

Brands burned into the walls of restaurant

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 Let's go to a branding in the Flint Hills. The fire is hot and the branding irons are ready - but there are no cattle in sight. These brands are being burned into the walls of a new restaurant in a rural Kansas community.

Shelley and Charlie Davis and sons are owners of The Feedbunk, a new locally-owned restaurant in Yates Center. Shelley explains that her youngest son Lance had the dream of going to culinary school. While still a high schooler, Lance wanted to open a locally-owned restaurant in his hometown. When the

city council ended up with a vacant grocery store building downtown, it turned out to be a great location for the restaurant.

The Davis family pitched in to help, and ultimately the restaurant opened on March 19, 2009. It is named The Feedbunk.

"We live in cattle country," Shelley explained. "All the animals go to the bunk to eat, so it seemed an appropriate name."

The restaurant's slogan is "Home-style Cookin' like Grandma's." In fact, Shelley uses some of her grandmother's recipes in the cooking. "My son had the opportunity to be around my Grandma a lot," Shelley said. "She babysat for them and he was around her all the time."

The restaurant offers a full menu

of sandwiches and dinners, plus breakfast. The "little kids and big kids menu" is for those under 12 and over 62. There are daily lunch specials, fried chicken and roast beef on Sunday, homemade Mexican food on Thursday nights and steak night Friday and Saturday. Some of the entrees have names like the Farm Hand Breakfast, Harvest Crew, and Meat Galore Omelet, in addition to the meals on the lighter side.

"We want to provide a place for families to bring children," Shelley said. One corner of the restaurant is a play area called the Kids Corral where kids can play until their food arrives.

The restaurant offers affordable prices and hearty portions. One set of tables pushed together is called

"the gossip table" or "the never-ending table." Local farmers and others will come for breakfast and coffee before work, then return for lunch and again for coffee and conversation in the afternoon.

Friends of the Davis's came up from Georgia to deer hunt, and they love the restaurant. "They inspired our Feedbunk caps in camo and blaze orange designs," Shelley said.

Shelley worked for Kansas State Research and Extension but left that office to "devote 110 percent" to the restaurant. Son Lance took business classes at Allen County Community College and is now taking culinary courses at Washburn Tech with hopes of going to advanced culinary school. He returns on weekends to

help. The décor of the place is part of the fun. The walls are decorated with old barn wood. As a reflection of the local culture, ranchers were invited to burn their brands into the wood, and brands dot the walls in hundreds of places.

Then there are the license tags. "Lance was at a garage sale and he bought a bundle of 13 license tags," Shelley said. "When he put them up on the wall, lots of people got interested." Then people started volunteering to give them license tags to post.

Today, there are some 84 license tags of various types, styles, and vintage around the restaurant. These have come from coast to coast - literally from Alaska to Florida - plus

Washington, D.C. and more. There are event tags from Newfoundland in Canada and the island of St. Maarten in the Caribbean.

That's impressive in a rural Kansas community. After all, Yates Center has a population of 1,586 people. Now, that's rural.

Let's go to a branding in the Flint Hills. No, there are no cattle in sight, but local folks were invited to burn their brand into the walls of this new restaurant. It's a fitting way to decorate a restaurant known as The Feedbunk in the heart of cow-calf country. We commend Shelley and Charlie Davis and sons Lance and Levi for making a difference with a locally-owned restaurant that is, well, almost brand new.

Check with advisor on giving

By Derek Schmidt
Kansas Attorney General
 With the holiday season upon us, giving will be on the minds of many Kansans. While shoppers seek the perfect gifts for family and friends, many non-profit charitable organizations will also be asking for your generous support.

Nearly 4,000 charitable organizations are registered in Kansas and engage in a wide variety of important work. It can be difficult to decide where to direct our charitable dollars. Unfortunately, there are also scammers out there who masquerade as non-profit organizations but whose real purpose is to line their own pockets.

