

One man stabbed, one shot on Monday night

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Rustin was leaving his home at 702 W. 11th to take a friend home. Darrick said Rustin was sitting in his car when Whitaker pulled up and he came towards him.

Rustin tried to put the car in reverse, but Darrick said, he wasn't used to the new car and he couldn't get it into gear. He said Whitaker pulled the knife from his pocket and reached in the window to stab Rustin.

Darrick said Rustin was stabbed behind the ear, in the neck, shoulder, chin and arm. All of the stab marks, Darrick said, were facing downward and they had to cut open Rustin's rib cage to repair the damage to the broken blood vessels.

After he was stabbed, he said, his friend got out of the car, called "911" and ran the half block to Darrick's house to get help.

He said Rustin's foot came off the car's break pedal and the car rolled across the street. An officer who rushed to assist Rustin reported he

noticed a car that looked like it had crashed on the curb near where Rustin was found.

Darrick said Rustin followed and spoke to him before he collapsed in his yard.

"He looked at me and said 'I'm gonna die,'" he said.

He said Rustin was bleeding from his chin and neck and he had defensive wounds on his arm. Darrick said the police showed up quickly, but with his brother bleeding it seemed like forever.

"They all did a fantastic job," Darrick said. "The hospital did a wonderful job. They saved my brother's life."

Darrick went to Goodland Regional Medical Center and then drove out to St. Anthony's in Denver where his mother, father and sister all awaited news of Rustin.

The police spoke to Rustin's friend, and at 8:30 p.m., they sent out a call to watch for the suspect, Whitaker, in a white car.

Police went to a house on 8th Street to find Whitaker, but discov-

ered their information was incorrect. Later they got the correct address, 821 W. 8th, at the D'Lao Apartments.

Witnesses at the apartments told police the man had left on foot, wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt, just minutes before they arrived.

In their search, police pulled over a white car on Cattletrail but it belonged to someone else.

Then dispatch received a "911" call that someone was on the roof of Wallace and Patricia Hansen's house at 706 W. 8th. The dispatcher told police the caller, who was Pat Hansen, heard the man walking around on the roof.

Officers on the scene shortly after reported the man on the roof had stabbed himself in the chest with a four-to-five inch knife, and was refusing to come down.

At 10 p.m., Mary Messamore, dispatch department head, arrived on the scene to coordinate communication from a state patrol car. About 10:17 p.m., officers reported shots fired. Just two minutes later,

the suspect on the roof was reported to be in custody.

At 10:25 p.m., an ambulance reported it was taking a 34-year-old male with gunshot wounds to his arm and stab wounds to his chest to the Goodland hospital.

Police Chief Ray Smee called in the Kansas Bureau of Investigation in Great Bend to investigate the shooting.

Police made no official statement about the shooting, referring all questions to the KBI. Preliminary reports suggest that Mike Hopper, the area wildlife conservation officer for the state Department of Wildlife and Parks, shot Whitaker with the bullet hitting Whitaker in the left side and arm.

Officers from the Goodland Police, Sherman County Sheriff's Office, Kansas Highway Patrol and Wildlife and Parks were all involved in the incident.

Officers taped off the scene to await the arrival of the KBI officers and were asked to report to the police office for a debriefing. The

Goodland Fire Department provided lights for a mapping crew at both scenes.

Goodland Regional Medical Center reported treating the two men and sending them both out on MediFlight to St. Anthony's Hospital in stable condition on Monday.

Darrick said Whitaker was treated and placed in a room near Rustin's room.

"Why did they send them both to the same hospital?" he said, "I'm concerned that (Whitaker) knows (Rustin) is alive now and can testify against him."

He said a nurse at the hospital told him they found Whitaker in the doorway of Rustin's room. Whitaker has not been arrested, he

said, because the city does not want to pay his medical bills. Darrick said the hospital won't place a guard at Whitaker's room until legal action is taken, but they have moved him to another room.

"There should be charges against him," Darrick said. "The system is all screwed up."

The KBI would only confirm that an altercation between two men resulted in a critical injury. The other man, said the KBI release, hid from police and was captured after sustaining "a non-critical injury."

Linda Durand with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation said Wednesday they were not planning to release any further information at this time.

Chamber begins planning January annual meeting

By Kathryn Burke

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Roast beef, a review of last year, entertainment and the company of Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce members are on the bill for this year's Chamber annual meeting and banquet.

The event is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 13, at the Northwest Kansas Technical College Student Union.

The Chamber plans to offer tickets to members and the public for \$20 per person, with a discount to \$15 per person when you buy a table of eight.

Ken Clouse, a Chamber board member and president of the Technical College, said the block discount may encourage businesses to buy a table and extend invitations to recognize their employees.

The program will include plaques for new members and renewal stickers for existing members.

"It will be a good time to recog-

nize new members," Clouse said.

Chamber manager Courtney Warden said they need 10 plaques for new members this year.

