

Firemen burn house down as training exercise

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and said he wished he could have had more attend.

The firemen did three live fire exercises with one in the back bedroom, one in the kitchen area and one in the additional bedroom on the south side.

Before doing the fire exercises the firemen used picks to break out all the windows and remove the glass from the window frames.

For each exercise the firemen hauled in old wooden pallets and a mattress to be the starter material. Each of these fires was started and the firemen were in the room or adjoining room with air breathing apparatus so they could watch as the fire started to build and travel up the wall and across the ceiling.

Each of the fire exercises were allowed to burn for a time before being beaten down with water.

Chief James lit the final fire at 9:31 a.m., and within 15 minutes the house was in full flames. It took about an hour for the main part of the house to burn and fall in on itself. The last part was assisted by a fire hose as the north wall started to sag in the middle and the water pressure was enough to get it to fall in bringing the rest of the wall on the west with it.



A volunteer firemen keeps the grass in front of the house wet to prevent the fire from getting away at the house at 1516 Grand Ave.

The fire was declared out and the scene cleaned up by noon.

The firemen kept wetting down the houses on either side because of the intense heat the fire created pushing everyone back into the street and across onto the sidewalks. As the fire intensified firemen even watered down the fire trucks to keep them from getting too hot.

Fire hoses were used to make sure the fire stayed contained in the house and when the grass in front or back caught on fire it was doused quickly.

To help protect the house on the south the firemen set up two hand-made scene protectors that spray water in a wide arch to block the fire and heat. James said he thought the two they used were made by former Goodland fire chiefs.

Chief James said having enough room to burn down a house is important as part of the consideration he does. Sometimes the firemen can use the house for live fire exercises, but they are not able to do the final burn because there is not sufficient room.

He said the shingles can keep them from burning a house down as well.

More changes announced in Flatlander Festival program

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changes as well. Bob Gittinger said to provide more seating and room for the Saturday evening meal and Sunday awards ceremony, these are being moved to the Goodland Elks Lodge at 1523 Arcade Ave.

"We will be 'Remembering the Past and Looking to the Future' at this year's car show," he said. "Brick Top Cruisers will be 'Remembering the Past' by honoring and remembering the past car clubs of Goodland."

Gittinger said Looking to the Future the club will have a new entry class called the "Young Cruisers" for those 14 to 20 years old. Brick Top Cruisers are trying to encourage future, younger generations to get involved and interested in the hobby, he said, and find the passion we have and we hope they will keep the tradition going for

many generations to come!

He said going along with that there will be a new entry class for the Valve Cover Races for 15 years old and younger, and can run any class of valve cover racers.

The Valve Cover Races will be held for the third year, and Gittinger expects more people to enter this fun event held in front of Central Elementary about 12:30 p.m. The races are sponsored by Big Twin Automotive NAPA of Goodland and Burlington.

Information on the car show can be found at bricktopcruisers.com.

The 17th annual Northwest Kansas Bike Show will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24, and Sunday, Sept. 25.

The show event will feature 27 classes of American, Asian, European and stock and custom bikes. Registration will be at Ninth and Main from 9 a.m. to noon.

The bike games will be held about 3

p.m. on the lot behind Bankwest at 10th and Center.

The bikes will have an evening meal and awards ceremony at the Veterans of Foreign Wars and will have a short poker run on Sunday morning.

About 8 p.m. on Saturday the cars will gather at 17th and Main and the bikes will gather at Ninth and Main and will parade together on Main passing each other on the first round trip.

Wood said the Northwest Tech programs will have 18 booths on Main on Saturday raising money for their annual trips. Among the booths include food, face painting, a dunk tank and several other games. In the past one of the favorites is the car bash where people can take a sledge hammer and beat on a car to see how much damage they can really do to the body.

A highlight of this year's show will be the

National Guard bringing Dale Earnhardt, Jr.'s NO. 88 NASCAR to be on display at Kansasland on Saturday. Wood said the National Guard people expect to have a good crowd, and will have some high ranking officers in town that day.

The Flatlander Fall Classic car races will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Friday at the Sherman County Speedway and the second night will be at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. Wood said the races could be held on Sunday if Friday or Saturday is rained out.

The Scruffy Dog Contest will be held at 11 a.m. at the grandstand at 12th and Main. The Scruffy Dog Contest is sponsored by Eagle Communication and the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter.

The Arts Council Talent Show will follow the scruffy dog contest about noon at the grandstand. Applications can be picked up at the Carnegie Arts Center at 12th and

Center Ave. (120 W. 12th).

Three categories pre-teen (4 through 12), teen (13 through 17) and adult (18 and up). There are cash awards for first, second and third in each category.

All awards will be handed out on Sunday after the performances at the Picnic in the Park.

Deadline for applications is Thursday. For information call Kay Younger at (785) 890-6442.

The Flatlander Photo Contest is currently on display at the Arts Center for people to view and vote for their favorites. They can vote as many times as they want Younger said and the winners will be announced at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24.

Wood said booths are available, and people interested can apply for a space online at flatlanderfestival.com or by calling him at (785) 890-5336.

People gather at Lutters flagpole for Sept. 11, memorial service

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faceless coward and enemy has dared to perpetrate such a dastardly attack on our country."

Garcia said some of the stories he has seen and heard about the children of the first responders who lost their lives in the attacks pulled at his heart. He said those stories made it clear how important are the people who serve and make this a free country.

He said he has always been proud of those who serve, but what he saw about that day has made it even more clear about why he thanks those who are willing to serve to keep us free.

