

Art auction this weekend



The Buffalo Guy Ken Klemm looked at one of the prints on display at the dinner theater put on by the Carnegie Arts Theater Saturday night at the Goodland Elks Lodge that could be bid on at an auction this weekend to support Smokey Hills Public TV. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

City agrees to look at building for museum

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alternative to building a new museum at a cost estimated at \$3 to \$5 million.

Curator Linda Holton and board member Jerry Fairbanks told commissioners the museum had been contacted about buying the building at 17th and Main.

Holton said she and Fairbanks had talked to county commissioners to see if they were interested in looking at the old grocery warehouse, and they said it was something to look at.

She said no price has been set, and the board wanted to get a feel from both commissions before pursuing an agreement with the owners.

Holton said the museum had looked at the building about seven years ago, and they had a state historical architect look at it then. She said he felt it would be a great place for a museum.

"The warehouse has 14,000 more square feet than what we had put into our new building," Holton added.

She said the board had an architect, Alan Stecklein of Stecklein and Associates of Hays, look at the building and he brought an engineering firm, J.M. Connelly and Associates of Hays, to look the building over.

She handed the commissioners a summary of his report, noting that he thought it was a good, sturdy building and would make a wonderful museum.

She said the main floor is ready for them to move in, and the building has heating and air conditioning. She said some of the excess exhibits from the museum are being stored in the warehouse now. She said the museum board thinks the building is a good option, and being a historic

building, it could bring people down to Main Street.

"I get to talk about the money," said Jerry Fairbanks, legal counsel for the First National Bank. "We do not have a price from the owners (Kim Acuff and Shane Ritter), and we do not have a magic way to pay for this."

"We talked to the county commissioners, and they said if the city expressed an interest they would meet with the city at the building."

"We do not know what the price would be, and we don't want you to buy a pig in a poke, but we have to find out if there is any interest. If there is interest and we get the building bought, we would put together a plan to improve the access and restrooms over about a 10-year period."

"The main floor is larger than what we have now."

Fairbanks said the basement can be used without heating because of the insulation with the thick walls.

"We hope to purchase the building for a good price," he said, "and maybe the city and county could share the cost, and then it would be up to the museum board to raise money to do the improvements."

Fairbanks said the building itself is historic, and he was sure the price would be much less than what it would cost for a new building. He said he would hope the cost of the building would not be much more than what the city is putting in the budget for the existing museum, about \$100,000 a year.

City Commissioner Josh Dechant asked about the historic significance of the building and if it could be a historic site.

Fairbanks said it probably could be, but that such designation comes with some strings.

He said the state historical people

think the freight elevator is the oldest working elevator in the state.

He said it is used to haul things up and down from the main floor to the basement. He said the museum would have to add a passenger elevator and handicap-accessible restrooms, but the building does have restrooms on the main floor.

Fairbanks said he is excited about the whole building, and especially the open third floor that could be used for public and private functions.

"How are we going to pay for the renovation of that building?" asked Dale Neill, a member of the Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau board. "Are we going to put it on the taxpayers?"

"That is not our plan," Fairbanks said. "We are hoping to get grants."

"That could change if the city and county agree to split the purchase price," Neill said. "Where are we going to get the money?"

"Museums that are doing well are those near an Interstate. How many people who stop at the Van Gogh are going to come across the railroad tracks?"

Mayor Rick Billinger said he could see putting in an elevator for access, but asked what the architect thought about the roof. Fairbanks said the architect and his engineer felt it was in good shape.

Holton said the building has a rubber roof.

Billinger asked about the bricks. Fairbanks said the owners have worked on the main floor, and that is why they are asking the commissioners to come look at it.

Billinger asked if Holton or Fairbanks knew what the owners are paying for heating and cooling. Holton said they didn't. Dechant said they could ask for those.

Kansas' future in wind power

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officials have a perception Kansas is an anti-wind state and fear it is not an economically feasible idea in Kansas. Parkinson said the only area he knows that is off limits for wind turbines are the Flint Hills, a popular, scenic area.

Parkinson said wind turbines will increase in Kansas once environmentalists, utilities and consumer advocacy groups come together.

Some western Kansas locations are in the early stages of wind generation, he said. Projects in Gray and Ford counties already can produce a combined 212 megawatts of power. All the wind projects in the state, including those planned for this year, could produce up to 1,013 megawatts.

"One thousand megawatts costs \$200 million with long-term land leases and jobs," he said. "Kansas wind right now, for the most part, is used by Kansas. There is potential to sell to other states."

The lieutenant governor said more people would use the winds in Kansas should certain things happen: when wind generation is economically competitive to coal-based electricity; Congress passes a law to force all electric utilities to have a certain percentage of electricity produced by renewable sources; and Congress passes a carbon tax.

Parkinson said wind-based electricity is becoming more competitive with coal.

"This map shows why we are so excited," Parkinson said pointing to places in extreme western

Kansas where winds are usually the strongest.

"I remember when wheat was \$4," he said. "Things are also looking up in energy."

After the summit, Parkinson talked about how wind projects relate to the proposed coal-fired electric plants near Holcomb.

