

# Grass fire burns about 2,000 acres

By Julie Samuelson

The Western Times

Goodland firemen helped fight a grass fire caused by a spark from a welder on ground belonging to John Bradshaw about 15 miles north of Weskan, but the blaze ran for nearly four miles before it could be stopped.

Ranch employees were installing pipe gates on Wednesday, Nov. 7, Bradshaw said, and ran into a bolt that wouldn't fit. They grabbed a welding torch to fix the problem, and that is where the trouble started.

The crew noticed the fire and tried to stomp it out, he said. They got a tractor with a scoop on it, lowering the scoop to the ground and dragging it to smother the fire. They thought they had it out when Mother Nature pulled the cruelest of tricks: a breeze began to blow. There was no stopping it then, Bradshaw said, and the dry pasture "burned like

gasoline."

The Sharon Springs Fire Department was called out between 12:30 and 1 p.m. It wasn't long before other area departments were called to help. Weskan, Kanorado, Goodland and Cheyenne Wells volunteers came to help fight the fire.

C.T. Farr, who owns ground in that area, brought a disk and helped to plow a clear perimeter around the fire. County employee Ty See was showed up with a grader.

Crews worked until after 6 p.m. and had to come back to fight flare-ups. A dead tree in the pasture was still smoldering that Friday afternoon, but the fire did miss the outbuildings, barn and a Works Progress Administration outhouse.

The fire snaked its way through a ravine for about 3 1/2 to four miles and burned about 2,000 acres, leaving behind scorched earth, the skeletons of burned yuccas and fence posts burned to toothpicks.



A grass fire north of Weskan snaked its way through a ravine, cutting a path about four miles long and a half mile wide. The blaze came close to jumping County Road 6. Some residents said if that had

happened, there would have been no stopping it, and it could have burned all the way to Sharon Springs.

Photo by Julie Samuelson/The Western Times

# Colby Taco John's moving to new building in April

By Joey Falkoff

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Since 1986, Taco John's has been a familiar sight along Range Avenue for Colby residents and for those passing through Colby on Interstate 70 at its location just north of the freeway.

But as early as April, the restaurant will have a new address.

Just walking distance from the current location, a new Taco John's is being built just to the west of the Holiday Inn Express.

Ground has already been broken on the new building, which owner Jeff Krzycki says will be twice as big as the old location.

"We've outgrown where we're at," said Krzycki. "That's definitely the case on the inside. Seating-wise, we're shorthanded during peak periods. The new store will double our seating capacity."

The \$1 million project by Stephens Construction will expand the size of Taco John's from 1,800 square feet to 2,400 square feet, he said, but in-

creased seating capacity was not the only reason for the move.

Nationally, Taco John's is in the process of changing its image, the owner said, including a makeover of all of its stores with new signs, logos and designs.

"The whole image, colors and presentation is changing," said Krzycki. "People who walk through our new store for the first time are going to be amazed."

Rather than paying to remodel the current location, Krzycki said, it made more sense financially to start from scratch.

The new image won't include a change to the menu, but will alter the approach the restaurant takes to serving customers, he said.

"We are becoming more of a semi-fast food chain," said Krzycki. "We're in between full service and fast food."

That new approach will show up in the new restaurant, he said, where customers will notice several changes to their dining experience.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY

DIRECTOR OF TAXATION  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
STATE OF KANSAS,  
Plaintiff  
VS.  
Kyle Wylie  
Defendant  
Case No. 98ST7  
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**TRACTORS, COMBINES, TRAILERS, FORKLIFTS, TRUCKS:** 1988 Vermeer Model M455A backhoe-trencher, diesel, 5' stinger, 7' backhoe, good condition; JD 4430, 18.4 X 38 duals, 3pt, 5000 hrs, on major; JD 4240 18.4 x 38 Duals, 3pt, underhaul; JD 4240. 18.4 x 38, 3pt, W/Koyker loader, grapple fork, 7000 hrs, runs good; IH 4386 Tractor, 18.4 x 38 duals, 3pt, 6017 hrs.; IH 560 Tractor, Hyds need repaired; MF 1135 tractor, 18.4 x 38 duals, 3pt, 2 hyds; D-Fordson Major, diesel, runs good; 1979 Ford 555 Industrial tractor with loader; 6000 Ford tractor for parts, good transmission; 9N Ford tractor for parts; 2004 S130 Bobcat skid steer loader with forks & bucket; Allis Chalmers 6000# forklift, good; 1990 Peterbilt 379 W/20' box & hoist and 20' Pup trailer, 1992 Peterbilt 377 W/22' box and hoist; 1975 Ford LN8000 truck with flatbed; 1990 IH 4900 Navistar bulk fuel truck; 1975 Dodge D600 truck, 16' box and hoist, 5 sp; 1967 Chevy C-50 W 16' box, runs good; 1997 Tempte 42' hopper bottom grain trailer; 1978 Hawkeye 42' double hopper grain trailer; 28' GN flatbed trailer; and combine header trailer.

