

The bricks have arrived



Truckloads of paving bricks for Main Avenue intersections arrived on Tuesday. A Miller Construction employee unloaded them pallet by pallet. Four of the five intersections are ready to be bricked. The first one will be Ninth Street, said Darin Neufeld,

engineer for Evens, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates followed by 13th. Neufeld said they hope to have 13th done in time for the start of school on Wednesday, Aug. 23.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Lightning strikes; thousand acres burn in Wallace

Lightning from a small thunderstorm started a grass fire in Wallace County that burned about 1,000 acres Monday, and volunteer firemen from Goodland and at least four other towns were called in to help.

The Wallace County sheriff's department reported a call at 5:10 p.m. that there was a fire on the McKinney Farm between Sharon Springs and Weskan.

The wind whipped the blaze across the pasture, and volunteer fire departments from Weskan, Wallace, Sharon Springs and Winona were called in to help.

About 6 p.m., Wallace County dispatch called Sherman County for additional help. A Sherman County Rural fire truck was dispatched and a rural fire tanker was sent south.

Justin Bentzinger, a rural volunteer fireman, said Tuesday the fire was really going, but a rain shower helped the firemen get it under control. He said the tanker was turned back because the rain dampened the

fire, but the crew of the fire truck helped put out the hot spots.

Sherman County dispatch had calls about the smoke from homes south of Edson, with people wondering if there was a fire in their area.

Jay Sharp, a Sharon Springs fireman, said the winds, estimated at 30 mph and higher gusts near the thunderstorm, made fighting the fire worse. He said the storm started the fire, but the rain from another storm helped put it out.

There was a close call for the Chisum farm three miles northwest of Sharon Springs, Becky Poe, daughter of Von Chisum, told Julie Samuelson, publisher of *The Western Times* in Sharon Springs, that the fire put a scare in the family as it headed for her grandparents farm.

Poe said the fire made it up to the fence surrounding the farm, then miraculously turned east, sparing the home, outbuildings and livestock.

Goodland talents in closing show at Burlington fair

Goodland talent will be featured Saturday at the grandstand show to close out the Kit Carson County Fair, including a 6-year-old girl in the pre-teen division and a man in the adult division.

Other acts include two sisters who grew up in Sherman County.

Winners of the Kit Carson County Jamboree, which was held two weeks ago, will take the stage for a couple of hours of music. The top two winners from each category will be featured. First and second place overall in the talent contest will be announced following the performance on Saturday.

The grandstand show starts at 7 p.m. at the Burlington fairgrounds; gates will open



Mitcheck



Weaver and McCary



Baker

at 6:15 p.m.

In the pre-teen division, the two vying for first place are Demi Mitcheck, 6, daughter of Jack and Becky Mitcheck of Goodland, and Mary Kate Grinnan from Burlington.

Singer and songwriter Mitch Herman

Chicks from Esbon, Kan. They won last year and are back looking for another trophy. Shelby, Corbyn, Lindy and Kaley, nieces of Mark Broeckelman of Burlington, make great music with fiddle, guitar, keyboard and harmonica.

from Burlington will be on stage with some of his original songs.

In the teen division are the Prairie

The third performer in the teen division is Kennedy Stegman from Stratton. She has performed in local musicals, including Burlington High School's spring play "Footloose."

The adult division was divided into two sections for this year's competition.

One of the top contestants singing with recorded music will be Charlie Baker from Goodland, one of the winners in last year's Jamboree.

Also looking for a win are the Rural Girls, Jeanette Weaver and Jane McCary, daughters of Ben Duell of Ruleton.

Two area bands will round out the program in the adult live music division. Patti and the Pistol Grips from Kirk will be com-

peting against the Highway 385 Band from Wray, Burlington and Idalia.

Patti and The Pistol Grips — Patti Lang, Shawn Bellows, Frank Asling and Bobby Heinrichs — will play country western tunes.

E.J. Carpenter, James Lightle, Terry Souther and Dan Steerman make up the Highway 385 Band and they play a variety of music with a touch of bluegrass.

