

# Power plant complex to be built near Caruso

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He said the steam alone will save the ethanol plant \$3 million per year. Normally, he said, they would need to use natural gas to cook grain to ferment the alcohol.

The production of biodiesel fuel, Justus said, uses some of the byproducts from the ethanol plant.

Although the processes for borrowing from one plant to operate another is not new, Justus said, the plants here will be unique, combining all three.

He said the combination is already working in different places. They are just combining the three systems here.

Fairbanks said while the group has plans for marketing the ethanol, biodiesel and the power, the contracts are still in negotiations.

He said the corn for the ethanol plant will come from area farmers, mostly within Sherman County. One of the goals for investors, he said, was to not affect an ethanol plant at Campus, just east of Oakley. “We don’t intend to compete with Campus,” he said.

The ethanol plant will produce about 25 million gallons of alcohol for fuel per year, he said, much

smaller than the Campus plant, which has a capacity of 40 million per year.

Fairbanks said after checking the numbers, they have found that enough corn was produced last year in the county to exceed the plant’s needs.

The leftover from ethanol production, know as distillers’ grain, is used as cattle feed. Fairbanks said feedlots here have expressed interest in the material.

The biodiesel plant will produce about 15 million gallons per year. Justus said the fuel is made from soy oil, grease, animal fats and molasses, another byproduct from the ethanol plant.

He said soy oil will have to come from a crushing plant from outside the area at first, but the beans could eventually come from farmers here.

Justus said the plants will be made with room to grow. The ethanol plant, he said, has space to triple in size.

Fairbanks said the group is in negotiations for a coal supplier. Original figures, he said, included prices for coal shipped from Wyoming.

The plant, Justus said, may eventually sell power to the city. It will have a 22- megawatt capacity, a

little larger than the city’s 15-megawatt diesel plant, but vastly more efficient.

“We’re sure they’re going to be a main customer,” he said, adding that energy prices are rising and they will offer the city a good rate. “This is going to be a good thing for the city.”

The gear for the ethanol plant was purchased from St. Paul, Minn., the power plant from Morehead, Minn., and the biodiesel plant from Austria.

Gennifer House, a Goodland Energy Resources board member, said with new air-pollution control scrubbers, the plants will exceed all required clean-air standards.

Fairbanks said they have hired two companies to put the plants together here.

The installation will start with someone to pour cement. Justus said it will take 120 days for workers to do the cement work alone.

Fairbanks said they hired Pickman because he has experience working with local and state governments and power suppliers. He retired in June and moved to Colorado, but will be here to work when he is needed.

“Ron’s a very sharp guy,” Justus

said. “We were fortunate. We had to beg him.”

Already, he said, the group has met with all of the government agencies involved to discuss permits and regulations.

House said each plant will be owned and operated by a separate group of local investors, each in a limited liability corporation.

The ethanol plant will be owned by the E Caruso group, the biodiesel plant by ReNewable and the power plant by Goodland Energy Resources.

Members of the overall Goodland Energy Center board include Norman House, manager of Goodland Energy Resources, Gerald Franklin and Alan Townsend, both area farmers, and Stephen West, president of Western State Bank.

First National Bank is an investor as part of the National Bank Community Development Program, Fairbanks said.

Justus said he is excited about the project and expects it to do a lot for Goodland.

“I think the biggest thing is going to be, of course, the jobs,” he said, adding that a good work force, good schools and a good hospital will help attract people to the jobs.

# School may drug test athletes, students, staff

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include a doctor who would screen out different possibilities.

He said after the test is taken, the results would go to the doctor, who would then call the student’s parents. He would ask if there was a reason for the positive results. If a legitimate reason exists, Swager said, the doctor would not even tell the school.

“It would be screened out before we even get the information,” he said.

“There is one thing I insist on,” said board member Mike Campbell, “and that’s confidentiality.”

Swager said school employees sign forms promising to keep all student information confidential. Drug testing, he said, would fall under that rule.

Board member Dick Short asked if the test could screen for all 14 of the illegal or banned items from one urine sample.

Swager said it could.

Campbell asked if the test could come back with a positive from second-hand smoke.

Swager said the amount of nicotine would have to be above a certain level to ensure it was not second-hand.

Philbrick noted that since the testing is random, one student may have to take several tests in a row while others are missed.

“Inevitably the public is gonna think we’re picking on one kid,” said board member Marty Melia.

Swager said he has heard several questions about testing

teachers and adult sponsors. He said many teacher have approached him saying they would be interested in establishing a voluntary pool for testing.

“It shouldn’t be a problem for any of them,” said Campbell. “If we think it’s good for the kids, then the supervising adults should do it, too.”

Superintendent Marvin Selby said right now the district only tests employees in the transportation department. He said if teachers do come up positive for drugs on a voluntary test, they probably could not be fired.