**EQUIPMENT:** JD 853A row crop head, good condition; JD 853 row crop head, good; FK 7x5 sweep W/Richardson pickers; Krause 1950, 30' tandem disc; Krause 18' offset disc; Miller HD 25' offset disc; JD 530 round baler, exc. condition, always shedded; MF - PTO side delivery rake; 7 wheel side delivery rake; 50' Donahue 4 axle trailer; Waldon 10' dozer W/ JD mounts; New Holland 1010 Stackmaster; Nobel model 2000 - 42' - 12" hoe drills W/end transport; FK 16' sweep; 3pt bale fork, hauls 3 bales at one time; Melroe 32' - 12" hoe drills, on Hyds, end transport, marker; Liliston 32' - 12" hoe drills, on Hyds, end transport, Acraplant points; Orthman double toolbar 9 shank ripper with colters; IHC 800 air planter W/ monitor, 5 seed drums; Big Ox 7 shank ripper; Westfield 10" x 51' pto auger W/swing hopper; Hesston hydro swing swather; Speed King 8' x 62' pto auger, good; JD 1380 Hydro swing swather; Speed King 10' x 60' pto auger, good; Haybuster H-1100 tub grinder, very good condition; JD 737 - 14' ridged mower; JD 506 mower; Servis 7' 3pt rear blade; Loftness 20' stock shredder; Miller 36' series 6 tandem disc; Kuker sprayer W/300gal tank, 40' Booms; 2-IH 150 hoe drills; Kewanee 21' tandem disc; Gravity Flow grain cart on trailer; 250 gal fiberglass tank on trailer; PU box trailer; Drill transport for 50" drills, Hyd rear steering; Sprinkler end stop with all electronics & post; 72' Peteral 12" auger, needs work; Richardson 6x5 weep W pickers

**ANTIQUE:** 1925 Model T coup, all original, good condition (absolute sale); 1900 - 1903 Maytag Hay Press.

**VEHICLES, MOTORHOME:** 1977 Apollo 300DB motor home, less than 1000 miles on 440 motor, good tires; 1983 Ford Ranger, 4sp, 4cyl; 1979 GMC pu, auto, 350; 1997 Lincoln Town Car, leather, loaded, good condition; 1967 IHC pickup; 1999 Dodge Ram conversion van, auto, leather, loaded, less than 20,000 on motor; 1986 Ford F150 pickup, 5sp; and 1987 Chevy - tom pu

**ABSOLUTE SALE OF VEHICLES FROM ALEX'S RADIATOR & REPAIR**

1963 Chevrolet C60 truck, 1992 Dodge Dynasty, 1989 Ford Bronco, 1977 Cadillac Fleetwood, 1991 Mercury Tracer; 1992 Lincoln Towncar; 1988 Honda Accord; 1989 Ford Bronco; 1986 Oldsmobile Calais; 1991 Ford Thunderbird; 1993 Pontiac Sun-

bird; 2000 Ford Explorer; 1976 Ford F250 pu.

**IRRIGATION:** 44 Jts 8' Aluminum gated pipe, and 40 Jts 8" plastic gated pipe

**MISC.:** JD 1145 4wd mower W/72' deck, 30hp 3cyl diesel, heated cab; New JD 48" snow blower fits JD 1145 mower; 1987 Shelby 6' X 20' GN covered stock trailer; 16' stock trailer; King Fisher outdoor cooker, cooks 300 lbs; Delco Commercial steam cleaner on Nat. gas; Golden Harvest corn stove; Water Reel sprinkler system; 6 new rolls baler twine; Ford 3.0, V-6 motor, From 1999 Ford, 67,000 miles; Fuel trailer W/140 gal tank, 12V pump; Dayton 5000W generator, exc. condition; 220 Cummins engine; Aluminum flatbed for short box pickup; Chrysler 413 irrigation motor; Honda push mower; Van box on trailer; Overhead A-frame hoist; GH chisel; Trailer full of misc shop equipment; Krause chisel shanks; Single post car lift, air over hyd.; Grain cleaner with several screens; and 2 drill fill augers.

