

# Symmetrical design chosen

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The replacement of the brick intersections at 11th and 12th and Main is a year away, but the city commission Tuesday took a step forward to get the designs ready.

At the previous meeting, the commissioners decided they liked the middle option on "bulb-out" designs for the corners, where curb and sidewalk extend out to the traffic lanes at the ends of a block. Tuesday engineer Darin Neufeld presented them with drawings showing options for how the bulb-outs could look.

The options included an angled, square or symmetrical look. The commissioners opted for the symmetrical design because it appeared

to fit in better.

Neufeld said the bulb-outs will be done in gray concrete with some brick, but the final designs are to be completed later this year. Construction should be next spring.

He told the commissioners there might be a loss of a parking place on each corner, but he was not sure how many.

Commissioner John Garcia suggested changing the parking spaces width, if possible, to keep from losing any spaces.

Neufeld said he would work on that, and try to keep the same number of parking spaces where possible. He said the possible loss of spaces would be in front of the theater, Jacques's Hallmark, the old

Alco store and in front of United Brokerage.

He said he would refine the design selected by the commissioners and bring it back for approval.

Neufeld said a pre-construction meeting with the airport contractor will be Tuesday, and if the material has arrived, work on the runway lighting project will begin next week.

Mayor Rick Billinger asked about the Pioneer Park project.

Neufeld said the plans have been sent back from the state Department of Transportation in Topeka, but he has not had a chance to look at the them. He said he will do so later this week or next to see if they are ready to go to bid.

# Two run for county treasurer

## Employee seeks to replace her boss

**SCHEOPNER, from Page 1**

Scheopner was born in Burlington, Colo., and started her life just north of Stratton. When she was in second grade, her family moved to Goodland, where she graduated from high school. After school, she went on to earn an associate's degree in business from Friends University in Wichita, a Quaker college.

She then worked in banking in Denver for six years. After she and her first husband, Ken Bennetts, had children, she ran a day care in her home. She later worked as a teacher aide for six years at North School before taking the job with

the county.

She had been married to Bennetts for 20 years when he died in a car accident in 2001 and has been married to Joe Scheopner for about a year and a half.

She has three children from her first marriage, William, 22, who is attending Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa; Lisa, 20, also attending Palmer; and Laura, 19, attending Colby Community College. She has two step-children, Abby, 20, attending Kansas State University in Manhattan, and Rita, 22, a recent Fort Hays State University graduate who will begin teaching in Burlingame this fall.

In her campaign, Scheopner has been placing signs in yards around town.

"I'm getting positive responses," she said. "A lot of people know who I am. Everybody has to come into the courthouse once or twice a year."

She plans to get her name out even more when she participates in a forum on July 20 held by the Sherman County Farm Bureau. On Aug. 3, election day, Scheopner said she will be at home waiting by the phone to hear the results.

Her campaign slogan: "Vote for experience. Vote for Iris Scheopner."

# City hears economic update

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who is seeking to bring a business or expand a business in Sherman County."

In the package given to commissioners are charts showing the increase in the traffic on both I-70 and K-27. The figures on I-70 show that traffic heading west increased by 4.5 percent while the eastbound remained the same as the year before. Figures for the two Goodland exits showed increases of 10 percent at the west exit (17) and 58 percent at the east exit (19).

Traffic on K-27 has shown an increase over the last year, with 21 percent more going north and 3 percent going south.

Fifteen new businesses have opened in the county in the first six months of this year with an increase of 73 jobs, the report says, and in that time six businesses have closed with a loss of 10 jobs.

The presentation includes figures showing the strength index for Sherman County compared to Ellis, Thomas and Norton counties for the 10 years from 1993-2003. The figures are from a report on prosperity of Kansas for Kansas State University Ag Economic Research by Sreedhar Upendram and David Darling.

In the report, Sherman is listed as one of the top 10 in the state. The strength index ranks Sherman at seventh with a score of 2.99, ahead of Sedgwick (2.94) and McPherson (2.93). Thomas County has a

strength index rating of 2.67 and Norton is 2.53. Number 3 in the state is Ellis County with a rating of 3.17.

