

'Green' house opening planned for Wednesday

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People are invited to attend the grand opening of the Northwest Tech Betz-Saint House, 1219 Center Ave., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday with a ribbon cutting to open the rebuilt home.

This energy efficient, low maintenance home is located within walking distance to area churches, art center, downtown and beautiful parks.

The house is being put on the market, and proceeds from the sale go back to support the ongoing commitment of "hands-on" education by Northwest Kansas Technical College. The college has two donated lots where they are planning the next carpentry house project at 13th and Broadway Ave.

"I am pleased with how the house project came out," said Dr. Ed Mills, college president. "This will make some couple or small family a great home."

The house has been rebuilt over the past year by the Northwest Tech Carpentry students as a hands-on educational project.

Dr. Mills credits the idea for remodeling a house to a conversation he had with Tom Betz, editor of



Garcia's Home Furnishing brought some sample furniture to the Northwest Tech 'green' house to give people who come to the open house on Wednesday a feeling for what the home would be if a family was living in the home. The home will be on the market, and proceeds will go toward the next hands-on carpentry student project.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

The Goodland Star-News when he first came to Goodland to become the college president more than a

year ago.

The idea became a real project when Dennis and Linda Saint donated the house and lot at 1219 Center Ave.

Northwest Tech began the project in August and worked through the winter to rebuild the house nearly from the ground up including expanding the house to the south and putting up new walls and a new roof.

Northwest Tech electrical, heating ventilation and air conditioning and welding students helped with portions of the rebuild.

The well insulated house has two bedrooms, two bathrooms, small study, open living, dining and kitchen area, small patio, garage with automatic door opener, landscaped lawn and off street graveled parking in the back.

The house has maintenance free siding, efficient heating and air conditioning system, on demand water heater and efficient lighting including ceiling fans. The kitchen comes with a large refrigerator, stainless steel sinks, electric stove and microwave.

To show off the house Dr. Mills asked John Garcia of Garcia's Home Furnishings to bring over some

sample furniture to give people an idea of how the home might look.

The interior design and color schemes were the work of Sarah Short's high school decorating class.

Bryant Nemecheck, carpentry instructor, said he felt the house project came out well, and the students learned a lot in the process. A number of local contractors were asked to help with specific aspects including the brick work on the front.

In past years Northwest Tech students would build a house on campus and then sell it to be moved to a site by the new owner. Betz suggested to Dr. Mills it might be better to look at remodeling an existing house in town.

A major difference Betz said is the family who buys the 'green' house will already have all the hard work done. It is a turn key project and will take minimum furniture to move in.

"It has been fantastic to watch the Northwest Tech students tackle the many aspects of carpentry, electrical, plumbing and finishing over the past year," Betz said. "They deserve a lot of credit along with Nemecheck and Dr. Mills for the beautiful home they built."

Cats preen, play for show judge during pre-fair week 4-H events

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then back to Steever. Phase three is a run going north along Arcade and coming back south on Main Ave. to finish at Steever.

Drivers are asked to be on the lookout for the bikers and runners Bonsall said. The Sherman County

Amateur Radio Enthusiasts Club will be helping keep track of the biker and runners with hams posted at key points on the course.

Saturday afternoon attention turns to the fair parade with line-up beginning at 4 p.m. and the parade starting up Main Ave. at 5 p.m. The parade will go up Main from 17th to Eighth.

The annual Kiwanis Demo Derby will start smashing cars and maybe pickups this year at 7 p.m. in the arena. The Sherman County home owned carnival will open the rides and games at 7 p.m.

The fairgrounds are open for set-up on Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

Monday fair week begins with the 4-H food, arts & crafts judging at 8 a.m. followed by the 4-H food sale. Judging of Exploring 4-H projects will be at 9:30 a.m. Judging of rabbits and poultry will be at 2:30 p.m.

The evening activities begin with a free hotdog feed at 5:30 p.m. and Family Fun Night activities at 6 p.m. The carnival and games will open at 7 p.m.

Tuesday all entries for other 4-H and Open Class projects will be taken from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Judging of these will be at 11:30 a.m.

The Sheep Show will be at 1 p.m. followed by the Goat Show at 3 p.m.

The Kids Pedal Tractor Pull registration opens at 5:30 p.m. in front of the grandstand, and the pedal tractor pull will begin at 6 p.m. The carnival and games open at 7 p.m. and this will be a wrist band night with one price for riding all night.

Wednesday starts at 8 a.m. with the Swine Show.

Gates open at 4:30 p.m. for the Western Plains Chute-Out Professional Bull Rider event that begins at 6:30 p.m.

Part of the PBR show will be Punkintown Clown who will entertain between bull rides and rounds. The fair continues on Thursday with the Beef Show at 9 a.m. The

round robin showmanship at 12:30 p.m.

