



Territory repairs fix splinters

Tysen Lofland (left) and Wade Taylor (above) used saws to cut pieces of imitation wood to attach to the Topside Territory playground. Craig Mason (right) worked underneath the playground to pry a piece of old wood from the structure.

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Playground crew gets rid of splinters, nails

By Kathryn Burke

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Splintered wood, rusty nails and dangerous spots are being replaced with imitation wood and new hardware at the Topside Territory playground next to West Elementary.

Summer employees started to take the equipment apart last week for the renovation.

"We're just really getting started," said school Superintendent Marvin Selby.

The Goodland School Board agreed to renovate the playground

after reports that the 12- to 13-year-old equipment had fallen into disrepair.

The summer crew, made up of five students with two or three adults, is using drills, crowbars, screwdrivers, saws and other tools to disassemble the equipment.

For the renovation, Selby said, the crew is using an imitation wood, a long-wearing, sturdy alternative to real wood. The stuff is guaranteed for 20 years, he said.

Instead of completely replacing everything in the playground, the

group is covering some existing pieces of wood with the imitation.

Selby said one of the main problems with the structure was splintering, but most of the wood is sturdy.

"They're just kind of worn in places," Selby said.

"We're trying to keep most of the structure," said one worker.

Because the imitation wood is so costly, Selby said they will only do about a third of the project this summer. They bought \$1,800 worth of the material and when they run out, this year's work will be done.

"We'll just see how this works out," he said, adding that they may cover more ground with the wood they have than they thought.

He expects the project to have a greater labor cost than anything else, although the imitation wood is more expensive than regular wood.

The imitation costs about \$2.25 per linear foot compared to regular treated wood that runs about 97 cents per linear foot, Dan Rasure with Rasure Lumber said.

Selby said the imitation will not require the same maintenance as regular wood, cutting down on spraying, painting and replacement

costs.

Rasure said the material the district bought, Oasis, has a "cool to touch" formulation.

"In direct sunlight," he said, "it doesn't get hot at all."

He said it doesn't expand and contract as much as regular wood and it is made to look a lot like real wood.

The new material is a lighter color than the existing wood, Selby

said, and the crew is working to make it blend in.

"We want it to look nice," he said. The group next will tackle the surface under the playground, digging out the gravel and fluffing up the ground underneath.

Selby told the school board that when the playground was built, parents, the city and other groups, pitched in. He hopes this time, they can get people involved again.

Concert goers can drink beer

By Kathryn Burke

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Goodland concert goers will be able to raise a glass to county music singer Tracy Lawrence over the Fourth of July weekend after the City Commission approved a beer license Monday.

The commission unanimously approved the license for Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce at the

Sherman County Fairgrounds for the Saturday, July 2, concert.

Tom Armour, interim city manager, told the commission he was worried because the license would be good until the end of the calendar year.

Chamber President Donna Swager said they will only have control of the fairgrounds for three days. Since the license is fixed to the

location, they would only have the license for the three days, too, she said.

Chamber Manager Courtney Warden said the beer license will be used just for the concert.

"It will be set up inside the arena," said Swager, adding that within the arena they will have an enclosed, policed area. "The beer won't leave that area."

corrections

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Personal Property Auction

By Homestead Realty

For Several area customers

Saturday, June 18th • 9:30 a.m. MST

Auction site: VFW Hall, 824 Main, Goodland, Kan.

NOTE: We will be selling lots of household items for customers in the Goodland area. As usual the hall will be full so come and enjoy the day at another fun auction where everyone has "Satisfaction at the sound of the gavel". Lunch served by the VFW Auxiliary.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

3-round patio umbrella tables; 2 recliners; 2 rocker/recliners; 2 blue sofas; glass top end and coffee tables; 2 sets coffee and end tables; round end table; small round dining table with 2 chairs; 5' lighted china hutch and covered bowl glass china hutch; swivel rocker; glider-rocker; octagon table with 4 chairs; Ranch Oak round table with 6 leather backed chairs; 2 small writing desks; display case; queen bedroom set with chest; dresser; night stands; 7 drawer chest; 2 portable TV's; kitchen table with 3 chairs; 7' flowered sofa, like new; mauve recliner, nice; queen bedroom set, dresser, chest, night stand, nice; Quasar microwave with stand; magazine rack; new pedestal sink & toilet, almond; almond GE electric stove, self cleaning; 2-Lazy Boy swivel rockers; Tell City hard rock maple dining table with 4 chairs; hard rock maple step table with slate top; camel back sofa; nice sofa & wing back chair; New Holland gas grill

COLLECTABLES

Green Fenton vase with fluted top; purple Fenton basket; Fenton heart shaped dish with hummingbird on lid; red Fenton bowl stand; purple Fenton bowl with candle; pink Fenton basket with handle; Fenton Burmese dish with butterfly lid; red Fenton basket with handle; Fenton bowl - Petal Pink Daisy; red Fenton glass; Faberge egg basket; Faberge egg - musical; Victorian Charm music box egg; Avon music flower box; Lefton china dolphin; etched glass vase; decorated egg from China with wooden base; Mikasa quartz clock, purple Wedgwood dish with lid, 5" Queen Rose cache pot - bone china; Miska Eskimo doll, new in box; Dolly Dingle doll; Cameo doll; Granny World doll; Black Kewpie doll; Betty Ball Goebel musical doll; Goebel doll in glass globe; red headed Goebel boy & girl dolls; money bank; porcelain rooster and hen; shadow box and figurines; porcelain floral pitcher, heart vase, rose box; BOXES of expensive costume jewelry; Several pieces of Jamoco Franciscan china; 4 Haggard flower pots; antique pump organ; couch and matching chair

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Lots of nice cookware, dishes, glasses; bedding; Regulator clock; cassette & video tapes; Christmas figurines; 2 nice fur & leather ladies coats; sewing basket, full of supplies; 3-8 x 10 and 1 18 x 22 wood picture frames with easels.

VEHICLE - 1980 Ford PU, 4sp, V8, runs good but needs some work.

LOTS MORE ITEMS. THE HALL WILL BE FULL

TERMS. Cash or Check with ID. Everything must be paid for and removed day of sale.

For more information contact Terry Richardson at Homestead Realty, 1023 Main, Goodland, Kan. Terry Richardson, Broker-Auctioneer 785-899-2328 or 899-8094

Second Annual Coed Mud Volleyball Tournament

Sponsored by First National Bank of Goodland's Relay for Life Team

Saturday, July 2, 2005

9:00 a.m. MST

Old State Highway Building
1201 W. Highway 24

Entry Fee: \$60/team register on or before June 24
Pick up registration forms at First National Bank, Goodland Chamber of Commerce Office or contact:
Kris Armatys at Armatys@fnb.com, 890-3385
Teams up to eight member are accepted...register early as spots are limited! Concessions available.

Bring your Lawnchair!!!

All proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society

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We will be closing at 12:00 p.m. (noon) Wednesday, June 15, 2005

so our employees may attend a bank meeting.

We will be open regular hours Thursday.

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