

the goodland gazette

This is my last column to work on for the first month of 2001. It is also the end of an era here in Goodland. We'll be turning the key in the door of the dental office of Dr. John Beynon for the last time on Wednesday evening.

We've spent this month sifting, sorting and getting down to the bare floors and walls after almost 35 years of service to the community. We've stirred up a lot of dust, but with it a lot of memories. Some that we felt like crying about and others that made us laugh.

So with this column comes an end to our lives also. For me going elsewhere (don't know where) and for Dr. Beynon, time to enjoy and do whatever he and his wife want to do. While it will seem strange not to be at the post office each morning and then heading for work, life will go on. I will surely miss the routine we've been in together for these many, many years.

Years of working together, not only as employer and employee, but as friends who were always on hand to help each other out. I hope that the leisure time he has so earned and richly deserves will be a time of enjoyment to him and Mrs. Beynon. "Just keep plugging along my friends." "Just plugging along" is what we'd answer so many times to the question of how we were doing.

How and what it will be like, well ask us in six months. As he keeps saying "I don't know, I've never done this before." Thanks folks for your loyalty and the privilege of being a part of your lives also. See you around town as we are both staying on as "Goodlanders" even though we are both "transplanted Coloradans." On with the work at hand.

Happy to report that Mrs. Beynon got a good medical report. She is back home and recuperating from her medical work in Denver.

I tell you there was no one more happy to see her than Maggie, their dog. You'll never convince me that dogs don't know when things are not the common routine.

It's been a busy week, in which I almost forgot to do this column. I spent part of last Sunday afternoon, part of last Monday afternoon and evening and then last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings working on the church's annual meeting booklet.

It never fails but what all of the reports are never in the office on time, so I do the best with what is turned in. I got the final printing done on Wednesday, put them together on Thursday and the meeting was on Saturday. How's that for a close shave?



jan zwetzig

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Will surely be glad when the ice is finally gone. I'm not a good ice walker and have a horror of falling and breaking my dignity.

I fell a few years ago on the ice. I spent about three hours in the emergency and X-ray rooms and a couple of months recovering from back and rib injuries. Believe me ice is a breaker for many.

My neighbor Christie Schiefen will be getting home the first of the week, maybe on Tuesday. She is doing pretty good, the bone in her left arm is healing and she will be getting rid of the cast around Valentine's Day.

She is getting really anxious to get out after over a month in the hospital. She has a special walker rigged up to help support her casted arm. She'll be having help when she gets home—meals on wheels and life line. In fact the installation of the life line is the thing that will determine her going home.

Both she and her son, John, feel she'll be fine with the help of friends, neighbors and family as she completes her recovery from her accident on Dec. 23. Will be nice to see light again in her house. Welcome home my friend and neighbor.

Sincere sympathy to the family of the late Hazel Austin. When we lived on 13th street, many a Saturday we'd see Mary Smith's kids over there doing work in the yard and then sharing an evening meal together.

Among them would be her daughters, Hazel and husband Charlie, Ila and Bill Zeigler and the boys, Dorothy and Marlin Roeder and their three kids, and sometimes the other daughter Betty Rust and her family.

Betty wasn't there as much as she lived out of state for a time. Strange how your mind brings back into play things of years past. Now Mary, Bill, Hazel and Charlie are gone to their heavenly reward. May these families know that God will be with them, at times even carrying them when their way becomes too rough.

A great big thank you, Allen and Doris, for the most kindly gesture you folks did in honor of the office closing and retirement. As you said "retirement or just slow down" I'd like to thank you for Dr. Beynon and myself for the pleasant surprise you did. We appreciated the gesture very much and thank

you a "whole bunch." May God bless you for your kindness and friendship. See you around.

The pace kept up all week in handing out those dental records. You still have a few more days to get them as we'll turn the key for the last time on Wednesday. Then the remainder goes into storage for as long as law requires.

Martha and Bob, my sister and brother-in-law, called me Sunday evening. Both have been sick with this crud going around. She was wondering how I was, both physically and emotionally. I didn't have a flu shot, but they both did and she was wondering how I've kept from getting sick while working around all the different people these past few weeks with the coughing, sneezing and just yucky colds. She wanted to know when I was moving back, but like I've said before, I'm staying here for now, at least.

