

Braving the cold



Workers from Associated Pool Builders didn't let the cold weather stop their work as they moved piping from the road to the site of the pool today.
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Christmas contest almost at an end

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a winner, but then found out that they did. He said he played the contest last year.

Nielsen, a \$50 instant winner, said she and her husband Leon bought a new bedroom set at Elliott's and got a lot of tickets.

"It was exciting," she said.

Nielsen, who hadn't taken part in the contest last year, said she hadn't made any plans on spending the money.

"I have to decide," she said.

Dobbs, the other winner, won \$400 at last year's big drawing.

Her \$50 winning ticket came from Miller's Electronics, where she bought a variety of merchandise.

"It was a nice surprise," she said when she discovered Thursday night that she had won.

She said since she won last year, she wondered if she would win again this year.

The money was going to be spent on Christmas shopping for her family, she said.

Last week, six tickets were drawn, but only half of the winners came in to claim their prizes.

This week, four tickets were drawn Monday night and the numbers will be in the Christmas on Us ads in today's issue of *The Goodland Daily News*.

Thursday will be the last day to collect tickets from participating businesses.

The big drawing will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in front of the

Troopers hired to patrol area

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the two new troopers, he said, after a review by Col. Don Brownlee, superintendent of the patrol.

Troopers are informed of their assignment before they start the academy, Eichkorn said, so that they have the opportunity to decided if this is where they want to go before they start training. Both of the new recruits are western Kansas natives.

Albers graduated from Colby High School and attended Colby Community College, where he received an associate degree in computer science.

Vrbas graduated from Atwood High School and attended Kansas State University, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in natural resources management.

Vrbas had been a deputy for the Routt County Sheriff's Department in Steamboat Springs, Colo.

Vrbas will be working with Trooper Richard Hageman from Goodland and Albers will be training under Trooper Terry Rieger of St. Francis.

Because there is only one supervisor in Goodland and two troopers, Albers will be training with an officer stationed in St. Francis, Lt. Eichkorn said, but both officers will be stationed in Sherman County.

"They will be patrolling the areas of Wallace and Rawlins, too," he said, "and if anything happens in that area, they are in charge of covering it."

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Not much news this week. Everybody seems preoccupied with getting ready for Christmas, decorating, buying, wrapping or mailing gifts, getting their cards or letters out and baking family favorites. Kids will be coming home from college soon to add to the hustle and bustle of these last two weeks before the holiday.

I've not got anything done or put up. I have started my letter, but that's all up to this point.

Several calls have prompted me to check on Leo Hatcher. My last word on him has been that following the planned surgery, they had hoped to get the green light to go south for a short period. That turns out to be exactly what has happened. He and his wife, Connie, have gone south, but for how long I don't know. Season's greetings to them and I hope he is much improved when they return.

The ill in our community continue in various stages of recovery. Among them are Betty Rust, Betty Saint, and Mac and Nila Been. Mac has had some pretty good days for the past few days. I hope these continue and that he'll be able to come home from the hospital. Nila too continues to feel better since her few days as a patient in the Burlington hospital.

Ed Linville had surgery the other day. When I made a phone call to him on Friday, I found him at home and recovering. His two daughters were supposed to spend the weekend with him and visit their mother, Martha, who is a resident of a nursing home in Colby. Hazel Austin is back at the Good Samaritan Center in Goodland. Best wishes to these and all who are not



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up to par. Holiday greetings to all of the people who have the task of taking care of these folks.

I have visited my friends, Leila Sturrock and Eva Briney, as they have been temporary residents at Wheat Ridge Acres during the vacations of family members.

While they've enjoyed their stay, they are both anxious to return to their private apartments. By the time this goes in the paper, they will have returned home. Season's greetings to the other residents of the assisted living center and Don Fiegel.

The kids next door have put up the outdoor decorations on their front lawn. While not as much as years before because they are terribly busy with the upcoming holiday. Along with the daily chores, they are kept busy making trips to the hospital to see their father and grandfather and going out to the country to take care of the farm animals.

There are only three birthdays to announce that I'm aware of. Lisa Wegener; Dorothy Hirsch, a former Goodland resident; and Nash Jarrett, 1, had birthdays on Dec. 7. Birthday greetings to these and any others. The only anniversary I know of is that of our visiting clergy, Father Charles and Judith Schneider of Norton/Salina. Father Schneider is one of two clergy

members who have been serving our church since Father Paul moved out of state to serve another parish.

We've been having services on Saturday evening since it makes it more convenient for the Schneiders to get here and then back to serve their parish on Sunday. While I hope it doesn't become a permanent arrangement, I'll just have to continue with the rearranging of my schedule.

A couple of times I've had to remind myself of the change in getting my work done.

Sincere sympathy to Gordon Colp and family on the death of his father. While I didn't know the gentleman, my heart goes out to his family. A loss of a loved one is hard at anytime, but most difficult during the holidays.

I still haven't gotten my new printer ribbon. I hope the old one will give me a couple or so more copies. I suppose, like everything else, the receiving of merchandise is being held up because of the extra mail traffic.

That reminds me. I need to get the few packages of mine into the mail, so they make it to their destination in time for Santa Claus.

Well, I see no more notes and can't think of nothing else to say, so I'll close for now and hope the printer behaves itself.

Keep in mind the reason for the season. Remember to check on your elderly friends and put out a place for your outdoor pets to keep warm as the weather is to be very cold. 'Till next week, you all take care.

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