"Western Kansas does need base-load power," he said.

With proposals to sell the electricity from the Holcomb plants to out of state customers, Parkinson said, western Kansas will still need a source of electricity.

The summit was sponsored by National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Kansas Rural Center, Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission and the Thomas County Economic Development Alliance.

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development of smaller wind projects.

"We need a state policy on wind power," he said. "The big wind farms are easier to develop, but

we need to find ways to do more community wind projects that are smaller wind farms."

Talking about the overall impact of the energy development, Parkinson said he believes wind can produce about 20 percent of the state's

total needs, with plans in the works to build additional transmission lines to carry this power to cities.

As Kansas develops the wind power and transmission lines, he said, the state could be in a position to sell some power to neighboring states.

SPORTS TELEVISION SCHEDULE

Saturday

9:30 a.m. 23/29 ESPN2 NASCAR Nationwide Series Qualifying Mexico City, Mexico

11 a.m. 23/29 ESPN2 WTA Tennis 2008 Family Circle Cup from Charleston, S.C.

3/9 NBC 2008 NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs Eastern Conference Quarterfinals: Game #5 Philadelphia Flyers at Washington Capitals from Verizon Center

11:30 a.m. 7/11 CBS LPGA Tournament Ginn Open: Third Round from Reunion, Fla.

1 p.m. 4/6 ABC NBA Basketball First Round Playoffs: Game 1 (Teams TBA)

7/11 CBS PGA Tournament Verizon Heritage: Third Round from Hilton Head, S.C.

2 p.m. 30/27 FXSP Women's College Softball Arizona Lady Wildcats at Arizona State Lady Sun Devils

8/8 NBC Champions Tour Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am: Second Round from TPC Tampa Bay, Tampa, Fla.

3 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Horse Racing Coolmore Lexington/Federico Tesio from Lexington, Ky.

3:30 p.m. 22/28 ESPN 2008 NBA Playoffs First Round - Teams TBA from TBA

4 p.m. 60/79 UNIV F'bol Liga Mexicana Guadalajara Chivas vs Monterrey Rayados desde Tecnológico

5 p.m. 30/27 FXSP MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at Houston Astros from Minute Maid Park

6 p.m. 22/28 ESPN 2008 NBA Playoffs First Round - Teams TBA from TBA

7 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 High School Basketball 2008 Jordan Brand Classic Blue vs. White from Madison Square Garden

7:45 p.m. 5/ HBO World Championship Boxing Hopkins vs. Calzaghe

8:30 p.m. 22/28 ESPN 2008 NBA Playoffs First Round - Teams TBA from TBA

Sunday

11 a.m. 4/6 ABC American LeMans Series Long Beach from Long Beach, Calif.

7/11 CBS LPGA Tournament Ginn Open: Final Round from Reunion, Fla.

23/29 ESPN2 WTA Tennis 2008 Family Circle Cup: Final from Charleston, S.C.

8/8 NBC Champions Tour Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am: Final from TPC Tampa Bay, Tampa, Fla.

11:30 a.m. 25/38 IND MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Atlanta Braves from Turner Field

12 p.m. 22/28 ESPN NASCAR Nationwide Series Mexico 200 from Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez, Mexico City

12:10 p.m. 99/39 WGN MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Chicago White Sox from U.S. Cellular Field

1 p.m. 4/6 ABC NBA Basketball First Round Playoffs: Game 1 (Teams TBA)

7/11 CBS PGA Tournament Verizon Heritage: Final Round from Hilton Head, S.C.

8/8 NBC 2008 NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs Western Conference Quarterfinals: Game #6 Detroit Red Wings at Nashville Predators from Nashville Arena

3:30 p.m. 28/40 TNT 2008 NBA Playoffs First Round - Teams TBA from TBA

6 p.m. 22/28 ESPN MLB Baseball New York Mets at Philadelphia Phillies from Citizens Bank Park

28/40 TNT 2008 NBA Playoffs First Round - Teams TBA from TBA

Monday

5 p.m. 22/28 ESPN MLB Baseball New York Mets at Chicago Cubs from Wrigley Field

6 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 AFL Football Philadelphia Soul at Columbus Destroyers from Nationwide Arena

28/40 TNT 2008 NBA Playoffs First Round - Teams TBA from TBA

6:30 p.m. 30/27 FXSP MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Colorado Rockies from Coors Field

8:30 p.m. 28/40 TNT 2008 NBA Playoffs First Round - Teams TBA from TBA

Tuesday

12:30 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 UEFA Champions League Soccer Semifinal #1

6 p.m. 28/40 TNT 2008 NBA Playoffs First Round - Teams TBA from TBA

6:30 p.m. 30/27 FXSP MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Colorado Rockies from Coors Field

8:30 p.m. 28/40 TNT 2008 NBA Playoffs First Round - Teams TBA from TBA

Wednesday

12:30 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 UEFA Champions League Soccer Semifinal #1

5 p.m. 22/28 ESPN MLB Baseball Teams TBA

6 p.m. 28/40 TNT 2008 NBA Playoffs First Round - Teams TBA from TBA

6:30 p.m. 30/27 FXSP MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Colorado Rockies from Coors Field

7 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Wednesday Night Fights Juan Urango vs. Carlos Wilfredo Vilches from Charlottesville, Va.

