

Cowboy poet at St. Francis fair

Cowboy poet and philosopher Baxter Black will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in front of the grandstands at the Cheyenne County Fair in St. Francis.

“We are happy to have Baxter Black entertain at this year’s fair,” said Dick Bursch, fair board president. “We know he will provide great entertainment and enjoyment to all who attend.”

Mr. Black can shoe a horse, string a barb wire fence and bang out a Bob Wills classic on his flat-top guitar. Cowboy poet, ex-veterinarian and sorry team roper, he has more hair around his lip than on his head, but seldom is seen without his tall cowboy hat.

Raised in New Mexico, Black spent his working life in the mountain West tormenting cows. Now, he lives in Arizona and travels the country tormenting cowboys.

Since 1982, Mr. Black has been rhyming his way into the national spotlight, and now stands as the best selling cowboy poet in the known universe. He’s written many books (including a rodeo novel), recorded over a dozen audio and video tapes,

and achieved notoriety as a syndicated columnist and radio commentator.

From the Tonight Show and Public Broadcasting System to National Public Radio, Baxter’s wacko verse has been seen and heard by millions. His works are prominently displayed in both city libraries and small-town feed stores.

Yet Black, who still doesn’t own a television, fax machine or cellular phone, hasn’t changed a thing about his subject matter or his delivery. He continues to focus on the day-to-day ups and downs of everyday people who live with livestock and work the land. Driven by a left-handed sense of humor, he evokes laughter just by being there.

Some observations:

“He could make a dead man sit up and laugh.” — *Washington Post Book World*

Black’s philosophy is simple enough. In spite of all the computerized, digitized, high-tech innovations now available to mankind, there will always be a need for someone who can “think up stuff.”

‘Oh, this is tasty!’



There are thousands of books at the Goodland Public Library’s annual book sale, and Teresa Shaffer, 3, found one about the Lion King to read to her brother, William, 6 months. They are

the children of Maggie and Joe Schaffer of Goodland. The sale will continue through the middle of August.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Theater to host poets, singers

By Karen Krien

The Saint Francis Herald

Phil Crawford has once again organized the Tumbleweed Round-Up, which will feature cowboy and cowgirl poets and musicians along with “just plain story tellers” at 2 and at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Cheyenne Theater in St. Francis.

Crawford performers will include the Highway 385 bluegrass group out of Colorado. The band has performed all over the state and will be one of the main performers at the Wednesday Round-up.

Among the other performers tentatively planning to come are: Ernie Ketzner, poet from Bird City; Fred and Ferdinand Krien playing their “squeeze box” and guitar; Don Love, guitar and song; and poets Gary Cooper and Fred Magley.

“We will have good, homespun entertainment and it is free,” Crawford said, adding that people are welcome to come for all or part of the performances.

“We have a “swinging door policy” where people can come and go at their leisure,” he said.

Crawford has been traveling in the area, attending other cowboy poet and music shows for the last six years. For the last five years, he has performed in the Valentine, Neb., the largest in the United States.

“I’ve patterned the St. Francis show after the Valentine show,” he said.

Crawford was invited to host sessions of the Montana Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Lewistown Aug. 15 through 17. He will also be a performer.

“I plan to go to Lewistown...I think, being an out-of-towner, it is one of the highest honors I could receive,” Mr. Crawford said.

The Tumbleweed Round-Up has been supported by businesses. For more information, contact Mr. Crawford at 785-332-2367 or go to StFrancisKs.com.

Sixth charged in beating

A sixth person has been charged in the burglary and beating of a Goodland man on June 14.

Jessica Loya, 27, 921 W. 8th, has been ordered to appear in court at 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday, to answer the charge of conspiracy to commit aggravated burglary, a level 7 person felony.