The banquet will feature a Chamber update, with Warden giving guests a review of events over the past year, from the rained-out fireworks at Freedom Fest to the successful Flatlander Fall Festival.

For entertainment, Warden said they will have the Goodland High School Jazz Band or the X-pressos singers.

Chamber Chairman Donna Swager said she is looking into hiring a "business humorist" from Colorado for the event. She said he is a counselor and a comedian who gives entertaining, motivational speeches.

Guests will be asked to wear business attire. Warden said she plans to send out invitations to members.

"This should be a "can't miss" kind-of event," Clouse said. "It ought to be a nice evening."

Camelot comes to high school stage tonight

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describing the King's plans, Guenevere's reservations about marriage, the month of May, Sir Lancelot's purity and the better aspects of Camelot.

King Arthur introduces the Knights of the Round Table and it's greatest knight, Lancelot (Craig Mason.)

The plot thickens after Lancelot, challenged to a duel, kills and resurrects his opponent. That and Lancelot's purity of heart draw Guenevere into a forbidden love with the knight, and that's just in Act I.

Each scene ends with a blackout of the set and a musical interlude while the crew transforms the stage.

The scenes range from a field

outside of Camelot where they celebrate the first of May to a room inside the bricked walls of the castle.

The musical is directed by Randy Berls, Goodland High School vocal music teacher. Mark Hagerman constructed the set.

The orchestra is made up of Nancy Shores and Melanie Biel on keyboard, Dr. David Younger on viola, Mallory Younger on cello, Jay Jolly on string bass, Tremon Kizer on trombone and D.J. Sparks on percussion.

The cast also includes Michael Smith as Pellinore, Brett Lalicker as Mordred, Shannon Johnson as Morgan Le Fey, Joy Winkler as Nimue, Brandon Hatfield as Sir Dinadan, Tysen Lofland as Sir Sangramore, Jake Kling as Sir Lionel, Jillian

Parker as Lady Ann, Simon Wang as the Speaking Herald, Kelsey Leiker as Lady Sybil, Samantha Philbrick as the Lady in Waiting, Tiffany Wing as Lady Catherine, John Mosbarger as Sir Knight, Dough Eddleman as Dap, Andrew Philbrick as Clarius and Devin Mangus as Tom of Warwick.

The Ladies of Camelot are Ashley Cebula, Jenna McGinley, Jena McCall, Vanessa Crotinger, Jordan Frazier, Andrea Grieve, Hannah West, Nichole Buskirk, Lea Shores, Sandy Johnson, Kelsi Ihrig, Kerri Bellamy and Jill Corcoran.

The crew includes Melissa Schritter and Marisa Acuff on the light board; Jeff Mason, Richard Bauman, Cody Engel, Ryan Gausman and Tyler Anderson on stage crew; Amy

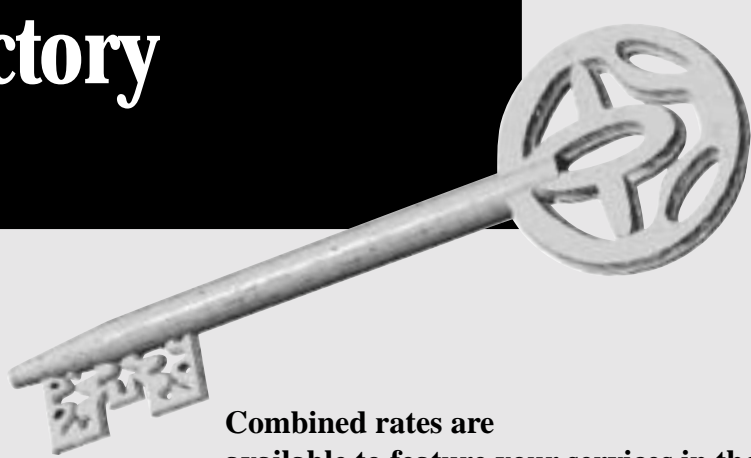
Cebula, Aubrea Winter, Samantha Lamb, Ashley Christians, Eryn Topliff, Alison Milke, Samantha Raymer and Melissa Swager on make-up; Gena Overmiller and Amanda Anthor on spotlights; Lacey Ridder, Alicia Felver, Cathy Eddleman, Kris Nylander and Ruth Winkler on costumes; Carol Jolly and Joy Winkler were artistic directors; Josh Cech and Jerrod Goodman on video; Ashley Wing, Jen Enfield and Briana Taylor as director assistants; Heidi Yonkey, Jodi Roane and Adrienne West for programs; Prints and the Paper on program printing; Bret Jarmin on sword design; Nona Mason on props; Tika Hall on publicity; Andy Kear for providing the "Excalibur" sword; and Riley O'Harrah for providing Warwick's bow.

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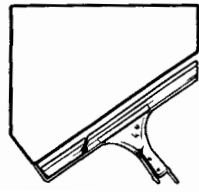
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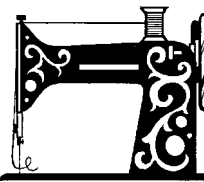
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