Sponsors of the grandstand show and the Kit Carson County Jamboree are City of Burlington, Burlington Chamber of Commerce, LG Seeds and their dealers and *The Burlington Record*.

Tickets go on sale at 2 p.m.; gates open at 6:15; and the show will start at 7 p.m.

Technical College house built by students still available to buy

The custom-built 2004-2005 house built by carpentry students at the Northwest Kansas Technical College is still available since it did not sell at an auction last month.

This house, with lots of custom-built cabinet features, has 1,676 square feet of living area, said Ken Clouse, President of Northwest Kansas Technical College. The entry is a double set of doors allowing easy access for wide furniture. All woodwork is oak. The living room is on the right side with a built-in feature for television and a ready-to-complete entry to a basement. The house has R-50 blown-in insulation in the ceiling with R-19 on the exterior walls. The windows are double hung with an aluminum clad exterior that will require no maintenance. The roof has a 30-year shingles.

On the left is a hall that leads to the master bath with a corner shower, jetted tub and his and her sinks, and large master bedroom. Past the entry to the are

is two bedrooms on the right. On the left past another bathroom and a laundry room is a large kitchen with dining area. The kitchen and dining area have a recessed ceiling.

There are phone, Internet and cable hookup throughout the house.

The house was custom-designed by the college carpentry staff and all construction has been inspected by the Goodland city building inspector, said Clouse. All of the lighting was installed by the electrical department. The heating and air conditioning was installed by the heating and air conditioning department and has an efficiency of 96 percent. McClure Plumbing and Heating of Goodland installed the plumbing.

Call college President Ken Clouse for information at 890-3641. The asking price is \$105,000.

It would be an excellent house for any growing family or someone who is retiring, said Clouse.

Baxter Black to entertain at Cheyenne County Fair

Baxter Black will be back at the Cheyenne County Fair at 8 p.m. Central Time tonight, entertaining the audience in front of the grandstand with cowboy poetry.

Black performed at the county fair two years ago.

"We feel very fortunate to have Baxter Black back," said Dick Bursch, fair board president. "He provides good entertainment for the whole family."

Since 1982, Black has been rhyming his way into the national spotlight, and now claims he stands

as the best-selling cowboy poet in the known universe. He's written many books (including a rodeo novel), recorded over a dozen audio and video tapes, and has a syndicated column and radio program. From the Tonight Show and Public Broadcasting System to National Public Radio, Black's verse has been seen and heard by millions. His works are displayed in city libraries and small-town feed stores.

Raised in New Mexico, he spent his working life in the mountain West. A veterinarian, he once sold

drugs to clinics in this area. Now Black lives in Arizona and travels the country.

"We are hoping to fill the grandstand, so we encourage everyone to get their tickets early and find a seat," Bursch said.

corrections

A story in the Friday, July 21, edition of *The Goodland Star-News* said that the Northwest Kansas Technical College would sell the 2004-2005 carpentry house at auction on Sunday. The auction was on Saturday, July 22. The error was due to incorrect information given to the newspaper.

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Drug dealer begins prison time

A Goodland man has begun serving a sentence of more than 26 years in the El Dorado Correctional Facility on drug charges.

District Judge Jack Burr on Thursday, April 27, sentenced Scott Baumfalk to two 13-year, two-month sentences that are to run consecutively, or one after another. Baumfalk is appealing his convictions in the Kansas Court of Appeals.

Baumfalk arrived at the El Dorado facility on Thursday, July 6.

He was arrested on July 1, 2005, at his home at 715 Center on seven counts, including manufacture of methamphetamine, and possession of pseudoephedrine, both severity level 1 drug felonies.

The case was prosecuted by Sherman County Attorney Bonnie Selby and Baumfalk was defended by R. Dean Dinkel, Sharon Springs. The jury took about one hour to convict Baumfalk.

Officers from state, federal and county agencies raided Baumfalk's

home after reports he had made threats and might be building bombs. When police found no bombs, but evidence of a drug lab, they got a second search warrant. Police teams sealed off the block and Baumfalk was hauled out to the street at gunpoint.



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