8:30 p.m. 28/40 TNT 2008 NBA Playoffs First Round - Teams TBA from TBA

Thursday

12 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 LPGA Tournament Stanford International Pro-am: First Round from Fairmont Turnberry Isle R&C Aventura, Fla.

1 p.m. 30/27 FXSP MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Colorado Rockies from Coors Field

6 p.m. 28/40 TNT 2008 NBA Playoffs First Round - Teams TBA from TBA

99/39 WGN MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Chicago White Sox from U.S. Cellular Field

6:30 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 MLS Soccer New England Revolution at F.C. Dallas from Pizza Hut Park

8:30 p.m. 28/40 TNT 2008 NBA Playoffs First Round - Teams TBA from TBA

Friday

1 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 LPGA Tournament Stanford International Pro-am: Second Round from Fairmont Turnberry Isle R&C Aventura, Fla.

5 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 2008 NBA Playoffs First Round - Teams TBA from TBA

7:30 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Friday Night Fights Andre Tsurkan vs. Jesse Feliciano from Paradise Theater New York, N.Y.

8:30 p.m. 22/28 ESPN 2008 NBA Playoffs First Round - Teams TBA from TBA

30/27 FXSP MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at Los Angeles Dodgers from Dodger Stadium

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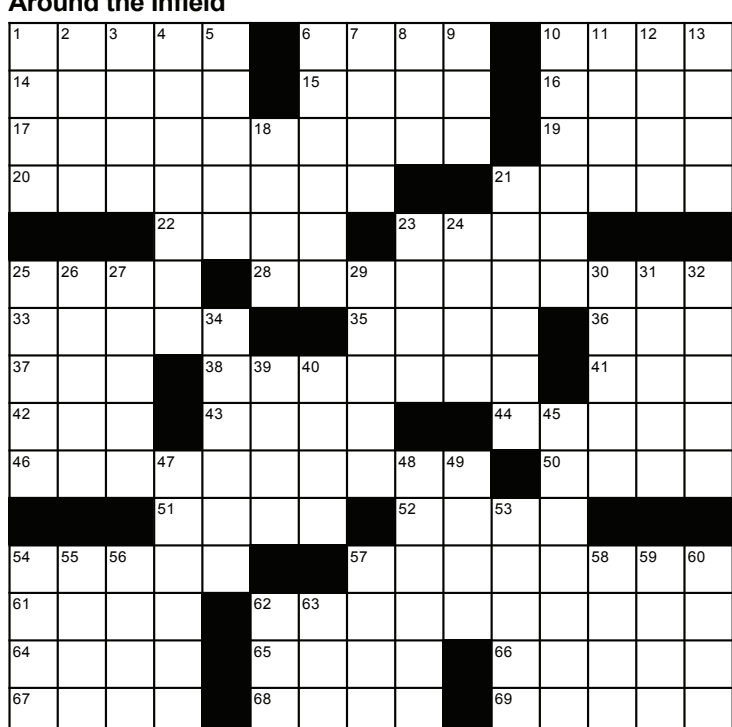
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ACROSS

1. Pueblo tribesmen
6. Fretted fiddle
10. London lockup
14. Half-witted
15. Florence's river
16. Forearm bone
17. Like much mail
19. Convergence points
20. Hanky embroidery
21. In the style of
22. Heche of "Wag the Dog"
23. "Peter Pan" pooch
25. Board game turn
28. Renewed energy
33. One of a sailing trio
35. Love personified
36. H.S. science course
37. Wee colonist
38. Ljubljana native
41. UFO occupants
42. Big ATM maker
43. Wilderness walk
44. Say "Boo!" to
46. Job for a diner cook
50. Andy's TV pal
51. Gaels' college
52. Three-piece suit part
54. Lamebrain
57. Like many gondoliers
61. Came to rest
62. Alternative to the Republicans or Democrats
64. "Our Gang" dog
65. Letterman or Leno
66. Kitchen clock
67. Fly high
68. Is in the red

DOWN

1. Audiophile's setup
2. Getting ___ years
3. ___-mutuel betting
4. Like Sanka
5. Take effect
6. Crooner Rudy
7. Nest eggs, briefly
8. Come-___ (lures)
9. Part of LAPD
10. Belly laugh
11. Oodles
12. A while ago
13. Beast's abode
18. Gives the boot to
21. Guitarist Segovia
23. Iditarod terminus

24. Ever and ___
25. Stretches over
26. Smokeless tobacco amount
27. Emcee's line
29. ___ in (yielded)
30. Construction girder
31. Explosive stuff, for short
32. Prescribed amounts
34. Demi's husband
39. MGM beast
40. Gumbo ingredient
45. Marsh plant
47. Disorderly one
48. Turns inside out
49. Tear apart
53. Nasal partitions

54. Travelers' aids
55. Tater topper
56. Actress Moreno
57. Workshop gripper
58. "___ La Douce"
59. "Up and ___"
60. "Stoney End" composer Laura
62. However, in verse
63. Reporter's question

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