



Darrel Schrader (left) scraped the inside and Martha Bishop washed the outside of the windows in the new Baptist Church building on Main Street, the old Alco store.  
Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

# Church moves into old Alco

By Pat Schiefen  
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The First Baptist Church, Fifth and Center, has bought the old Alco building at 12th and Main and plans to move downtown this summer or fall.

"We needed to do something so we could grow," said Pastor Travis Blake.

He said a committee started to look at building a new structure or finding an existing one last June, but decided it was more economical to buy an existing building.

The church has an average attendance of about 65, Blake said.

"We have a group with younger elementary kids and older adults," he said. "We, as a church, want to be in the heart of community revitalization in a physical sense as well as spiritual."

"We will start on an empty shell with plumbing and no (interior) walls."

The first stage of remodeling will include a sanctuary/fellowship hall and some classrooms, which will take about one-third of the building, Blake said, and the will have plans drawn up for the rest of the building.

Blake and his family have been in

Goodland since June 1. The pastor and his wife, Alyson, have a 21-month-old son, Brennan. They moved here from Hutchinson, where he had been a youth minister for eight years.

Blake said he grew up in Greensburg, a town of about 1,800 between Pratt and Dodge City. He graduated from high school there, then went to Sterling College, where he majored in elementary education.

His last two years at Sterling, he said, he was a youth minister with a church in Hutchinson with about 200 members. He continued at that job for the next six years.

Blake said is in his third year of seminary and plans to graduate in 2007 with a Master of Arts in transformational leadership. He studies at Bethel Seminary, which is a Baptist General Conference Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. His class meets as a group twice a year for two weeks, he said, and the rest is done through the Internet.

The 20-25 class members are a mixed group including Lutherans, Episcopalians and Pentecostals, he said. Most are already working in ministry and want to develop their leadership skills.

"I wanted to preach or teach," said Blake.

# Sherman County gets new state trooper

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Joshua McQuitty began work as a Kansas Highway Patrol trooper in December under the supervision of Trooper Joe Greene of Goodland.

McQuitty said he graduated from Salina South High School and went to Fort Hays State University.

"I started out planning to be a game warden," he said, "but the science courses were too much, as I was playing baseball."

It's a long process to become a trooper, McQuitty said. Candidates fill out the application and then all the applicants take a written test. There were hundreds taking the test, he said, but only 16 people made it to the patrol's academy in Salina, on the former Marymount College campus.

After the test, he said, candidates have a first interview. A letter lets you know if you move on. Next is more paperwork, McQuitty said, going into your background. Then everyone takes a polygraph test.

A trooper is then sent out to talk to the applicant's family, friends and neighbors in a background check, he said. In all, it takes around six months to go through the application process.

The next step is a final interview. Then you get a conditional offer of employment, said McQuitty.

Next thing they do is a medical background check. Another day of testing includes a physical fitness test in the morning and a psychological test in the afternoon.

Unless you can't run, almost

everyone passes the physical test, said McQuitty. If you pass the tougher psychological test, though, you get a final offer.



McQuitty

McQuitty knew he would be stationed in Sherman County. Then you report to the academy a month later. The training lasts 22 weeks.

"The first quarter is a lot like boot camp," said McQuitty. "Everyone gets up at 5:15, with 30 minutes of physical training before classes begin. There is also an hour to an hour and a half of physical training before supper. No one is allowed to leave."

The recruits got a week's break after week 11, he said. This is when the new troopers make a trip to find a place to live where they are going. In the sixth to the eleventh weeks, he said, they get more training in law.

"After we went back to the academy, we got Wednesday nights off," said McQuitty.

"The last five weeks of the academy we got every night off. We also got training in emergency response driving and firearms."

McQuitty's class graduated Dec. 1.

"We wore our uniforms the last month," he said. "After everyone had qualified with their firearms, they wore their firearms the last week. The new troopers got their badges at graduation."

Every new trooper is on probation for a year. McQuitty said he would be with Greene from 55 to 70 days and then be on his own.

"The officers are a tight group here, but I was welcomed," said McQuitty. "I wanted to come to this part of the state."

# Paper looks for history columnist

The new year has begun, but there is something missing from *The Goodland Star-News* – the "today in history" column.

The column has been written for three years by Evelyn Ward, on behalf of the Sherman County Historical Society. Last year, she decided

to retire. Her last columns ran in December.

So far, efforts to find a new writer for the column have failed. We know it is a popular column, and one that helps bring the history of the area into the public view.

We are looking for a new writer

for the history column, and while it will not make anyone rich, it could be a fun project for someone. The column has run twice a week, and is usually done a month in advance. We would like to have anyone interested call Editor Tom Betz at 899-2338.

The paper also is looking for a Goodland correspondent to keep us up on the comings and goings of our friends here in town. This column is another gap we would like to find someone to fill. Those little tidbits about who is doing what and who

is visiting are part of what makes a small town a great place to live.

In both cases, we provide a subscription for the writer, and there is a small monthly payment for the columns. The town column usually runs once a week.

Anyone interested in being a Goodland news correspondent should call 899-2338 and talk to Mr. Betz.

If you know someone who might be interested in either column, call the newspaper office and give us a name and phone number.

# Congressman plans visit as part of tour

Congressman Jerry Moran will be in Goodland at noon on Friday, Jan. 27, on his 10th annual "Listening Tour" of the "Big First" district.

Rep. Moran will be a guest of the Goodland Rotary Club, which meets at the Northwest Kansas Technical College Student Union. Earlier the same day, he will stop in St. Francis at 10 a.m. Mountain Time.

"The annual tour gives me the chance to meet directly with Kansans and hear their thoughts and concerns," Moran said. "This helps

me do a better job representing Kansas in Congress."