The Howdy Rowdy Rodeo is Thursday evening at 6 p.m.

Friday is livestock judging at 9 a.m. with the 4-H appreciation barbeque at 4:30 p.m. and the 4-H livestock sale at 5:30 p.m.

This is the last night of the carnival and games and will be another wrist band night.

The evening wraps up with the Modified Tractor Pull in front of the grandstands.

Saturday projects are released beginning at 8 a.m.

The Tri-State Royal of Champions will begin at 1 p.m.

Search for elderly man successful

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"I want to say hats off to everyone," Butts said, "for the quick response and cooperative effort in the search."

He said at one point the searchers could hear a truck honking on nearby I-70 and checked it out to

see if it was the missing man or deer crossing the highway.

"There are a lot more dangerous places out there," he said. "I was worried he had fallen down and could not get up or was disoriented and wandering around in a nearby field."

Eddleman walked out of a corn

field and approached the sheriff's command post shortly before midnight.

Butts said he was glad it ended with the man being found safe. He said these situations require quick response, and felt lucky in this case things worked out.

Dr. Jim

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State Representative - Dist. 121

Dear Neighbor:

I've considered it an honor to represent you for the past 18 years in the Kansas House of Representatives. Throughout those years, we Kansans have faced some tough times - none tougher than right now.

As we deal with the issues and challenges facing our State. I will continue to value your thoughts, input and suggestions, just as I always have. I will greatly appreciate your vote of support in the August 3rd Republican primary.

Sincerely,

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Paid for by Jim Morrison for State Representative, William V. Adams, Treasurer.

Vote Yes for Economic Development and Sherman County

- The Sherman County Economic Development Council is a group of volunteers appointed by the Sherman County Commissioners. The purpose of Economic Development is to build capacity for economic growth and sustainability.
- A vote in favor of the mill levy for Economic Development will replace, not add to, current City and County funding.
- One existing program administered by Economic Development has generated \$135,000 to improve both businesses and homes. A stipulation for participating in the program is spending the money at local businesses. Of the \$135,000, \$45,000 in grant money (tax paid funds) spurred \$90,000 in private spending.
- On behalf of Goodland and Kanorado, Economic Development has applied for the Community Development Block Grants for Housing. In this program, up to \$800,000 in federal funds would be used to improve targeted areas.
- The Neighborhood Revitalization Program is a tax rebate program that encourages building improvements. To date, 140 applications have been submitted for properties valuing \$8,300,320.
- Going forward, Economic Development is working to bring a new grocery store to Goodland. The office will continue to offer programs that encourage existing business growth and improvements. Economic Development will also improve the marketing strategy used to attract new business. Over the next two years, the goal is to bring in 4 businesses and 40 jobs.
- The objective of economic growth is to expand the tax base, which reduces the tax burden for all Sherman County residents.
- Your vote in support of funding for Economic Development will help us "go forward" and continue to be a productive and positive community. Money from the mill levy will replace current City and County funding.
- Citizens in Support of Economic Development Treasurer, Don Newell

DRINKING WATER WARNING

City of Goodland, KS water has high levels of nitrate

Water sample results collected 6/30/10 and 7/12/10 showed nitrate levels of 11 mg/L. This is above the federal nitrate standard, or maximum contaminant level of 10 (MCL). Nitrate in drinking water is a serious health concern for infants less than six months old. **DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS UNDER SIX MONTHS OLD OR USE IT TO MAKE INFANT FORMULA**

What should I do?
DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS. Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome. Blue baby syndrome is indicated by blueness of the skin. Symptoms in infants can develop rapidly, with health deteriorating over a period of days. If symptoms occur, seek medical attention immediately.
 Water, juice, and formula for children under six months of age should not be prepared with tap water. Bottled water or other water low in nitrates should be used for infants until further notice. **DO NOT BOIL THE WATER.** Boiling, freezing, filtering, or letting water stand does not reduce the nitrate level. Excessive boiling can make the nitrates more concentrated, because nitrates remain behind when the water evaporates.
 Adults and children older than six months can drink the tap water (nitrate is a concern for infants because they can't process nitrates in the same way adults can.) However, if you are pregnant or have specific health concerns, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? What is being done?
 Nitrate in drinking water can come from natural, industrial, or agricultural sources (including septic systems and run-off). Levels of nitrate in drinking water can vary throughout the year. We'll let you know when the amount of nitrate is again below the limit.
 You were initially notified of high nitrate levels on 12/23/08. Since that time we have been monitoring the nitrate concentration every three months. Seasonal fluctuations in nitrate concentrations have been observed, it appears that high nitrates occur during the later summer and fall. The City of Goodland is currently in the process of building a water treatment facility.

For more information, please contact Rich Simon, Superintendent of Public Works by phone at 785-890-4500 or by mail at 204 W 11th, PO Box 59, Goodland, KS 67735.

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