



Cindy Van Donge sat behind items of her father's that she brought to the Veterans' Day celebration. Her father is shown in the pictures when he was 16 and had just joined the Marines, two years underage but eager to save democracy.

Photo by Dana Sulsberger/The Goodland Daily News

# Woman's father earns her respect

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his daughter. He was hit by a bullet within the first week, she said, and sent back home, but wouldn't give up. A few weeks later he was once again sent back, to Iwo Jima this time.

While fighting on the Pacific island, she said, both of his legs were broken, one by a bullet and the other by a grenade. Without any help in sight, Bollig was forced to make a tourniquet for his leg wounds from his clothing and wait for help. Eventually another soldier came and dragged him into a fox hole.

"My father told me that in World War II, if you lasted 30 days, you were an old timer," she said. "He lasted on the front lines about 30 days."

Bollig was flown home, but that was far from the end of his adventures. The

plane crashed into the ocean, he was rescued and taken to a hospital, said Van Donge. He was able to hold onto to his right leg for only a year before it had to be amputated.

"He has had a prostheses since the age of 18," she said.

When Bollig returned to the states, he went back to high school to get his degree. She said he was able to test out of several classes and get his diploma at the age of 18.

"I brought these things because I wanted to share my father's story," she said, "and I want to get a chance to thank all the other veterans for what they did for the country."

Van Donge brought in the Purple Heart that her father had won, his Pacific Campaign Medal, and a Sharpshooter award. She also brought in a

picture of her father in uniform, a letter sent to the family when Bollig was recovering and his Edson High School ring from the year he graduated after getting back from the war.

Van Donge took her place among a crowd of about 45 people who had braved the snow Saturday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall to celebrate the memory of the veterans—alive or dead—in all wars who fought for America's freedom. Her father, now 72 and retired from farming, couldn't be with her.

She and the rest of the crowd stood and saluted the flag as the color guard marched it in on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month, marking the origin of Veterans' Day as a celebration of the end of World War I.

# County gets answers to questions

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scheduled to discuss the policy on businesses who provide services and supplies to the county.

At a meeting in October, Commissioner Davis asked County Attorney Bonnie Selby to check out one of the vendors for the Road and Bridge Department because he had not been able to find anything except a local post office box.

When asked, Road and Bridge Superintendent Curt Way reportedly said he did not know who the local contact was for the company.

Five years ago, the commissioners passed a resolution stating that they

would use local vendors for county business when possible. Over the years, the commissioners have tried to buy from in-county sources and to keep up with the information on vendors who deal with the county.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said that Mary Ann Snethen, deputy clerk, who handles most of the county purchase orders and invoices, tries to keep a current list of vendors which includes information on the company and who the local contacts are.

At the last meeting in October, County Attorney Selby reported that she had spent several days trying to track down the vendor in question and

had found that the post office box was a drop box and that all mail was forwarded to an address in Colorado. She said that after repeated questions, the department head finally said he had the information about the vendor and would give it to her.

Selby told the commissioners that after the resolution five years ago, the company had simply opened a mail box in Goodland to give the appearance of having a local address. At that time, it was suggested that the county review all vendors.

Commissioner Rasure suggested the commissioners meet with department heads to discuss the need for information on the vendors and review the purchasing guidelines for the county.

A closed-door meeting of the commissioners, county attorney, clerk and the department heads was held on Nov. 3. No action was taken, but the situation with the vendor and the background information apparently was the main topic.

# Students make honors

This is a list of students who have been named to the honor rolls at the Brewster School.

**Honors With Distinction**

**Seventh Grade**  
Branson Gilley, Jalyn Reid, and Caitlan Rush.

**Eighth Grade**  
Andrea Horney

**Ninth Grade**  
Ashley Cook

**11th Grade**  
Katherine Mills

**12th Grade**  
P.J. Crumbaker and Bobby Tubbs.

**Honor Roll**

**Seventh Grade**  
Joseph Benham, Amy Carpenter, Jonathan Collett, Megan Fulwider, Cory Grantz, Aaron Horinek and Karman Selby.

**Eighth Grade**  
Andrie Baird, Paul Flanders, Tyler Johnson, Ryan Luckert and Rebecca Parton.

**Ninth Grade**  
Jolene Bremenkamp, Joel Selby and Miranda Starns.

**10th Grade**  
Erin Carney, Alicia Collett, Kristy Jamison, Sara Luckert and Ashley

Stewart.

**11th Grade**  
J.R. Baird, Dan Dewey, Jake Faber, Tara Fulwider, Mandy Johnston, Andrej Kraus and Christi Somers.

**12th Grade**  
Brett Arnberger, Jill Beiser, Kim Cook, Clint Horinek, Justin Jamison, Nicole Johnston, Nick Juenemann, Crystal Pounds and Jay Reid.

