



Linda Quint with Scooter (left shoulder,) Whisper (right hand) and Quasimodo on top of his cage.  
Photo By Dana Sulsberger/The Goodland Daily News

# Couple has house full of birds

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lary that Quasimodo does, Linda said, probably because it was left alone more when it was with the previous owner, but will say “good morning” in the morning, and pull back the sheet put over its cage at night and say “peekaboo.” Whisper also likes to give Linda kisses.

Scooter also has a limited vocabulary. When the Quints scratch him on the belly, he will say “tickles,” and he can say “dance,” “scratch” and “shut up.” He is fond of biting ears and when he does, he’ll say “ouch.”

Linda explained that birds don’t actually talk, they just mimic. Quasimodo mostly mimics Casey’s

voice. Once, she said, they had a friend over when they were gone. When the phone rang and Quasimodo started talking, the friend thought that it was actually Casey. But he does “I love you” and “birds can’t talk” in Linda’s voice. Whisper speaks in a woman’s voice, probably the voice of its former owner.

It is impossible to tell with the African grays whether they are male or female — at least without surgery — so the Quints aren’t sure. They think Quasimodo might be a male because he has darker feathers.

Linda says that she has always been fascinated by birds, and started her collecting when she was younger.

She said she thought most people get

birds without realizing how noisy they are and aren’t prepared to keep them, but she and Casey like the noise.

The birds are still a commitment. She has to clean out the cages every other day and has to vacuum up the seeds.

The parrots can live up to 75 years, she said. A lot of times, the owners will die before the birds, and the birds will die of heartbreak without their owners.

“They have lived with the same person for 30 years in some cases,” she said.

Linda said the birds take a priority in her house.

“This year, we took separate vacations,” she said, “so that someone could stay home with the birds.”

# Task force reviews social service program

TOPEKA (AP) — A task force appointed by Gov. Bill Graves likes the idea of one-stop shopping and wants to apply it to the state’s social service programs.

The nine-member task force, part of the governor’s Vision 21st Century

Initiative, reviewed social service issues. It outlined its recommendations during a news conference Tuesday.

Members found the most pressing problem is a lack of coordination among various programs providing in-home care and community services for the mentally ill, developmentally disabled and frail elderly.

Mentally ill Kansans and developmentally disabled Kansans already go to community groups that determine what services they need. Those groups often are called gatekeepers.

The task force wants to put the same concept in place for services to the frail elderly. It also believes a county or region should have one gatekeeper for all Kansans with special needs.

“We’re hoping it’s going to be easier for them,” said Chairwoman Joan Golden, of Lawrence, senior vice president of Firststar Bank. “In each community, there’s going to be one spot to go.”

In recent years, Graves and many legislators, particularly the governor’s fellow Republicans, have been frustrated by the increasing costs associated with providing in-home and community services for the frail elderly, physically disabled and mentally disabled.

During the state’s 1997 budget year, those programs cost \$120 million. During fiscal year 2000, which ended June 30, the cost was about \$275 million.

# Russell plant to be rebuilt

RUSSELL (AP) — The city of Russell expects to use an \$8.1 million insurance settlement to rebuild the Russell Power Plant, which was badly damaged by fire a few months ago.

Russell City Manager Gary Hobbie said the city should receive a check from Employers Mutual Insurance Co. by the end of this week.

In August, a natural gas leak at the plant caused an explosion which injured two workers and temporarily left much of the city without power. The fire destroyed the northern half of the limestone building, melting windows, blowing out door frames and damaging the structure’s roof.

The fire also destroyed all but three of the plant’s engines. According to Hobbie, the city is looking into replacing all the internal combustion engines with more up-to-date natural gas turbines.

The city neither has specific plans nor a timetable for rebuilding the power plant, which was constructed around 1920. Hobbie did say, however, that the city plans to remove a warehouse on the site and replace it with a new control center.

# Genesis collects food

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collect the boxes and Linda Pfau buys perishable or additional food to be put in them. Teens from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church wrap the boxes with Christmas paper and kids from other churches help pack them.

Cash donations, used to buy perishables, are always welcome. These should be sent to Genesis, c/o Caroline Pettibone, 318 Eustis, Goodland, Kan. 67735. The money will be used to buy hams, turkeys and other items. For questions, call Jordan at 899-5073.

“Goodland has always been very supportive of the Genesis organization,” she said. “Everybody in this community supports it. It’s just wonderful.”

# kanorado chronology

By Dixie Hooker

Kanorado Correspondent

Useless facts: Thanksgiving didn’t become a national holiday until 1863, when President Lincoln declared it so by issuing the Thanksgiving Proclamation.

Thanksgiving turned out to have decent weather, so family and friends were able to get together for this holiday. Marie Johnson took her dish goodies to the PRIDE’s annual dinner at the Kanorado Senior Center.

Marie said counting herself there were around 38 people who attended the meal.

Daffynitions: Bozone (n.) The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.

Naomi Windell enjoyed a houseful of family for turkey day. Those attending were Rick and Vicky Windell; Shaina and Billy Jacobs of Westminster, Colo.; Leanna Figgins of Colby and kids, Garrett and Katie; Lee and Brandie Ihrig of Goodland; Mike and Kelly Windell and their two children, Tomi and Spencer; and Rob and Diane Windell and their three boys, Brian, Denny and Matt. Naomi said they all had a great time.

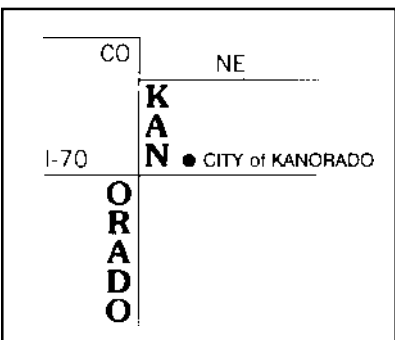
New word for the next century: Prairie Dogging - When someone yells or drops something loudly in a cube farm and people’s heads pop up over the walls to see what’s going on.

