-month bills totaling \$93,830 plus utility bills expected this week.

Names released of two passengers killed in accident near Levant

By Tisha Cox

Colby Free Press

Two people killed in a wreck on Interstate-70 Wednesday near the Levant exit have been identified as Mexican nationals.

The Kansas Highway Patrol reported Thursday that two people, not three, died in the wreck and there were 10 passengers in the Dodge Caravan when it rolled, not nine as first reported.

Guadalupe Duran, 26, died at Citizens Medical Center in Colby and Gomez P. Martinez, 25, died at the scene of the accident. He was taken to Harrison Chapel in Colby.

The white 1997 Dodge Caravan,

driven by Angel Garcia-Perez, 35, of Atlanta, was eastbound on I-70 when the vehicle struck the guardrail at mile marker 43 and rolled, coming to rest in the south ditch facing north.

The other passengers in the van were Flora Osario-Velasquez, 26; Ines Alfredo Duran, 16; Gloria Garcia-Duran, 7; Gomez P. Martinez, 25; and Eberto D. Diaz-Mendoza, 17, all of Mexico; Jose A. Esquinca-Perez, 28, and Jimenez J. Elavisto, 30, of South Carolina; and Mary N. Tello, 23, of Chicago.

Garcia-Perez, the driver, and the other passengers were taken to Citizens Medical Center and later five

of the passengers were airlifted by Eagle Med for treatment elsewhere. Diaz-Mendoza who was flown to Swedish Medical Center in Denver.

None of the occupants was wearing a seat belt, the patrol said.

Don Denton of Butch's Body Shop in Colby looked over a Dodge van wrecked in a fatal accident Wednesday morning. Ten passengers were in the van when it struck a guardrail and rolled on I-70 near the Levant interchange.

Photo by Tisha Cox
Colby Free Press



Kiwanis honors charter member for 54 years' service

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News

Tuesday, March 9, 2004, was proclaimed as Clarence J. Scheopner Day in Goodland in honor of the Goodland Kiwanis Club's only lifetime charter member.

Scheopner was honored at the weekly Kiwanis luncheon Tuesday for his 54 years of service to the Kiwanis and to Sherman County. City Manager Ron Pickman read the proclamation signed by Mayor Rick Billinger.

Scheopner was cited for his faithful service to the Kiwanis, including terms as president and vice president, and his involvement in years of fund-raising activities. He was honored for his lifelong commitment to family, church and especially to the developmentally challenged children and adults of northwest Kansas.

The proclamation called Scheopner the patriarch of the Goodland Kiwanis and points to how his dedication inspired a second and third generation of Scheopners to be active in the Kiwanis.

The club honored Scheopner by contributing \$1,000 to the Kiwanis International's worldwide service project dedicated to eliminating iodine deficiency disorder, the leading cause of preventable mental retardation in children. As a result, Scheopner received membership in the George F. Hixson Fellowship of the Kiwanis International Foundation.



Clarence Scheopner (right) received a medallion from Kiwanis International District 12 Lt. Gov. Dee Ann Matheson on Tuesday, signifying his membership in the George F. Hixson Fellowship of the Kiwanis International Foundation. Looking on is Eric Yonkey, president of the Goodland Kiwanis Club.

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George Hixson was the first president of Kiwanis International in 1916, and remains the only person to serve two terms in that position.

District Gov. Marc Potter and Division 12 Lt. Gov. Dee Ann Matheson were on hand to help pay tribute to Scheopner.

President Eric Yonkey said the Goodland club arranged to have Scheopner's favorite meal served

and to have his family and friends there to share the celebration. Also on hand was Les Frazier of Goodland, also a charter member of the club.

The club inducted three new members Tuesday, Dan Rasure,

candidate for District 40 state senator; Art Lovington, of Harvest America and a candidate for Sherman County sheriff; and Bruce Gleason, director of the Northwest Kansas Emergency Medical Service.

School board tours stadium to view need for remodeling

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Bahe were going to a national high school wrestling tournament in Cleveland.

In other business, the board:

- Switched the location of the March 22 board meeting from North Elementary to the district office. The board will meet at North on April 26.

- Voted unanimously, with one member absent, to approve the 2003-2004 school budget as amended and republished.

- Voted unanimously to hire Selby as superintendent for the 2004-2005 school year. His salary will be determined later. He has been the superintendent since the 1994-1995 school year

- Accepted the resignation of

Brian Bolling as a custodian at Max Jones Fieldhouse effective last Wednesday. Hired Jeanette White as a library technician at the high school effective March 3, and Mario Hernandez as a custodian at the fieldhouse effective March 22.

The next meeting will be 7 p.m. Monday, March 22, at the district office, 1312 Main Ave.

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student of the week



Family and Consumer Science Department is pleased to honor Lea.

Student Comment: I will always remember all of the great times spent with friends. Nothing will ever replace the memories.

Activities involved in at school: FCCLA, Stuco and X-Pressos

My choice of movies, books, and games: Stand By Me, The Monster Squad, Moulin Rouge, Chicago. All types of music. Books by Danielle Steel. Hi-Ho Cherry-O.

After I leave Goodland High School I intend to: go to the University of Kansas and major in Pharmacy.

And 10 years from now, I think I'll be: happily married with a family and a career.

Favorite Quote: "No matter how big or soft or warm your bed is, you still have to get out of it." Grace Slick

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321 Broadway	6610 Rd 10 (U/C)	2892 Rd 64
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