**ABSOLUTE ITEMS**

**FROM THE MAYNORD BANE ESTATE**

1984 Cadillac 2 dr Eldorado, Classic, only 80,000 miles; Versatile 936 Designation 6 tractor, 24.5 x 32 duals, 4 hyds, 6123 hrs, runs good; MF 760 diesel combine, 24' header, straw chopper, SN 1746-02658; Case 2470 tractor, 18.4 x 30 duals, runs good; 2-M Farmall's FK 7 x 6 sweep with FK pickers; Krause 15' offset disc; Curstbuster 30' HD tandem disc; FK 60' rod weeder; JD 24' x 12" hoe drills, rubber tire press wheels; JD & Oliver oneways; Fuel trailer W/300 gal tank, transfer pump, side tool boxes; 1978 Dodge Trans Van camper van; 1969 Dodge D500 W/8:25 x 20 tires, 16' box hoist, 4 and 2; 1958 Ford F600 winch truck; HD 20' x 6' dove trail, 3 axle trailer; Bumper pull vehicle dolly; 36' & 40' trailers; 3pt mowers; Case 6 bottom land plow; 20 metal and wood saddle stands; and lots of smaller items.

**EQUIPMENT FROM THE CLARENCE WAHRMAN ESTATE**

1997 Olds Cutlass, only 70,000 miles; 1947 M&M - U, almost original condition, plus manual; 1966 Ford 2 ton truck, wood box, 78,000 miles; 2-12' X 12" IH 150 hoe drills, end transport; FK 30' rod weeder; Nobel 7x5 sweep; Krause 26' chisel; and Trailer full of misc shop items.

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**EQUIPMENT:** Ford Golden Jubilee tractor, 3pt, good tires, rear tire weights with Davis loader, nice; Front dozer blade; 3pt rear blade; 6' 3pt rear finish mower; Trailer with fiberglass tank; Craftsman table saw; Ridged shop Vac; 4 window AC units, some new; 25+ sheets of insulated sheeting; Hand tools; Makita saws; Dewalt 18V drill; Radiant high intensity lighting; Track lighting; lots of hydroponics growing equipment; Voltage doubler; Water filtration filters; Hydroponics bases; Humidifiers; 36" steel door W/ door jamb and lots more smaller items to numerous to mention.

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| CARDIOLOGIST          | Barry Smith, M.D.               | Dec. 12, 26        |
| CARDIOLOGIST          | Vijay Subbarao M.D.             | Dec. 13            |
| COUNSELING SERVICES   | Thursdays by Appointment        |                    |
| DERMATOLOGIST         | Charles Ruggles, M.D.           | Dec. 6, 20         |
| DIETICIAN             | Sarah Linton, RD, LD            | Mon. - Fri.        |
| EARS, NOSE, THROAT    | Alfred N. Carr, M.D.            | Dec. 7, 14, 21     |
| ENDOCRINOLOGIST       | Gerald Poticha, M.D.            | Dec.. 6, 7, 13, 14 |
| GASTROENTEROLOGIST    | Jeffrey D. Huston, M.D.         | Dec. 17, 18        |
| GENERAL SURGEON       | David D. Beck, M.D.             | Dec. 13, 27        |
| GENERAL SURGEON       | Jeffrey Cross, M.D.             | Dec. 6, 20         |
| GENERAL SURGEON       | David Melniczek, M.D.           | Call for Dates     |
| GYNECOLOGY            | Laura Rokosz, M.D.              | Dec. 12            |
| NEUROLOGIST           | Steven J. Gulevich, M.D.        | Dec.. 5, 6, 12     |
| OBSTETRICS/GYNECOLOGY | David Forschner, M.D.           | Jan. 16            |
| ONCOLOGY/HEMATOLOGY   | Martin Rubinowitz, M.D.         | Dec.. 4            |
| OPHTHALMOLOGIST       | Brian Joondeph, M.D.            | Dec. 19            |
| OPHTHALMOLOGIST       | David Pfoff, M.D.               | Dec. 4, 11, 18     |
| OPHTHALMOLOGIST       | Ronald Wise, M.D.               | Dec. 14            |
| ORTHOPEDIST           | Tim Birney, M.D.                | Dec. 10            |
| ORTHOPEDIST           | Armond Hatzidakis M.D.          | Dec. 17            |
| ORTHOPEDIST           | James Holmes, M.D.              | Dec. 17            |
| ORTHOPEDIST           | Edward Parks, M.D.              | Jan. 21            |
| ORTHOPEDIST           | Raj Bazaz, M.D.                 | Dec. 10            |
| ORTHOPEDIST           | Kevin Nagamani, M.D.            | Dec. 6             |
| PSYCHIATRIST          | John C. Faul, M.D.              | Dec. 5, 7, 21      |
| PODIATRIST            | Erik Ouderkirk, D.P.M.          | Dec. 12            |
| PULMONOLOGIST         | Ken Weisiger, M.D.              | Dec. 3, 27         |
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| SPEECH THERAPY        | Lisa Paxton CCC-SLP             | Mon. - Thurs.      |
| SUBSTANCE ABUSE DIR.  | Fred Waters, CADC III           | Mondays            |
| UROLOGIST             | Darrell D. Werth, M.D.          | Jan. 8             |
| UROLOGIST             | Wallace Michael Curry M.D.      | Dec. 18            |
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