Leon (Butch) and Janice Hooker entertained Scott and Karen Hooker for Thanksgiving. Butch recently purchased one of those deep fat fryers that you can “douse” a whole turkey in. So, the games began!

Janice said it was a great turkey, but the best thing was that she didn’t have to get up at the crack of dawn to put it in the oven.

The meat was juicy and tender and took very little time to cook. Whole potatoes, french fries, Cornish game hens and other experiments took over turkey day with satisfaction had by all.

We have decided that Butch is having so much fun, that when he fires it up he needs to let us all know so we can run over there with our food and let him



cook it for us. Donuts are next!

Point to ponder: Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor and dish washing liquid made with real lemons?

Carol Waller and her family members enjoyed Thanksgiving Day on Saturday. Jim Archer of Westminster, Colo., was in attendance.

Jim is the son of Carol’s brother, Norman. Norman and Ann Archer of New Castle, Wyo., were down a couple of weeks earlier, so they didn’t make it for the dinner.

Then Carol’s daughters and their spouses, Debra and Levi Turner of Goodland and Laura and Curt Blickenstaff of Overland Park, enjoyed the day with their mom and cousin Jim.

Handy hint: When traveling with friends on an airplane, make sure one piece of luggage has clothes for each of you. This way if some luggage gets lost, each of you will have clothes to wear until the bag is returned.

Jessie and Angie Sandoval held Thanksgiving dinner at their home with a houseful of family. All those who enjoyed dinner were Connie Carrera, Alfredo Hernandez, Robert and Josie Gutierrez and their family, Irma Flores and family, Leslie and Armondo Soliz, Sylvia and Jimmy Vigil of Goodland and Jeannie and Juan Farias of Sharon Springs.

What presidential hopeful’s children ask their dads: “Do all fairy tales begin with once upon a time...?” Hopeful replies, “No. Some begin with after I’m elected...”

Crystal Clements (granddaughter of Nora Clements) celebrated and prepared her very first Thanksgiving dinner this year. Those who gathered for this event were Crystal’s friend, Brian Phillips; grandmother Nora and Den-

nis Korbelik; Cheryl Allision of Burlington, Colo., Sherrie Clements and her children, Lucas and Mandra Peters of Goodland; Mike Kreiselmeier of Goodland; Tiffany Peters and friend, Michael Eschen of Wilcox, Neb.; and last but not least, Crystal’s dad, Jerry Clements of Holdrege, Neb. He came and enjoyed Crystal’s cooking.

Famous quotes: The Internet is a great way to get on the net. Republican Bob Dole.

Ted and Gert Swayne journeyed to Damar for Thanksgiving this year. Family and friends gathered at the home of Dee and Bonnie Swayne.

Others who enjoyed the day at Damar were Henry and Shirley Swayne, Harland Swayne of Greenfield, Mo., Clara Stone of Eureka, Shelly Swayne, Merle Anderson of Morland, Lynn Swayne of Goodland, Marlene Swayne of McPherson, and Tom and Cheri Swayne of Meridian. Other Kanoradians were Mark Swayne, Peggy King, and Greg and Sally Pettibone and their two girls, Cody and Brit.

Kids definition of love: “When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn’t bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That’s love.”

Mark and Bobbi Felzien had a houseful this Thanksgiving with all their boys and their families coming home to enjoy the day.

Clint and Lana Felzien and sons C.J. and J.B. of Brewster, Brent and Brandy Felzien of Salina, and Trent of Las Vegas, Nev., came in to attend the meal with “the folks.”

The first Thanksgiving feast lasted three days.

## student of the week



**Name:** Tiffany Elisse Schwasinger  
**Parents:** Richard and Diane Schwasinger  
**Grade:** Sophomore  
**Age:** 15

**We’ve nominated this student because:** Tiffany is the President of the DECA I Chapter at Goodland High School. Tiffany excels in all her classes and has done an excellent job in her marketing classwork. Tiffany is also one of the National DECA qualifiers for last year, as her “Free Enterprise” team took first place at state competition.

**Student Comment:** My favorite aspect of school life is the challenges I face in Algebra II, Chemistry, and English classes. I enjoy Chemistry very much. After graduation from GHS, I will remember the great times I have had with all my friends.

**Activities involved in at school:** President-GHS DECA I Chapter; Vice President-GHS AFS Chapter; Letter Winner for GHS Cross Country 99, 2000; Letter Winner for GHS Track 2000; Science Olympiad 2000-2001; Fort Hays State Math Relays 1999-2000

**My choice of movies, books, and games:** I enjoy watching scary movies, listening to rock & pop music, reading medical thriller books, and playing computer games.

**After I leave Goodland High School I intend to...:** Enroll in Medical School at the University of Nebraska, obtain my Doctorate Degree in Virology, and succeed in my career.

**And 10 years from now, I think I’ll be...:** Still attending college in pursuit of my Doctorate Degree.

**Favorite Quote:** “Life is never fair, so stop complaining about it.”



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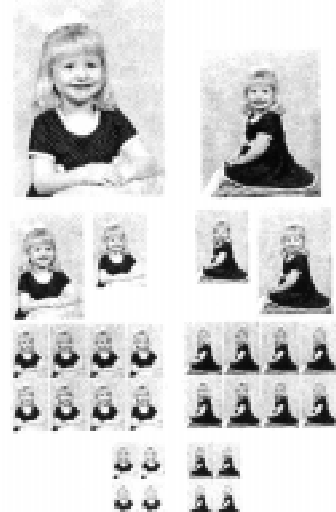
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