Over the 10 years, Sherman County has risen from about 2.8 in 1993 to a high of nearly 3.0 in 1996. Sherman's index dropped back to 2.8 by 2001, but has increased to 2.9 in the past two years.

Thomas County was at 2.7 in 1993, reached a high point of 2.9 in 1995, and has been falling each year since to the 2.67 mark in 2003.

Applegate said the economic development office continues to work on many projects, including the control city application, which has been forwarded by the state to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials subcommittee. They are working with Congressman Jerry Moran on establishing a veterans outreach clinic at Goodland Regional Medical Center.

She said the office worked with four qualified buyers for the Howard Johnson's property, which is now under new management and working to complete remodeling and expansion plans.

The office has worked with the school district to help them get the Edison gym on the eBay auction site, she said, and that there are over 50 "open files" on new or expanding businesses.

After Applegate's presentation, Steve West, a member of the council from Western State Bank, gave each commissioner a copy of the

council's proposed budget for next year.

"I believe we have been good stewards of the money," West said. "We are asking for money to keep the program moving. I believe we are doing well for having been open for less than two years, and that the third and fourth years will be even better."

Mayor Rick Billinger asked if there were any questions from the commissioners. Commissioner Chuck Lutters said he appreciated the efforts of the office.

"I think you have lots of push to bring people here," he said.

No other members asked any questions.

Council members present were Randy Schoenthaler of People's State Bank, Shelly Thompson of Bankwest, Kim Bohme, council treasurer from Miller's Electronics, and Patty Eckhardt, council secretary, of the Farm Service Agency office.

City Commissioner John Garcia of Garcia's Furniture and Appliance is the council chairman and Commissioner Dave Daniels, a self-employed rental owner, is the vice-chairman. Both were elected to the commission after helping form the economic development agency.

**WRIGHT, from Page 1**

to supervise the office, including managing employees, working with the public and acting as a liaison between her office and county commissioners.

"It takes all of the offices working together to get things done," she said. "For me, I look at myself as being another piece of that."

The county treasurer collects county taxes, issues driver's licenses and tags and registers vehicles. They also provide tax information to abstract companies.

Along with managing the office, she will be managing the county's money through investments.

Although she doesn't have any experience with investments, Wright said Shelby Miller, the current county treasurer, is willing to help her learn. She said she plans to start by reviewing Miller's choices to see which ones work. She also contacted Mickey Billinger, Ellis County treasurer, who will help her make investment decisions.

"I want to get the best investment for the county's money," she said. "I like a challenge."

Wright started out in the appraiser's office, where she spent

four years. She then moved to the clerk's office, where she is computer manager, payroll clerk and deputy clerk. She works closely with the treasurer's office and with the public doing tax abstracts and collecting solid waste taxes.

"I know how (county tax) works from the beginning to the end," she said.

Wright is currently going to school to earn an associate's degree in business through outreach classes from Colby Community College. She has taken several training classes through the county, and in college she has taken mostly accounting classes.

Wright is running for the office as a Republican, replacing Miller, a Democrat.

"I feel like I'm a pretty Republican person," she said. "I believe in being Republican."

A Scott City native, she has lived in Goodland since 1991.

"I call Goodland home," she said. "I really do like Goodland."

Her father, Harold, and much of her extended family still lives in Scott City.

"I come from a very large family," she said. "I'm very family oriented."

She was divorced last year after 12 years of marriage. She said the divorce made her decide to go back to school.

In her off time, Wright does book-keeping for several small businesses in town.

For fun, she likes being in the outdoors, spending time with friends and reading.

So far, she has placed signs in yards across town, and run advertisements in the newspaper and on cable television to raise awareness of her candidacy. She said talking to voters and has been the best part of putting up signs.

Her campaign slogan is "Vote 'Wright' for Knowledge and Experience."

She said she welcomes questions through phone calls or personal visits. She plans to be at a Sherman County Farm Bureau forum on July 20 to answer questions from voters.