On Monday, Feb. 6, Moran will meet at 11 a.m. with the Norton Rotary Club, and be in Norcatur at 1:30 p.m. Mountain Time. He will be in Tribune at 10 a.m. Mountain Time on Thursday, Feb. 9, and in Sharon Springs at noon, where he will meet with the Rotary Club at Stephens Restaurant.

The tour of the 69 counties will cover more than 5,000 miles, he estimates.

# matters of record

## Real Estate

The following real estate transactions were reported by the Sherman County Register of Deeds:

Kevin W. Sanderson and Jenifer A. Sanderson to Kathy K. Cullen, Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 54, Original Town of Goodland.

# correction

The Goodland Star-News will correct any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story. Please call our office at (785) 899-2338 to report errors. We believe that news

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**WHITWORTH RANCH CO. (747)** – 143 Choice Angus 1st Calf Heifers, Bred to light birth weight Angus bulls, start calving Jan. 15th, 50 days; 124 – Choice Angus 2nd Calf Heifers; 111 – Choice Angus Stockcows, 4 yrs. old; 200 – Choice Angus Stockcows, 5-6 yrs. old; 169 – Choice Angus Stockcows, 7-8 yrs. old; First 30 days, bred to Angus bulls, last 30 days, bred to Angus & Charolais bulls, start calving Jan. 22nd, 60 days. Calves weaned Sept. 15th run on meadow, no grain. Weighed Oct. 15th the steers have averaged 718# the last 3 years. In feed lot they graded 85% to 88% choice. Cows & heifers, Scourboss 9 program, Virashield 3 LP5 & Ivomec. All one raise, COMPLETE DISPERSION.  
**WEARIN BROS. CATTLE CO. (731)** – 121 – Choice Angus & Char. Cross 1st Calf Heifers, synchronized AI'd to Angus bulls 5487 & K177-0414, cleaned up with sons of K177. Start calving March 12th, 50 days; 83 – Choice Angus & Char. Cross coming 2nd Calf Heifers, Bred to Hebbert Charolais bulls, start calving Feb 25th, 60 days; 190 – Choice Angus & Char. Cross Stockcows, 5,6, & 7 yrs. old; 337 – Choice Angus & Char. Cross Stockcows, 8 yrs. old to Broken Mouth, Bred to Angus bulls-Falcon Seaboard & Schurtpop & Hebbert Charolais, bulls, start calving Feb 25th, 60 days; All cows will run 60% Charolais Cross and 40% Angus, home raised, complete vaccination program plus Scourguard, poured this fall. This is a COMPLETE DISPERSION of high producing range cows.  
**WHITLAND RANCH CO. (564)** – 82 – Choice Angus 1st Calf Heifers, synchronized & AI'd to Red Angus bull DMV Dynamic J67, cleaned up with low birth weight Red Angus bulls, start calving March 15th, 50 days; 52 – Choice Black Angus coming 2nd Calf Heifers, Bred to Red Angus Bulls, start calving April 1st, 50 days; 135 – Choice Angus coming 3rd Calf Heifers. 125 – Choice Angus Stockcows, 5,6, & 7 yrs. old; 170 – Choice Angus Stockcows, 8 yrs old to Broken Mouth Bred to 50% Black Angus & 50% Red Angus Bulls, start calving April 1st, 50 days. This is a COMPLETE DISPERSION of home raised cows, complete vaccination production history, range & cake cows.  
**WRAY CATTLE CO. Rex & Jody Buck (385)** – 225 – Choice Angus & Bwf Stockcows, 4-5 yrs old, Bred to Soehner/Ohide bulls, OCC Emblazon, OCC Doctor, OCC Kansas, start calving April 1st, 70 days; 85 – Choice Angus & Bwf 1st Calf Heifers, Bred to Soehner Calle CO. light birth weight Angus bulls, start calving March 10th, 60 days; 50 – Choice Shorthorn Cross Stockcows, 3-8 yrs. old, Bred to OCC Hillbilly & OCC Legend, start calving April 1st, 70 days; 25 – Choice Angus & Bwf Stockcows w/ Calves at side, 2-5 yrs. old, Bred to OCC Hillbilly, Cows exposed to OCC Legend Sons since Nov. 10th, complete vaccination program, COMPLETE DISPERSION.  
**RUSHCREEK LAND & LIVESTOCK (283)** – Choice Angus & Red Cross Stockcows, 3-9 yrs. old, Bred to Angus Bulls, start calving April 1st, 45 days, home raised, complete vaccination program.  
**TERRY BROWN (270)** – 30 – Choice Angus 1st Calf Heifers; 120 – Choice Angus & Bwf Stockcows, 3-6 yrs. old; 120 – Choice Angus & Bwf Stockcows, 7-10 yrs. old; Bred to Angus bulls start calving March 8th, COMPLETE DISPERSION.  
**PARKER & QUINLIN (210)** Choice Charolais Cross Stockcows, 6-7 yrs old, Bred to Jorgenson Angus bulls, start calving March 1st, 75 days. COMPLETE DISPERSION of all Charolais Cross cows.  
**LARRY GARDNER (208)** – 115 – Choice Angus & a few Bwf 1st Calf Heifers, AI'd to Bennett Total, start calving Feb. 22nd, 7 day period; 93 – Choice Angus & a few Bwf 1st Calf Heifers, AI'd to California Traveler, start calving Feb. 22 nd, 7 day calving period; on Dec. 13th these heifers were given Scourboss 9 & poured.  
**D & B ORR (208)** – 150 – Choice Angus Stockcows, 3-5 yrs old; 50 - Choice Angus Stockcows, 6-10 yrs old, Bred to Marcy Angus bulls, start calving Feb 16th, 60 days. COMPLETE DISPERSION of top producing set of cows, complete vaccination program.

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