He said the resilience of the American people amazes him in their ability to go on and the great American spirit he has seen come together over the past 10 years.

Garcia said he told the Run for the Wall riders in May, in the words of President John F. Kennedy. "Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

He said Bush said "We are a peaceful nation, but we are fierce when our freedom is threatened." Second to speak was Bruce Gleason, director of the Northwest Kansas Emergency Medical Service, and he said he was there to honor the firemen and other rescue people who responded to save lives in the attacks.

He said he had not seen or heard anything about the attacks until he got home from work on that day 10 years ago, and he watched the reports that night. He said this was

not just an attack on a building in New York or on the people in the building, but it was an attack on the whole country.

Gleason said many of the emergency responders were assisting in trying to deal with the many injured people who came out of the towers. He said for many emergency people they are not necessarily immediately killed themselves, but for many they die of an illness years later caused by their involvement in such events.

He said if the terrorists expected to destroy or damage America they failed and the attacks made us stronger and more determined to defeat the terrorists.

"We came out of that day not weaker as the attackers had hoped," he said, "but stronger and more determined. The attacks awakened a

giant and you will be defeated by the strongest most determined country on this earth."

Third to speak was City Police Chief Cliff Couch who said he was a U.S. Marine stationed in Okinawa, Japan, and it was the middle of the night when they heard about the attacks.

He said the events changed the world and how Americans view the world. He said for years before the attacks Americans were blissfully ignorant of the cost of freedom, going along secure and safe. The attacks changed that.

"We are different as a nation," Couch said, "A bit more cautious, less trusting and sometimes even scared, but those changes have not been a negative. The attacks reminded us there is a price for freedom."

"American has been inspired by

the great response we saw that day. I propose we not dwell on the great losses we suffered but on the brave response by so many. That is an example of the American spirit, and that we were not and will not be intimidated."

Palmer was the last to speak and said he was a veteran of more than three years in the U.S. Navy and was the youngest speaker. He said he learned about the attack in class in high school and he had spent the rest of the day listening to the news.

He said the events of Sept. 11, 2001 had a temporary impact on his life, but later when he joined the U.S. Navy he learned it had a larger impact in his training and the travel he did in the service.

He said the attacks did the opposite of what the terrorists had expected and the country had uni-

fied and had "put terror in the terrorists."

In conclusion Palmer had a moment of silence to remember those who died in the attacks and played Taps.

public notice

Repossessed Motor Vehicle

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Goodland Police

The following incidents have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

July 23 - 7:34 a.m., 1530 Main Ave., On the Bricks Cafe reported criminal damage to property.

10:40 p.m., 1315 College Ave., arrested Pamela Galindo and Stacey Yarborough for disorderly conduct against each other. Case referred to city attorney.

July 24 - 1 p.m., 211 Center Ave., juvenile reports battery and disorderly conduct. Case referred to county attorney.

6:04 p.m., 1204 Sherman Ave., Casey Marie Wilder reported domestic battery. Case referred to city attorney.

July 25 - 7:04 a.m., 314 E. Fourth, Randall L. Fixsen reported criminal

damage to property.

9 a.m., 815 Main Ave., H & R Block reported criminal damage to property.

9:05 a.m., 403 E. 17th, Kear's Quality Liquor reported criminal damage to property.

12:37 p.m., 1723 Wyoming Ave., Crop Production Services reported criminal damage to property.

July 27 - 5:04 p.m., 1622 Arcade Ave., Dewayne D. Lalicker reported theft.

July 28 - 8:16 p.m., 1700 Sherman Ave., arrested Anthony Saxon McKaskle taken into protective custody. Case referred to county attorney.

July 30 - 7:16 a.m., 621 Center Ave., Joanna Flores reported criminal damage to property.

1:45 p.m., 224 Main Ave., ar-

rested Bobbie Jo Doyle and Ryan Lee Doyle for domestic battery against each other. Case referred to city attorney.

July 31 - 2:08 a.m., 1108 Center Ave., Apt. 4, James Smith reported criminal damage to property.

Aug. 1 - 9:22 a.m., 1108 Center Ave., Apt. 2, Devin Eugene Keister reported vehicle burglary and theft.

2:25 p.m., 2160 Commerce Rd., arrested Curtis James Flathau for theft and disorderly conduct against Walmart and John Wolf. Case referred to city attorney.

8:01 p.m., 906 Colorado Ave., arrested Mellanie Marie Goodwin for domestic battery against David Wayne Goodwin. Case referred to city attorney.

Aug. 2 - 8:52 a.m., 2304 Com-

merce Rd., arrested Jeri Rae Merchant for criminal use of financial card and theft against Michael Brannick and Shahad Mustafa. Case referred to city attorney.

Aug. 4 - 3:16 p.m., 823 W. 12th, Dylan Glover reported burglary and theft.

Aug. 7 - 3:25 p.m., 2160 Commerce Rd., arrested Rochelle Lucas for theft against Walmart. Case referred to city attorney.

Aug. 8 - 2:06 p.m., 320 E. Eighth, Casey's Convenience Store reported theft. Case referred to county attorney.

Aug. 9 - 2:43 p.m., 706 W. 15th, juvenile reports aggravated indecent liberties with child and aggravated indecent solicitation of a child. Case referred to county attorney.

11:45 p.m., 2810 Commerce Rd.,

Apt. 23, arrested Dennis L. Wolfrum, Jr., and Angela L. Delano for domestic battery against each other. Case referred to city attorney.

Aug. 10 - 2:09 a.m., 1505 Center Ave., arrested Lillian D. Bunting for emergency detention. Case referred to county attorney.

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