The charge stems from an incident in which Aaron B. Hernandez, 23, 2810 Commerce, Lot No. 21; Manuela Hernandez, 27, 508 W. 15th; Eder Hernandez, 21, 211 Caldwell; Jose Mario Hernandez, 23, 301 W. 8th; and Pablo Migueal Hernandez, 18, 211 Caldwell, are charged with breaking in the front

door of the home of Jonna Herl at 712 Cherry early in the morning of June 14, and beating Justin Colby to a state of unconsciousness.

Loya is charged with conspiracy in the incident, with the complaint alleging that she watched the others do the beating.

Pablo Hernandez, Jose Hernandez and Eder Hernandez are charged with aggravated burglary for busting in the front door of the Herl home. The complaint alleges that in front of her minor child, age 5, committed aggravated battery against Colby. They are charged with endangering a child and battery.

Manuela Hernandez faces the same charges plus a charge of criminal threat that while her brothers were beating Colby, she told Herl it was her fault and that if she called the police, she would “get it again.”

Aaron Hernandez faces six charges, including aggravated burglary, aggravated battery, criminal threat, endangering a child, criminal damage to property and domestic battery. Hernandez and Herl have a child together, and when Herl was attempting to call the police for protection, the complaint charges, Hernandez grabbed her and told her that she better not call the police or she would get it.

Hospital sees financial gains

The Goodland Regional Medical Center board discussed June’s financial report at its regular meeting Monday.

The income statement reported a \$40,406 net loss for the month, including \$53,842 in depreciation expenses.

The hospital’s chief financial officer, Andy Laue, said the net loss is better than it has been and pointed out that it was less than the hospital’s depreciation expense for the month.

Salaries and wages are below \$300,000, Laue said, at \$294,041, which is not where the hospital wants them yet but better than in the past.

Financial reports for the past two months show a \$23,691 net loss in April, along with \$302,261 in salaries and wages expense and \$55,605 in depreciation expense. May’s income statement shows an \$80,293 net loss, \$313,144 in salaries and wages expense and \$55,426 in depreciation.

The hospital’s loss so far for the year is \$416,856.

Laue said that an increase in supplies expense was due to the high cost of supplies for a cataract surgery that was done during June.

County buying prairie dog bait

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prairie dog control from today to the end of December would be reimbursed to the county.”

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chuck Thomas, and passed unanimously with Commission Chairman Kevin Rasure voting in favor.

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Board elects new officers

The Goodland Regional Medical Center board replaced an officer and reappointed two others at an organizational meeting Monday.

Kim Duell was selected to replace Ardy Showalter as secretary/treasurer. Showalter was replaced on the board by Patty Eckhardt.

Lynn Hoelting was reappointed as chairman, and Joyce Moore was reappointed as vice chair.

Moore, Larry McCants, Eckhardt and Duell were appointed to the finance committee. Doug Irvin, Pete Whalen and Gennifer House were appointed to the professional committee.

Supplies for June cost \$111,638, as compared to \$111,305 in April and \$81,703 for May.

Laue said expense for purchased services is down because the hospital got out of a GE maintenance con-

tract that cost \$16,000-17,000 a month. Purchased services in June was \$50,246 as compared to \$60,342 in April and \$64,084 in May.

Laue said the expense will be replaced with \$16,000 to 17,000 a month in depreciation on the new computer system now that it is in operation.

In other business:

• Laue said the hospital will be getting quotes on its health insurance plan for employees and may be able to save some money.

• Administrator Jay Jolly said the gift shop is now open in the new central registration area.

• Jolly said some of the hospital’s carpet is pulling up from the backing in hallways and around a nursing station. The hospital has a bid of \$1,800 for laying tile there. It would be \$18,500 for carpet, Jolly said.

• Director of Patient Care Debbie Hickman said the city received a \$16,500 bioterrorism grant and that Bruce Gleason, head of the hospital’s ambulance service, used some of the money to purchase equipment.

• The board set its next meeting for 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25.

West said he would be available from 8 to 10 a.m. today for landowners who want to pick up prairie dog bait. The noxious weed office is usually closed on Fridays, but West said he would be around, and people can call 785-899-4870 to ask questions or arrange an appointment.

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