



"Logan's First Birthday" (above) by Dusti Chadwick and "The Escape Artist" (right) by Tristan Archer are two of the entries in the Flatlander Photography Contest at the Carnegie Arts Center.

Photo contest on now

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Time is running out to get your votes in for the Flatlander Photography Contest, as the Carnegie Arts Center will announce the People's Choice winners Saturday. The center also has several events during the Flatlander Fall Festival.

From tulips to cars and people to guitars, the contest includes a variety of entries from area professional and amateur photographers. The photos are arranged according to four categories: landscape, still life, people and other, and visitors can vote for a top photo in each category.

The deadline to vote is noon Saturday, and the winners will be announced at 3:45 p.m. after musical entertainment by Demi Mitchek, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Entries include "Diving Duck" by Marvin Seaman, "View from the Top" and "Reflection in the Bush" by Elwyn Vatcher, "Elvis Cadillac"



lac" by Dennis Saint, "Rock Chalk Jayhawk" by Courtney Sheldon, "Fountain" and "Oh Sweet Nectar" by T. J. Freeman, "Yellow Tulips" by Aryn Sturgeon, "Yellow Kitty" by Isaac Sturgeon, "Home Sweet Home" by Tristan Archer, "Old Car at Greensburg" by Dusti Chadwick and "Winderlein Dairy Milk House" by Dr. R.K. Driver.

Ruby Anderson entered "Surprise Lily," Jacque Schields "Yellow Hibiscus," Kade Sheldon "Traben Base," Deedi Hoss-Dorn "Berry Sweet Suri" and Curtis Duncan

"Vega Loves Her Pudding." The arts center is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and will accept votes from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday. The center will remain open until 4 p.m. Saturday.

The center is holding the Goodland Mile-Long Art Walk through Tuesday. Maps are available at the center and at each of the participating businesses.

The center will kick off the Bridge Marathon from 1-4 p.m. today, beginners welcome, and will have a book signing for "lies, nostalgia

and cow gas," a book of poetry by Scott Lucas, from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday.

Art demonstrations, sales, caricature drawings and street chalk art by Goodland High School art students will be outside the center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Goodland Artist Shirley Houston will be on hand to draw caricatures of people and/or their pets. The arts center will have carriage rides for \$5 each all day Saturday as well.

Bids for road under estimate

By Tom Betz
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More than two years ago Sherman County citizens approved a \$12 million joint city, county road program, and last Wednesday afternoon the last of the bids on the projects was opened and came in under budget.

The Sherman County commissioners met Friday afternoon to be sure the total spending met the regulation requirements of the Internal Revenue Service, and talked about how the overall program had come out.

Darin Neufeld, engineer for Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, who is handling the engineering and inspection on the one mile section of County Road 14 that runs between old U.S. 24 and County Road 65 — the last major piece of the joint road program — said he was surprised the bid came in lower than he estimated.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure asked Neufeld what the county had pre-paid on Road 14.

Neufeld said the county had prepaid the state Department of Transportation \$1.2 million in addition to the \$800,000 from the state economic development grant. He said the low bid that KDOT opened on Wednesday was \$1,525,406, and said Smoky Hill of Salina was the apparent low bidder.

He said Sporer Land Development of Oakley was the next lowest bidder.

Part of the discussion Friday afternoon was what it would cost to extend the Road 14 project south of old U.S. 24 down to where the state takes over maintenance.

Neufeld said using the unit prices in the bids he would estimate the cost of the extension south of old U.S. 24 would cost about \$465,000.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede asked if that is what Sporer would do the extension for at the higher bid price.

"We do not know exactly what Smoky Hill would cost," Neufeld said, "but it was a little cheaper."

The commissioners agreed to contract with EBH for the construction inspection on the extension and to send KDOT \$500,000 to pay for

the extension. Commissioner Chuck Thomas asked Neufeld if he had talked to the people at Smoky Hill about the project.

"We have not really talked to them," Neufeld said. "We can't officially talk to them until after the state awards the contract."

Thomas asked Neufeld if he had any experience working with Smoky Hill.

"We know APAC and Sporer," Thomas said. "I don't know anything about Smoky Hill."

Neufeld said his firm is doing a project with Smoky Hill in Quinter and some contracts at other locations further east in the state.

"Are you going to be comfortable with Smoky Hill," Thomas said.

"I don't have a choice," Neufeld said. "That is up to the state."

"You are the construction inspection person and will have to deal with them," Thomas said.

Neufeld said he knows about Smoky Hill's work, and knows they have had some issues on some contracts, but his company has worked with the company on various projects and feels they will be OK.

Thomas said with them being out of Salina it is interesting they can mobilize out here cheaper than APAC or Sporer.

"I believe they have a concrete plant that will make it cheaper on them," Neufeld said, "and while I do not know that for sure, it appears to be what they would do."

"That was my question, as I did not know them," Thomas said.

"They are probably the largest of the three contractors who bid the project," Neufeld said.

Neufeld said he expects the state to review the bids and to send the county a contract to concur on awarding the contract to Smoky Hill. He said after that is done he can officially begin to work with them on when they plan to begin the work.

The contract with Smoky Hill will be to replace the asphalt on Road 14 with concrete designed to handle the truck traffic for the Northern Sun sunflower plant and the ethanol and power plant at the Goodland Energy Center.

correction

In Tuesday's edition of The Goodland Star-News on page two in the Jeffrey Beeson obituary the mother's maiden name was wrong. It should have said, Jeffrey Todd Beeson, 43, son of Ron and Jeanie (Hoard) Beeson of Kanorado, died Monday, Sept. 15, 2008, in Dallas, Texas, from complications of diabetes. This was due to a reporting error.

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Rotary to raise money at Flatlanders for soccer balls

The first 100 soccer balls have arrived in Afghanistan for Operation Andy's Gift, and the Goodland Rotary will have a special booth at the Flatlander Fall Festival on Saturday to raise money to send more soccer balls.

The soccer ball project is the idea of Air Force Capt. Andrew Stewart, who is serving his third tour in Afghanistan, and came up with the project to get soccer balls for kids in that very poor, dangerous and war torn country.

The Rotary heard about the project and decided to have a special soccer booth at the Flatlander Fall Festival to take donations to help buy more soccer balls.

Doug Sederstrom, club president, said the booth will be a soccer game for kids to try their skill at kicking a soccer ball through a tire.

The club is hoping to raise enough money to help send another shipment of soccer balls to Capt. Stewart, Sederstrom said.

Stewart is the son of Carol and

Tom Stewart of Goodland. The family hopes to give away a 1,000 balls by the time Capt. Stewart comes home in July. For information con-

tact Carol and Tom Stewart, 506 Harrison, Goodland, Kan. 67735 or by email at tstewart@st-tel.com or (785) 890-3150.

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