

Construction company does historic preservation

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"We have the opportunity to make people's dreams come true." Perhaps that sounds like the motto at Disney World, or maybe a political candidate's speech. But it's actually a comment from a man in northwest Kansas who has a heart for preservation of historic buildings. He is working to preserve buildings and help communities all over Kansas and beyond.

Len Schamber is co-owner of Schamber Historic Preservation LLC. Len grew up at Damar, went to college in Dodge City, served in the Peace Corps, and became a school-teacher. He studied for the priesthood but came back to Kansas, got married and worked in Wichita.

Len was trained as a teacher, but he said, "I always wanted to be a carpenter." He learned the trade from his father and grandfather.

In 1977, Len and his wife moved back to Damar to be closer to family. A local contractor had said, "Come on out, we'll put you to work."

"We found an old house for sale and liked it, but it was in terrible condition - unfit to live in," Len said. They bought it and fixed it up.

Meanwhile, he went to work for that local contractor. At the end of the first day, someone with a small home improvement project said to him, "Would you do something for me?" The same thing happened every day for a week, so Len gave

his notice and went into business for himself. That was the beginning of Schamber Construction.

"I worked on a lot of older buildings, and I was doing band-aid fixes," Len said. "I felt like I was doing a disservice to those buildings and their owners." Len wanted to restore and preserve these old, historic buildings.

In 1985, his brother Linus joined the business. Len said, "Linus is more skilled at that than I am, but I'm very patient. I have a lot of common sense, and I like people."

In January 1986, the State of Kansas put a building preservation job out for bid.

"We put in a bid and lost," Len said. "It was the best thing that could have happened to us." They learned about the bidding process, but also realized how much they had to learn about historic preservation. Len started attending preservation conferences and soaking up information about the topic.

"I have a constant need for learning," he said. Eventually historic preservation became a specialty of his company.

Schamber Historic Preservation LLC has worked on projects in Kansas and beyond. In Kansas, the projects go from border-to-border -- from the Mountain Time zone to Shawnee Mission. Len said, "We are general contractors, and we've developed a network of artisans and craftsmen across the state. I have 185 phone numbers for those people stored in my cell phone."

Of the State of Kansas' 17 official historic sites, Schamber Historic Preservation LLC has worked on five of them. Not bad for a rural company based in Damar population 155 people. Now, that's rural. For more information, go to www.schamberconstruction.com.

The company does work for individuals, communities, non-profits, historical societies and the state of Kansas.

"When a community has a dream of protecting or preserving an old landmark, we can help make that dream come true," Len said.

He clearly has a heart for people. Through church-related activities, he has worked in numerous Central and South American countries. He volunteered in Costa Rica where a remote tribal village recently got its first school, but students have to walk three hours one way every day to attend. Len and his friends built a dormitory so the students could stay and attend school. For those students, it was a life-changing difference.

"We have the opportunity to make people's dreams come true." That's not some marketing slogan. It's a statement from Len Schamber about his desire to help people. As a volunteer, he's helping meet human needs. As Schamber Historic Preservation LLC, he is making a difference by helping communities realize their dream of protecting, renovating and preserving historic buildings which are a vital part of their heritage.

News of upcoming events wanted

The Goodland Star-News encourages anyone with news about upcoming community or organization events to contact us by phone, mail or e-mail to have the item included

in the calendar printed on the About Our Friends page (Page 2) in our newspaper. Our mailing address is 1205 Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735 or our e-mail address is star.news@nwkansas.com. Our phone number is (785) 899-2338.

We will do our best to get the event items in the paper.

public notice

IN THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT, SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, GOODLAND, KANSAS, Plaintiff, vs.

