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## Little River makes street improvements

**By Ryan Carlson**

Trying to pay for street improvements can be a difficulty for many small towns across Kansas as budgets get tighter.

For Little River the difficulties of budgeting were partially lifted through a grant by Kansas Department of Transportation and the Little River Community Foundation. In total the cost of the project is \$740,573.77 with \$215,573 from the foundation, \$475,000 from the state and \$50,000 from the city.

The project came about after city council members Lucas Raleigh, John Tietjens and Jessie Godfrey went to a Main Street Sterling meeting and heard about a KDOT grant. After that, an engineer appeared at a city council meeting and presented Godfrey and the other council members with potential projects that they could do with various streets in the community. "We told him we were interested in doing a revitalization project and he brought it back with a few

grants," said Godfrey.

Initially the entire brick street was also part of the project. However, city council members took it out because it doubled the cost of the project. "Those two blocks are also probably the best part of Main Street," said Godfrey.

Godfrey said these changes have been needed for a long time. She feels the changes will be very good for the town. She said grants such as the two received by Little River are hugely important for small communities across Kansas. "The grants are huge for small towns and any towns. They are definitely a great thing to have," said Godfrey.

Godfrey said the project will provide some much needed updates to the city. Some of these include a brick accent to the sidewalks, new street lights, benches and trash cans to spruce up the downtown district.

Godfrey said Alber Park will also get some attention. The entire park is set to be relandscaped. She said other possible

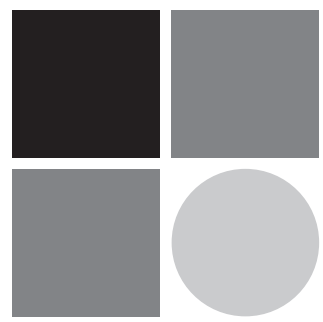
changes include moving the gazebo in the park.

In additions to revitalization for the streets, Godfrey said there is a planned website for the city of Little River. That website is going to be created through the Little River Chamber of Commerce. While the chamber has had a website for some time, Godfrey said the website for the city is huge because they have never had one before. "It will take on the entire city with a page for the city and schools. People will be able to go to it for anything," said Godfrey.

The chamber is planning a dinner for March 12, catered by Olivers Beef and Brew. At the dinner individuals will be able to see what is happening around the city. There are corporate and individual tables available. February 1 tickets will be available for everyone to purchase. They are expected to cost \$50 for a person and \$90 for a couple. "We hope to continue on projects into the future," said Godfrey.

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