The election is set for Aug. 3, with advanced voting to start July 20. Wright said she will be working the night of election and she hopes that will keep her less concerned about the results.

"I'm really excited," she said. "The closer it gets, the more anxious I get. If I win, that is great...."

# City honors players, coach, band members headed for 13st Shrine Bowl on July 31

A coach, a football player and four members of the Goodland High School band are headed for the 31st Shrine Bowl on Saturday, July 31 at Emporia State University.

Tuesday, the City Commission honored the Goodland participants, and Mayor Rick Billinger signed a proclamation naming July 31 as Shrine Bowl Day and listing the names of the Goodland citizens participating.

The day will honor Goodland Coach Tony Diehl, who will be the West coach; Jordan Bedore, who is one of 40 high school seniors elected to play in the statewide all-star game; and band members Craig Mason, Jeff Moore, Lea Shores and D.J. Sparks, who will participate in band camp and joint performance.

Art Nelson, representing the Goodland Shrine Club, thanked the mayor and commission for recognizing these young people and the

Diehl as a special team coach.

He said the band members are among 225 from around the state who will be participating in the band camp who will perform on Friday night before the game and at halftime that Saturday.

Nelson said they will be holding a send-off for the students and coach at 8 a.m. on Friday, July 16, at the Goodland Chamber of Commerce office.

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius has proclaimed July 31 as Shrine Bowl Day, Nelson added. The Shrine Bowl is sponsored by the five Shrine Centers of Kansas, Abdallah of Overland Park, Arab of Topeka, Isis of Salina, Midian of Wichita and Mirza of Pittsburg.

The Shrine Bowl is an All-Star Football game highlighting the performance of the top seniors in the state, and promoting the philanthropic efforts of the Shrine Club.

The Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America for over 80 years has treated over 650,000 children with orthopedic disabilities, and in recent years thousands of severely

burned children through its Burn Institute.

## matters of record

**Real Estate**

The following real estate transactions were reported by the Sherman County Register of Deeds:

Kevin C. and Brenda S. Ross and Terry A. and Sylvia D. Ross to Terry A. and Sylvia D. Ross one-half of all interest in the 11 feet seven inches off the north side of Lot 14, all of Lot 15, Block 51, Original Town of Goodland.

Dareld L. and Carolyn J. Dizmang, of Guadalupe County, Texas, to Ginny A. and Brent W. Linin, trustees of the Ginny A. Linin Trust, an undivided one-half interest in and to the NW/4, Sec. 36, T8S, R40W.

Dareld L. and Carolyn J. Dizmang, of Guadalupe County, Texas, to Brent W. and Ginny A. Linin, trustees of the Brent W. Linin Trust, an undivided one-half interest in and to the NW/4, Sec. 36, T8S, R40W.

Kevin C. and Brenda S. Ross and Terry A. and Sylvia D. Ross to Jennifer Petracich, Lots 5 and 6, and the

north 15 feet of Lot 7, Block 10, Third Addition to the City of Goodland.

Roger R. and Melissa L. Zweygardt to Grace E. Zweygardt, trustee of the Grace E. Zweygardt Revocable Trust, an undivided one-fifth interest in and to Sec. 7, T6S, R42W.

Don L. and Darlene A. Hall, of Garfield County, Okla., to Marthana M. Zallar a tract of land in Sec. 21, T8S, R40W.

Dennis F. and Kimberly J. Franklin, of Rawlins County, to James Andrew and Angela K. Rohlman the S/2 of Lot 3, all of Lot 4, Block 37, Beahm's Addition to the City of Goodland.

Glaude and Roger B. Graybill, co-administrators of the estate of Jared S. Graybill, to Arnold L. and Lori K. Graybill all of Sec. 9, T6S, R42W; the S/2, Sec. 17, T6S, R42W; the NE/4, Sec. 19, T6S, R42W; and the NW/4, Sec. 20, T6S, R42W.

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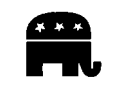
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