GOODLAND ENERGY RESOURCES, LLC, a Kansas limited liability company; NORMAN HOUSE; GERALD FRANKLIN, JR. aka GERALD FRANKLIN; PATRICK HOUSE; JODI MILLER; STEPHEN WEST; JACK EKLUND; JMC ENGINEERING, LLC; PIPING AND EQUIPMENT COMPANY; AG2, LLC; CORONA, LLC; EGRAIN, LLC; ROBERT HEIER; DENNIS HOUSE; JONATHAN HOUSE; IRVIN FARMS, INC.; KEMP SUGAR, INC.; MARILYN MCNEILL; CESAR MILLER; MUELLER PRO AG RESOURCES, LLC; PHILBRICK FAMILY PARTNERSHIP; HERSHEL PICKETT; RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES, LLC; DAVID B. SCHIELDS; BETTY JEAN SCHIELDS; STEPHEN SMALL; JAMES L. WALDMAN; BARBARA E. WALDMAN; RSC EQUIP-

MENT RENTAL, INC.; F&M MAFCO, INC.; AGRISYSTEMS; TOWNSEND CONSTRUCTION, INC.; BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHERMAN COUNTY, KS, Defendants.

Case No. 09 CV 44

TITLE TO REAL ESTATE INVOLVED

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 60 KANSAS STATUTES ANNOTATED

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

TO: Goodland Energy Resources, LLC; Norman House; Gerald Franklin, Jr. aka Gerald Franklin; Patrick House; Jodi Miller; Stephen West; Jack Eklund; JMC Engineering, LLC; Piping and Equipment Company; Ag2, LLC; Corona, LLC; Egrain, LLC; Robert Heier; Dennis House; Jonathan House; Irvin Farms, Inc.; Kemp Sugar, Inc.; Marilyn McNeill; Cesar Miller; Mueller Pro Ag Resources, LLC; Philbrick Family Partnership; Herschel Pickett; Renewable Energy Resources, LLC;

David B. Schields; Betty Jean Schields; Stephen Small; James L. Waldman; Barbara E. Waldman; Rsc Equipment Rental, Inc.; F&M MAFCO, Inc.; Agri-Systems; Townsend Construction, Inc.; and Board of County Commissioners of Sherman County, KS

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of the Fifteenth Judicial District, sitting in and for Sherman County, Kansas, in the above entitled action, I will, on the 27th day of July, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time, at the main door of the Sherman County Courthouse in the City of Goodland, Kansas, offer for sale at a public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand all the right, title and interest of the defendant Goodland Energy Resources, LLC in and to the following described real property, situated in the County of Sherman, State of Kansas, to-wit:

Lot Six (6) of the subdivision of Goodland Energy Center, Sherman County, Kansas, being in a tract of land located in the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Twenty (20), Township Eight (8)

Family to hold party

The family of Weldon and Sue Phillips are having a surprise 40th anniversary party from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 3 at the Elks Lodge, 1523 Arcade. The couple will be coming from Georgia and do not know about the event. They were married in 1970 at the Kanorado Methodist Church and lived in Kanorado. He has driven for Yellow Freight for 38 years and she drove a school bus.

Darlene Walter is Sue Phillips' mother. The daughters of the Phillips' are Lisa Varney of Goodland and Lesley Sheldon of Flagstaff, Ariz. and the grandchildren are Blaine Varney, Shaina Varney and Ginna Sheldon.

Cards may be sent to the couple in care of Lisa Varney, 414 W. 13, Goodland.



Sue and Weldon Phillips

Reception being held for 50th

The families of Martin and Avonell Spomer of Edson are having a come and go reception from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 4, 2010, at their home at 2640 Road 65 to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple were married on Aug. 26, 1960, at the Pleasant Home Church of Edson.

No gifts please, your presence is their gift.

In case of bad weather, the reception will be held at the Holiday Inn Express Conference Room at Goodland.

Wichita couple has son

Dracen Michael Henak was born at 12:44 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26, 2010, at Wesley Medical Center at Wichita. He weighed 5 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches long.

He is the son of Jonathan and Dondi Henak of Wichita. His grandparents are Don and Phyllis Dawes of Brewster, Bonnie Henak of Sterling and Alan Henak of San Antonio, Texas.



Dracen Michael Henak

South Range Forty (40) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, according to the recorded plat thereof, together with all water rights associated with and appurtenant thereto

Together with the following described personal property in one parcel:

Accounts and Rights to Other Payments, Inventory, Equipment, Instruments and Chattel Paper, General Intangibles (including all contractual water rights associated with the property), Documents, Govern-

ment Payments and Programs, Investment Property, Deposit Accounts and Fixtures located at the real property described above, including all personal property of Goodland Energy Resources, LLC including but not limited to all permits, air permits and membership interest in Goodland Energy Center LLC.