How can you be sure your donations are going to support a legitimate organization? First, you should check to make sure the charity you are giving to is registered with the Kansas Secretary of State's Office by visiting www.kscharitycheck.org. Most charities that solicit donations in the State of Kansas are required to register. The most common exceptions from registration are certain educational and religious institutions. If an organization is registered, this site will also let you know what percentage of the funds the organization raises goes to support the charitable purpose and what percentage is used for fundraising expenses. Look closely at this information - sometimes a very small portion of each dollar you give goes to the actual charitable work and most of your donation goes to "overhead" and administrative expenses.

Second, if you are planning to claim a tax deduction from your donation, you should also make sure the organization is in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service. Recently, a number of organizations had their charitable status revoked by the IRS for failing to file necessary paperwork. You can check to see if an organization is eligible for tax-deductible contributions at www.irs.gov/app/pub-78/. Once

you have made your contribution, be sure to save a receipt or acknowledgement from the organization to claim your deduction.

Scammers posing as charities will often target people by telephone solicitation. They may use a name that sounds similar to a legitimate organization and ask for the donation to be made on the phone by giving them your bank or credit card number. You should never be afraid to tell the solicitor you need some time to think about it and ask for a physical address to send your donation. You may also ask them to mail to you written information about the charity. This will give you time to research the organization and make sure it is legitimate. Any reputable charity will be willing to wait a few days to receive your contribution.

Perhaps the best advice is to think in advance about what charities you want to support and then you contact them to discuss a possible contribution. That puts you in control of your giving and does not leave you subject to the whims of whoever may choose to solicit you for your donations.

If you do run into a scam or are concerned about the registration status of an organization, our office is here to help. Please file a report with us by visiting www.ksag.org or call our Consumer Protection Division at (800) 432-2310. You can also find more tips for charitable giving in the Consumer Protection section of our website.

We appreciate the fine work our Kansas charities do year-round and know that they couldn't do it without the support from generous Kansans. The best way to avoid charity scams is to give to local, familiar organizations with which you have a personal relationship. Doing a little research before you give can help make sure your donations are put to good use.

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season!

matters of record

Municipal Court
 These are cases decided by the Goodland Municipal Court:
 Oct. 13: Amelia A. Jones, speeding in school zone 1-10 over limit,

fined \$150.
 Oct. 17: Tanner R. Dennett, speeding in school zone 20 mph over limit, diversion \$370.
 Stacy Lee Petrik, failed to yield at

stop or yield sign, fined, \$135.
 Oct. 18: Mitchell James Unger, speeding in school zone 1-10 mph over limit, fined \$150.

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Pastor: Randy and Mary Payne
 Fourth & College • 890-3605
Sunday: Kid's Church: 10 am
 Morning Service: 10 am
Prayer and Praise: 5:00 p.m. except last Sunday of the month
Wednesday: Royal Rangers, Missionettes 6:30 p.m. during school year
 Youth @ the Rock House, Sixth & Caldwell: 6:30 p.m.
 Life Groups - Call for information
 Join us on Facebook
www.calvarygospel.net

Goodland United Methodist Church
 1116 Sherman 899-3631
Pastors: Dustin and Shelly Petz
Saturday: Worship: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: Adult Classes: 9:15 a.m.
 Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Wednesday Nite Live 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. Simple Supper "Free will Offering 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Classes for all ages

Pleasant Home Church
Serving the rural community for over 120 years
 Rt. 1, Box 180 • 3190 Road 70
 (785) 694-2807
Pastor: Perry Baird
Sunday: Worship Derek: 9 a.m.
 Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Promiseland Baptist Church
Pastor: Rick Holmes • 890-7082
 225 W. 16th
 (785) 890-7944
Sunday: Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
 Morning Service: 11:30 a.m.
 Evening Service: 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible Study Service 6:30 p.m.
Thursdays: Adult Bible Study 7-8 p.m.