Swager said the drug testing committee suggested the school invest in a breath test to be used before school dances, too. He said they are thinking of asking the student council to buy the \$400 machine.

If a student fails the test, Swager said, they could call the police to arrest the intoxicated minor.

“What do we do to sell this to the community?” Short asked about the drug testing plan.

Swager said a community meeting is the best way to allow the public to understand the plan. He said if the community won’t support drug testing, he said, it might not be the right thing for the school.

Philbrick said she has only heard good comments from the public on drug testing.

“I’ve had nothing but positive reports on it,” she said.

“We should let people know,” said Short, “this is not to catch kids. It’s to give them extra reinforcement to say ‘no.’”

# Couple arrested on drug charges after searches Friday

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Baumfalk failed to appear on methamphetamine and weapon charges stemming from a January arrest in Thornton, Colo.

Baumfalk had been under investigation for allegedly having detonated several explosive devices and making threats toward public officials, Murphy said.

“The information we have is that he was engaged in making pipe bombs,” Murphy said, adding police could not confirm that they found any explosives.

While searching the house, though, agents discovered what appeared to be a methamphetamine lab. After the search, the house was posted against entry by the state Department of Health and Environment, since chemicals used in making meth can be toxic.

“Initially, we weren’t there for the drugs,” Murphy said. “We were there for activities regarding explosives.”

He said officers had to go get a second search warrant to seize the drug items.

“Anytime we get a lab,” he said, “we consider that to be a serious situation.”

He said things found in the house were related to a methamphetamine lab and a substance believed to be methamphetamine was found.

He said they found evidence of

## Man arrested in raid Friday

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front of the house on Center.

“In the house, come out with your hands up,” an officer said. “Drop your weapon and come out now.”

“Come out with your hands up,” he said as Baumfalk emerged. “Get them up. Higher, higher, all the way up. Get down on the ground on your face.”

A photographer tried to go around to the other side of the Western State Bank, but an officer shouted at him to get back.

Officers surround the suspect, now on the ground, and additional men arrived in cars.

Police Chief Ray Smee held

Baumfalk on the ground in front

of the house, on the east side of Center north of Eighth. He was handcuffed and held at gun point while agents from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, state fire marshals and police officers in full riot gear went into the house.

“The residence has been secured,” officers reported as Baumfalk was hustled off to a vehicle to be taken to the Bastille.

More cars arrived, and the officers continued to search the house.

Later that day, the house was secured and a notice placed on the door saying the property could not be entered or used.

searched again on Friday, Murphy said, but police didn’t find any drugs there.

Crystal Baumfalk, who was facing the same charges as her husband in the first case, pleaded not guilty in Sherman County District Court in May. The case against her husband has not been to trial.

In January, Scott was arrested again, this time in the parking lot of a K-mart store in Thornton, Colo.

Police found what they believed to be methamphetamine, a loaded 9 mm Ruger gun and two plastic bags containing 488 loose pseudoephedrine pills in his vehicle there.

Baumfalk was out on a \$5,000 security bond on the Colorado charges when he failed to make a court appearance, leading to the warrant.

Murphy said the search on Friday involved the Quad County Drug Task Force, the Goodland Police Department, the Sherman County Sheriff’s Department, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, and agents from the state fire marshal’s office.

The authorities were assisted by agents from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives of the U.S. Department of Justice from Kansas City, Wichita, and Denver offices, the Kansas Highway Patrol, the Colby Police Department Special Response Team, and the Wallace County Sheriff’s Department.

devices use to ingest meth and the search warrant extended to blood and urine samples from the Baumfalks.

Crystal and Scott Baumfalk both were charged with manufacturing methamphetamine, possession of pseudoephedrine with intent to manufacture, possession of lithium metal with intent to manufacture, possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to manufacture, aiding and abetting in the manufacture/attempt to manufacture and failure to

have a state drug tax stamp. The first three are all level 1 drug felonies.

Crystal was initially arrested for obstructing officers.

Two years ago, Scott Baumfalk was arrested in St. Francis after members of the Quad County Drug Task Force, Sherman County Sheriff’s Department and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation executed a warrant to search his business, Scotty’s Motor Co., 209 Main in Kanorado.

The shop in Kanorado was

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16. Honey eater  
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19. Dine well  
22. Pros  
23. Empty  
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36. Sea eagle  
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38. Famous designer  
39. Christian \_\_\_, designer  
41. Many  
43. Admonish  
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2. Afloat  
3. Louver  
4. Maybe  
5. Boredom  
6. Vocalist  
7. Profit  
8. Firearm  
9. Fast cat  
10. Bold  
11. Dog food brand  
12. Bell noise  
14. Silvery  
20. Frost  
21. Center  
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25. Eagle’s nest  
26. Wooden projection  
27. Hand grips  
28. Handle  
29. A way to restore  
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