Said real and personal property is being levied on as the property of the defendant Goodland Energy Resources, LLC and will be sold without appraisal to satisfy said Order of Sale.

Kevin Butts Sheriff of Sherman County Goodland, Kansas

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RELAY FOR LIFE OF SHERMAN COUNTY

Friday & Saturday - August 13 & 14
 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.
 at the High School Track behind Vo-Tech

Complete this form and send it along with your donation to: Sherida Shoff, 1222 Broadway, Goodland, Kan. 67735

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 Daytime Phone: _____

Please join us for the luminaria ceremony at 9 p.m.
 \$10.00 per luminaria please!

In honor of In memory of _____
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Total Enclosed: _____
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Sunday TV Guide for July 4

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
ABC	Extreme Makeover		Scoundrels		The Gates		Local			
CBS	I Get That a Lot		Cold Case		Boston Pops		Local			
NBC	Dateline NBC		July Fireworks		Law Order: CI		Local		Dateline NBC	
FOX	Simpsons	Cleveland	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami		Criminal Minds			Local
AMC	The Cowboys				The Shootist					Local
ANIM	Life		Life		Life		Life		Life	Local
BET	Soul Plane	Trey	Tiny-Toya		BET Inspiration					Local
BRAVO	Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Housewives/NJ		Law Order: CI	
CMT	Local	Local	The Singing Bee		Cannonball Run II					
CNN	Larry King Live		Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		Newsroom	Local
COMEDY	Sinbad: Where		Lewis Black		Artie Lange		Williams			Local
DISC	Local	Local	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	
DISN	Local	Local	16 Wishes	Jonas L.A	Jonas L.A	Jonas L.A	Freaky Friday			
E!	Evan Almighty				Miami	Holly's W	The Soup	Chelsea	Miami	Holly's W
ESPN	MLB Baseball				SportsCenter				SportsCenter	Local
ESPN2	Poker	World Series		World Series		World Series		World Series		Local
FAM	Grease		Grease		J. Osteen	Ed Young	Zola Levi			Local
FOOD	Local	Local	Food Network Star		Food Network Star		Chopped		Iron Chef: Rescue Me	
FX	Spider-Man 3		21				Louie		Louie	Rescue Me
HGTV	Holmes on Homes		Design Star		Design Star		Design Star		Design Star	
HIST	Top Shot		Top Shot		Top Shot		Top Shot			Local
LIFE	Drop Dead Diva		Army Wives		Drop Dead Diva		Army Wives		Drop-Diva	Local
MTV	Berger	Pranked	The Real World		True Life		Pranked			Local
NICK	Local	Local	iCarly	Big Time	Victoriou	Jackson	News	Chris	Lopez	Lopez
SCI	Greatest-Hero		Greatest-Hero		Greatest-Hero		Greatest-Hero		GreatHero	Local
SPIKE	Star Wars V				Star Wars VI: Return					Local
TBS	Starky & Hutch		Starky & Hutch							Local
TCM	Bye Bye Birdie		OklaHoma!				The General			Local
TLC	Local	Local	Police Women		Police Women		Police Women		Police Women	
TNT	Leverage		Leverage		Leverage		Leverage		Runaway	Local
TOON	Unnatural History	King/Hill	Fam. Guy		Fam. Guy	Boondocks	Squid	Franken.	History	Local
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost		Ghost	Local
TV LAND	M*A*S*H 30th		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Local
USA	NCIS		NCIS		Law Order: CI		NCIS		NCIS	Local
VH1	Behind the Music		Behind the Music		Behind the Music		Behind the Music		Dad Camp	Local
WGN	Batman				Beetlejuice				BarneyM	Local
Premium Channels										
HBO	Local	Local	Rocker	All About Steve			True Blood		True Blood	
MAX	Local	Local	Role Models		Taking Woodstock				Men in Black II	
SHOW	Local	Local	Save the Last Dance		The Real L Word		Dexter		The Real L Word	