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 (R to L) Tim Staton, City of Pleasanton Director of Operations and Steve Ellis, President of Labette Bank, congratulate Doug and Becky Grant, owners of Cookee's Drive-In, on improvements the duo made to the building with the funding from the Main Street Beautification Loan Program made available through a partnership between the city and Labette Bank in an effort to revamp the city's main thoroughfares.



Cookee's first to take beautification loan

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PLEASANTON - On July 7 announcements were made at a Pleasanton council meeting that Labette Bank had agreed to set aside funding for low-interest, unsecured loans for Main Street businesses to refresh and refurbish.

Doug and Becky Grant, the owners of Cookee's Drive-In, did just that.

"Tim Staton had been in talking with me about my

plans to put up a sign and I happened to mention that freshening up the paint was also on my list," said Doug.

Staton urged the Grants to take advantage of the low-interest loans now being offered at Labette Bank for Main Street beautification projects.

"At first we weren't really interested and figured we would pay for the sprucing up ourselves," added Doug, "but as he went on we could see how hopeful he was that business owners would take advantage of the

opportunity."

The Grants thought it over and decided to apply for the loan.

Paint started rolling in the bright blue and orange color scheme the Grants chose and the drive-in soon looked fresh and beautiful.

The painting was completed just in time for Cookee's second annual Cruise Night and many commented on how wonderful the exterior of building looked.

The best is yet to come. The Grants have ordered a new, lighted sign to put up on the

edge of the property near the curve so they can advertise specials.

"Right now all we can do is write it on the windows with glass chalk," said Doug, "we really have no way to let the customers know what's going on."

In addition to the lighted display sign, the Grants plan to install light fixtures under every other portion of the canopy, allowing the outside area to be more welcoming and bright.

"With winter coming and the gloom of it, we thought it

would be nice for people to be able to pull into a well-lit place," added Doug.

"The work Doug and Becky Grant are doing is fantastic," said Staton, "and we thank them for their participation in the program."

Steve Ellis, President of Labette Bank in Pleasanton, was on hand last Wednesday to review the work done with loan monies at the drive-in.

"This is a fantastic program," said Ellis, "and I hope to see more businesses take advantage of it."

Pleasanton City Council

Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2008

By **BARBARA PROFFITT**

LINN COUNTY - The first meeting of September was rescheduled to Tuesday, Sept. 2, due to Labor Day. At that meeting the Pleasanton City Council:

- Heard from Director of Operations Tim Staton that the second hearing for the Conditional Use Permit for the airstrip, scheduled for Sept. 9, would be postponed due to the studies not being complete yet.

- Learned from Staton that **Cookee's Drive-In was the first business to take advantage of the Main Street loans through Labette Bank. (See related story, Cookee's first to take**

beautification loan)

- Spoke about the upcoming General Pleasanton Days celebration, which will again be a two-day event with related activities taking place both at Dunlap Park and the Mine Creek Battlefield State Historical Site.

- Learned there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the IPC plant at 1 p.m. on Sept. 29.

- Learned several more businesses and homeowners have complied with the house number ordinance. The deadline to have house numbers up in compliance with the ordinance is Sept. 15.

- Learned that Staton had

spoken with Brad Roeper of GMG Properties regarding the condition of the Mine Creek Trailer Park. Staton told council he had mailed them a packet including the city ordinances the park is in violation of, along with pictures detailing those violations. Staton noted that Roeper had said he would report back by early next week.

- Learned the city had received the signed warranty deed on the Main Street lot donated by Doug and Janet Maschino.

- Learned that Alan Luttrell of EBH had taken some final elevations on the West Lake dam and it shows the dam is in compliance with the KDHE