



Juan Alvarez loaded parts from the Sherman Theatre's old seats into a van Friday to take them to be refurbished for an auditorium in Texas. David Branda, owner of the theater, smoothed the spots the chairs had been removed from.

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Theater removes old seats to make way for new

By Sharon Corcoran

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The Sherman Theatre will soon have brand new seats with black tweed upholstery, and the old seats will go to Texas to save a performance theater there from a late opening day.

David Branda, owner of the Sherman, says he's replacing the 400 seats in the general seating area with new seats that will vary in size and will be staggered to prevent theatergoers from sitting directly behind each other.

Cy Young Industries, a seat renovation company in Lenexa, took the side seats from the theater Friday, Branda said, and will take the middle seats out Wednesday, Aug. 13, after the matinee.

The new seats are scheduled to

arrive Monday, Aug. 18, he said, and until they are installed, theater seating will be in the balcony or you can bring your own seat.

The balcony seats 90, Branda said, and the theater had 450 seats below. There will be fewer seats after the new ones are installed, he said, but some seats will be bigger, and there will be more leg room. The theater will lose one seat from each side row, he said, and two from each middle row and will lose one row on each side and two in the middle. But there will still be enough seating, he said, and there will be four inches more leg room between each row, and the seats will be staggered so that no one is seated directly behind anyone else.

The new seats will accommodate snuggling and the handicapped.

There will be a few love seats, Branda said, and six seats with arms that retract so there is room for wheelchairs to get in. That is an increase in two handicapped accessible spots, he said, since the theater now has four.

Cy Young Industries will use parts of the old seats to renovate an auditorium in Texas. Carrie Young, co-owner of the company, said Branda called her and said he had 450 seats she could have.

Young said she asked what she could do, and Branda told her the company just needed to take the seats out.

"It worked out for me," Branda said, "and it worked out for them."

That's not the only thing that worked out for the company. A disaster showed Young what her com-

pany could accomplish through networking, and the story will soon have a happy ending.

Young said an auditorium in Texas needed work, and her company had taken parts of the chairs out to be renovated while the auditorium got new carpet and a new ceiling installed.

The parts were on a truck, she said, when a brake line caught fire near Guthrie, Okla. They were all destroyed.

The truck driver pulled off the road at 1:30 a.m., Young said, and disconnected the tractor and trailer and pulled away to get the gas tanks away from the fire. He risked his life, she said, because he saw homes nearby.

The fire closed the road from 1:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., destroying the

chairs.

That left Young needing to find matching chair parts to replace the lost ones. Young said she put the word out she was looking for chairs and heard from Branda and others and now has more than enough.

Young said she got a call from a man in Springfield, Mo., with 1,500 chairs to sell and from a church in Ohio that wanted to buy chairs from the company and would give them their chairs. Those, in addition to the 400-500 chairs the company had in inventory, were more than enough, she said. Now the auditorium in Texas will meet its deadline, she said, to be ready for the opening of the symphony.

"We couldn't even get new chairs in time," Young said.

Meantime, the Goodland theater

will soon have black tweed chairs from Seating Concepts of San Diego, Calif. The seats are manufactured in Texas, Branda said.

The theater owner said he decided to buy new seats because the old ones are over 40 years old.

"It's time," he said. "The new ones will be so much nicer. It'll be like night and day."

As for the cost, Branda said, it's an investment.

"David is investing in new chairs," Young said, "taking a leap of faith in the community."

Young said she arrived Thursday while patrons were still in the movie and was impressed with the good feeling among the people of Sherman County and with the theater. It's a nice size, she said, and so clean.

Street sealing starts Wednesday on west side

By Tom Betz

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Goodland's annual street sealing project will begin Wednesday on the west edge of the city, and residents should have received notices on the areas to be sealed first.

Phil Erickson of the city street crew said the project would begin on the west side to avoid conflict with fair activities.

The city has been doing the street sealing every summer for years, sealing about one-third of the streets each year.

Residents in areas to be sealed will receive notices asking them to move their cars off the street during the day the work is scheduled. In case of rain, the schedule will move back a day unless the citizens are notified of a different decision.

If a someone forgets to move their car on the specified day, the city says it will make every effort to contact the owner before having the vehicle towed.

The city spends about \$150,000 each year sealing the streets, and this year may test some of the crack

seal material similar to what is to be used at the airport.

On the west side, the major north-south streets to be sealed are Cattletrail from 16th north to 8th; Colorado from 17th to 12th and from 10th to 8th; Syracuse from 17th to 8th; Montana from 17th to 12th and 11th to 8th; Kansas from 17th to 12th; Grand from 16th to 14th; and D'Lao, Woodland and Grandview.

The east-west streets include 14th from Colorado east to Sherman; 13th from Cattletrail east to Center; 11th from Cattletrail to West Elementary and from Texas to Kansas; 10th from Cattletrail east to Montana; and 9th from Cattletrail east to Syracuse.

In the northern part of the city, west of Caldwell, the streets to be sealed are 3rd from Kansas to Caldwell; Grand from 8th to 3rd; 4th between Kansas and Grand; Sherman from 9th to 5th; Clark

from 8th to 2nd and 7th from Main to Clark.

In the southeast part of the city, the streets will be 16th from Caldwell to Arcade; 15th from Main to Arcade and east to the end of the street along the Northwest Kansas Technical College; 14th from Center to Harrison; 13th from Broadway to Arcade; 12th from Broadway to Harrison; Walnut from 16th to 13th; College from 16th to 13th Cherry between 13th and 12th; and Harrison from 15th to 13th.

In the northeast, the sealing will include 2nd from Caldwell to Arcade and from Washington to Eustis; 5th from Caldwell to Walnut and Harrison to Eustis; 6th from Caldwell to Arcade; 7th from Cherry to College; 9th from Cherry to Arcade and 11th from Cherry to Arcade. North to south streets in this section will be Walnut from 12th to 1st; College from 12th to 4th;

Harrison from 8th to 4th; Washington from 8th to 6th and from 4th to 2nd; and Eustis from 4th to 2nd.

Armory Road from Caldwell to the National Weather Service office is the northern most road to be sealed. The city will also chip seal the parking lot at the Carnegie Arts Center as part of the project.

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Murdersuspect caught

A state trooper arrested a man wanted in Oklahoma City on two charges of first-degree murder near the west exit on I-70 Friday evening.

Sherman County Sheriff Doug Whitson said they had received a teletype on Tuesday from Oklahoma City that Orlando Sanchez Gonzales, 25, was wanted on a warrant for two counts of first-degree murder and a count of conspiracy in an murder that occurred on June 21. Oklahoma officials said they felt he was headed west to Goodland.

Trooper Joe Greene said he heard about the warrant for Gonzales on Friday morning, and spotted his car westbound on the Interstate about

9:50 p.m.

"I happened to be on the Interstate and was looking, and there he was a short distance in front of me," Greene said. "I knew his vehicle because I had stopped him in town before when he lived in Goodland."

Whitson said Gonzales was known to have relatives in the Goodland area, and was expected to come through there on his way to Los Angeles, where he was from.

Trooper Greene said Gonzales was cooperative when he was stopped. Whitson said the man was being held in the Sherman County Bastille for extradition to Oklahoma.

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