Goodland The Star-News / Friday, September 21, 201 Company restores classic automobiles

By Ron Wilson

Director Huck Boyd National Institute f or Rural Development at Kansas State University Look down the street. Here comes a 1952 Chevy four-door in robin's egg blue. What a beautiful car. This car has been restored to its fabulous

man from rural Kansas. Alan Siebert is the auto specialist who redid this car. Fittingly, his business is called CARS which stands for Classic Automotive Res-

condition by an automotive crafts-

toration Specialists. Alan was born in Great Bend. His father ran the body shop for a local auto dealership named Spruills which is now Marmie Ford. When

business of his own, he opened a way to go. body shop in the Stafford County there's more.

Alan helped out in his dad's body

Now Alan has more than 30 to his father, who began in 1949 and was still coming to the shop cars around Arkansas City. regularly until he got sick in 2012. Alan's father wanted to start a business. Wow - Alan has a long the 40th annual, and they had more

In 2007, Alan's wife Janet transcommunity of St. John, a town of ferred to a job in Arkansas City. 1,215 people. That's rural - but Eventually Alan transitioned to a new business and new shop in the Arkansas City area as well. They shop as a kid and moved into the live in the nearby community of business himself after graduation, Parkerfield, population 342 people. working for his father and learning Now, that's rural. Alan also broadfrom him first hand. "He was my ened his business from auto repair vo-tech teacher," Alan said with a to auto restoration, which is one of his specialties.

The new business, as noted beyears experience in the business. fore, is called CARS: Classic Au-There is a lot of interest in classic

"Ark City has a big classic car That would give Alan's dad 63 years show each year," Alan said. "It's of experience in the auto repair called the Last Run. Last year was

Alan's business can handle the full gamut of auto restoration and repair from A to Z - or as his business card says, "From Model A's to Z28's." He has literally worked on everything from Model A's to the most modern automobiles. Of course, lots of restorations involve muscle cars from the 1960s and

"I've worked on Mustangs and Camaros and Corvettes from that period," Alan said. Now those were Of course, he's a rookie compared tomotive Restoration Specialists. real cars! Alan worked on a gold 1970 Plymouth Duster and a 1968 Barracuda which was banana yellow. "It sounds crazy, but we added a black stripe and it looked really cool," he said.

it wasn't suitable. "What else do you have?" Alan asked. The man reunion was approaching and she showed him a 1962 Austin Healy which the man wanted to gut and

turn into a salad bar in a restaurant. Alan bought and restored the car, saving it from a fate of lettuce and ranch dressing spills.

four-door. It had been Carol's family car which she had driven to high school. Her grandmother ended up with the car, which had deteriorated and then sat for 25 years. The car was in terrible condition.

to Alan to ask about a 1952 Chevy

"I could see the ground through the floorboards," Alan said. And talk about bucket seats - the front One time Alan went to look at a seat was literally a big bucket turned

used car in the Dodge City area but upside down.

But Carol's 45th high school wanted that old car restored. After hours and hours of work, including Janet and their daughters, Alan restored that car to pristine condition and painted it the original color.

Look down the street. There goes Then there was Carol, who came a 1952 Chevy four-door in robin's egg blue. The driver is Carol, with a big smile on her face as she goes to her 45th high school reunion in style. We commend Alan Siebert, a classic automotive restoration specialist, for making a difference with his craftsmanship and workmanship. In my opinion, building such a business in rural Kansas is the way it "auto" be.

Party in the park



A group of people enjoyed the nice weather last Sunday to gather under one of shelters at Gulick Park.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Grants available for community gardens

ing about fall garden cleanup; it is grant project. also time to apply for a 2013 Kansas Community Gardens Project

The goal is to provide seed money (up to \$5,000) for Kansas community gardens to raise public awareness about community gardens and the benefits they offer to a community and its residents, said Evelyn Neier, Kansas State Research and Extension 4-H Youth Development

Gardening provides health-prowho noted that grant funding also is intended to unite diverse community groups in teaching and learning grant recipients used the funding gardening skills, and to encourage to make capital improvements collaboration on sustainable strategies to improve access to fresh, local foods.

The grant opportunity is funded by the Kansas Health Foundation fencing, or improving the soil to

Research and Extension. Twentyfour grants of up to \$5,000 were moting physical activity, said Neier, awarded in 2012, the first year of the three-year grant.

According to Neier, first-year such as building a tool shed, and to cover big ticket items from installing irrigation equipment or a water line to building raised beds, adding

- and sustainability.

Kansas communities are encouraged to apply; grant specifics and applications are available at www. kansascommunitygardens.org.

Neier encourages communities developing a grant application to first review profiles of gardens that have been funded to learn more about the variety of ways communi-

ties are using the funding. Grant applications must be com-

It is the season to begin think-garden specialist, who works on the and administered by Kansas State increase a garden's staying power pleted and postmarked by Jan. 15, 2013 to be considered for funding.

> More information on the Kansas Community Gardens Project Grant opportunity also is available at Kansas State Research and Extension offices throughout the state.

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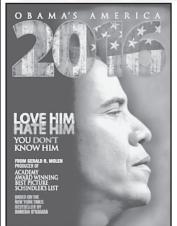


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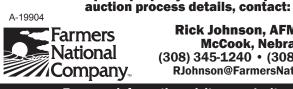
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