**Honorable Mention**

**Seventh Grade**  
Scott Carney, Michael Doxon and Kyle O' Connor.

**Eighth Grade**  
Heath Baird, Chris Grantz, Jake Long, Mark Luckert, Dewey Pounds and Josh Ryan.

**Ninth Grade**  
Quentin Bear, Jena Cranston, Amber Fulwider, Jennifer Horney and Chanel Siruta.

**10th Grade**  
Ashley Carpenter, Chelsey Cranston, Jacob Falcon, Teokka Harris, Michelle Kinkade and Jessica Parton.

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# Plants have different needs when winter comes around

House plant growth slows in the winter which changes how we care for them.

Although frequent watering may have been necessary during long summer days, the same amount now could cause problems.

Excess water fills air spaces within the soil preventing roots from receiving the oxygen that they need. Water by touch, not by calendar. If the soil is dry an inch deep, it is time to water.

Be sure to add enough so that some water flows out the bottom of the pot. This will help wash out any excess salts that tend to accumulate within the potting soil.

Fertilization should also be reduced.



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Normally, it is best to apply half the amount of fertilizer for flowering house plants and one-fourth the amount for foliage house plants. Too much fertilizer results in plants that become leggy and weak.

Location is another factor that should be considered at this time of year. Since days are short, house plants

may benefit by being moved to areas of the room that receive more light, such as a south- or east-facing window.

Avoid placing plants where drafts from doors or direct output from heating ducts may come in contact with them.

Relative humidity also tends to be low during the winter. If you do not have a humidifier, frequent misting of the plants or placing them on water-filled trays of pebbles can help raise the humidity.

# Snow and ice bring many accidents

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Hageman said the 1987 car side-swiped a mid-sized car in the right lane, causing that vehicle and the two women inside to go into the south ditch.

He said the Corvette swerved back and forth across the road until it went in front of a truck from Ontario, Canada, which struck the Corvette on the driver's side.

Both vehicles ended up in the south ditch, Hageman said, and the driver was trapped in his car with serious head injuries until emergency workers arrived. The trooper said the man was pronounced dead at the scene.

The man's daughter in Texas has been notified, Hageman said, but he could not release the name until after all family members are contacted.

The Corvette driver was not wearing a seatbelt, the trooper said, but the others were strapped in and were not injured.

Earlier that morning, two members of an Oregon family were injured in a one-vehicle rollover on I-70 west of Goodland.

At 8:15 a.m., the St. Clair family of Beaverton, Ore., was traveling east on I-70 about eight miles west of Goodland when their '97 Plymouth van went off the highway into the south ditch and rolled down the embankment, coming to rest on its wheels.

Anna Marie St. Clair, 34, was driving. Passengers in the van were John, 44; Jenna, 10; Ryan, 8; and Reagan, 5.

Injured in the accident were John and Ryan, who were taken by ambulance to the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

Ryan was released, while John was admitted for observation and was to be released today, said Brenda Cunningham, nursing director at the hospital.

It was unknown whether Mr. St. Clair was wearing a seat belt when the accident occurred, but the report indicated that the others were.

The four accidents covered by the sheriff's department were all cars sliding off the road and no injuries were reported.

The first occurred at 8:06 a.m. on I-70, when 20 year-old Christina Larsen, from Wyoming, was eastbound when

she lost control on the ice, said a sheriff's report, and slid into a post about seven miles west of Goodland. Larsen wasn't injured; she had been wearing her seat belt.

Soon after, at 8:20 a.m., a Jeep driven by 52-year-old John Craig of Denver was eastbound on I-70 about seven miles west of Goodland, and slid off the road into a post.

Neither Craig nor the passenger, whose name wasn't given in the report, was injured.

At 9:25 a.m., Kent Penoyer was go-

ing west on I-70 five miles west of Goodland when he lost control and the vehicle slid sideways into the median. The report said the car rolled once and landed on the driver's side.

Penoyer, 47, Arvada, Colo., wasn't injured, nor was Richard Huttenhoe, 52, Limon, Colo., a passenger in the car.

Cody Pettibone, 17, Kanorado, lost control of her vehicle at 10 a.m. on old U.S. 24 about .4 of a mile east of town. Pettibone was going west when she hit ice and slid into a south ditch, hitting a culvert. She wasn't hurt.

# Evolution may return

LAWRENCE (AP) — The controversial state science assessment tests could include questions on evolution this year, if newly elected members of the Kansas Board of Education act on the questions in January.

A University of Kansas test-writing center prepared substitute questions that integrate concepts tied to evolution in anticipation of changes on the board's makeup.

"Before the primary, and without anyone's authority, we took it upon ourselves to anticipate what might happen," said John Poggio, co-director of Kansas' Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation.

Victories by three moderate Republicans and a Democrat on Tuesday shifted the majority on the state board away from a conservative group that pushed through science testing stan-

dards in August 1999 that omitted references to evolution.

In a vote that sparked national controversy, a 6-4 majority of the former board rejected a committee version offered by school teachers and college professors that cast evolution as a unifying concept of science.

The test-writing center was instructed to write new science tests for students in fourth, seventh and 10th grades, avoiding references to evolution, the big-bang theory and the age of the Earth.

Poggio and colleagues fulfilled that assignment for tests that are to be administered to students in March and April throughout the state.

But the center also drafted alternative questions for the seventh- and 10th-grade exams. It wasn't necessary to write extra questions for the fourth-grade test.

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