Bible Baptist Church
Pastor: Clifford Middlebrooks
 Fifth & Broadway
 890-7368
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m.
 Morning Service: 10 a.m.
 Evening Service: 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
 1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO
 (719) 346-7984
Sacrament Meeting: 10 a.m.
Sunday School: 11:15 a.m.
Priesthood/Relief Society: 12 a.m.

Iglesia Del Dios Vivo
 La Luz Del Mundo
 Spanish Speaking Church
Minister: Esteban Ortiz B.
 1601 Texas • 899-5275
Daily Prayer: Sunday thru Saturday: 5a.m. & 6 p.m.
Sunday: Sunday School: 10 a.m.

United Methodist Church Brewster:
Pastor: Dorine Chambers
 Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. CST
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. CST
Winona:
Minister: Sheryl Johnson
 Worship Service: 9 a.m. CST
 Sunday School: 10:15 am CST

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Pastor: Rev. Carol Edling Jolly
 Eighth & Arcade • 890-5233
Sunday: Church School - All ages 9:15 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Group: 1st and 3rd Sundays 5-7 p.m.
Thursday: Prayer Class - Noon
 Pastor Carol's Class 5:30 p.m.
www.goodlandfccdoc.org

Kanorado United Methodist Church
Pastor: Leonard Cox
 399-2468
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m.
 Worship Service: 10:15 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene
Pastor: Bob Willis
 Third & Caldwell
 899-2080 or 899-3797
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service: 10:50 a.m.
 Evening Service: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 p.m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
 13th & Center
 Church 890-2115 or 890-7245
Services: 5 p.m. Saturday evening

Goodland Bible Church
 109 Willow Road • 899-6400
Pastor: Chad DeJong
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m.
 6 p.m. AWANA during school
 Evening Worship: 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 6:30 youth group
 Growth groups call for information
www.goodlandbible.org

First Baptist Church
Pastor: Travis Blake
 1121 Main
 890-3450
Sunday:
 Coffee fellowship: 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship: 10 a.m.
 Sunday School: 11:15 a.m.
Thursday: Bible study 9:30 a.m.
 Wheatridge Center

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Pastor: Father Norbert Dlabal
 307 W. 13th • 890-7205
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
 5-5:45 p.m. Saturday or by appointment
Mass Schedule:
 Saturday: 6 pm, Sunday: 10:30 am
Spanish Mass:
 Sunday: 12:30 pm

Harvest Evangelical Free Church
 521 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-6423
Pastor: Brian Fugleberg
Sunday: Worship: 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday:
 Senior High: 6:30 p.m. at the church
 Junior High: 6:30 p.m. at the church
www.goodlandefree.com

Seventh Day Adventist Church
 1160 Cattletrail
Pastor: Jerry Nowack
Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service: 11 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
 13th & Sherman • 890-6161
Pastor: Darian Hybl
Sunday: Christian education/fellowship: 10:15 a.m.
 Worship Service: 9 a.m.

Church of Christ
 401 Caldwell
 890-6185
Sunday: Bible Study: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday: Bible Study: 7 p.m.

It's good time of year to service equipment

With the open weather we seem to be having this fall now is a good time to service power equipment such as mowers, tillers and garden tractors. Run the equipment out of gas or treat the existing gas with a stabilizer as untreated gas can deteriorate over time.

If using a stabilizer, run the engine long enough for untreated gas in the carburetor bowl to be burned and replaced. This is also a good time to replace the oil (and filter, if present) since the engine is warm. Check and replace the spark plug if necessary. Some gardeners will also apply a light sprayable oil into the cylinder through the spark plug hole.

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Check and clean air filters and replace if necessary. Many mowers and tillers will have a foam prefilter that can become filthy with use. If allowed to become too dirty, engines will run poorly or may not run at all. Sharpen blades, clean tines, tighten screws, replace broken parts and do all the other things needed to keep equipment in good shape.

Though such maintenance takes some time and effort, it pays for itself by reducing frustration and lost time due to poorly performing equipment during a hectic spring.

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