Sincere sympathy to the family of the young man who lost his life in an accident at the bean plant. I didn't know the young man, Clay Howard, but do know his parents and his grandparents. His granddad has been in the hospital off and on for the past couple of months. In fact I visited him a couple of times when I was there to see Christie. To his family, both immediate and extended, sincere sympathy on this tragic loss. May they feel the touch of the Almighty during these troubling times. May they know his loss is felt by co-workers and others within the community.

Not many birthdays that I know of, but do have a couple, those of Jim Mull and his mother Dorothy Boardman. Best wishes to them and any others in reader land. The same best wishes to any having an anniversary the next week or so.

I've no more news notes on the desk and it is getting to be daylight. As I said before I almost forgot to do this column, so I got up before daybreak to get it done, so I could drop it off at the news office Saturday morning.

Oh by the way, I finally got my new ribbon for the computer printer. It sure makes a difference and I do thank the folks at Radio Shack for their hard work in finding me a replacement. Thanks Chuck.

So on that note, take care, God Bless and see you next week from a lady of "leisure," what a laugh. Be kind to your neighbors and friends as you never know when that priceless thing will be so suddenly and tragically yanked away from you. See you all.

Clearing snow



Bobby Medrano, who works for Austin's Conoco near the east Goodland exit off I-70, was using a front loader to clear snow away from the area around gas pumps on Monday.

Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Wind whips up more trouble

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Chevrolet near 14th and Caldwell when he slid into a 1989 Oldsmobile, driven by Angela Benavides, who was stopped at a stop sign.

Sheriff Doug Whitson, who was out of the office Tuesday, said there had been accidents in the county, but he didn't know how many.

Ed Wolak, Goodland's public works director, said city workers spent the day clearing drifts and cars off the city streets.

He said if cars were stuck in the middle of the street, the city crew would help them out.

"If a car is stuck in the middle of the street," he observed, "it's kind of hard to clear the street."

Wolak said a man who was trying to drive to work got stuck in a drift near his house.

Snow had trapped the man in his car,

he said, and the city crew had to dig him out.

Postmaster Kenton Krehbiel said some mail trucks didn't make it to Colby and the truck that comes here daily didn't make it either.

Because of the weather, he said, rural carriers didn't deliver mail outside

the city limits.

A handful of carriers for *The Goodland Daily News* managed to deliver the afternoon paper, but most decided to stay inside.

For those who didn't get it, Tuesday's paper will be delivered with today's.

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New department head says things are going fine

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tor. "We are going to be pretty picky," he said, "so we are satisfied with our selection and hope not to have to do it again."

Mary Ann Elliott, who has been named as the new department head and vice-president for Rural Health Ventures, reported things were working better and the people seemed to be working together well since she had begun the job. She also continues as vice-president for ancillary services.

Reported on some plans and changes which are being planned. She said the doctors had reached an agreement on handling the rotation for the Saturday

morning clinic. There is a doctor, receptionist and a nurse on duty each Saturday from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Elliott said her being the department head has given the people someone to turn to when there is a problem, and someone to listen to their concerns.

She said Joyce Moore and Steve Evert will continue to be the liaison to the Rural Health Ventures board. The next meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 14. Rural Health Ventures is a related corporation which employs physicians and operates the hospital's clinic.

Dale Schields and Brenda McCants reported on the Campaign for Excellence fund drive. They said the board phase has been completed, but they have decided to extend the campaign

to wrap up in October. The board approved extension of the contract with the firm which is running the campaign and will pay half cost for the months of February through May, and then resume the previous planned schedule in June.

McCants and Schields reported on the marketing plan. McCants handed out a new brochure and an auxiliary brochure which has been completed. Schields said they are working on a new Slice of Life brochure.

McCants did a radio show in January, and Penny Nemechek will be doing one Thursday, Feb. 8, dealing with cardiac issues since it is American Heart Month.

McCants said they have been making visits to the school and inviting teachers to bring classes to the hospital for tours.

They said the hospital's booth was named best of show at the Wallace County Health Fair and the staff was heavily involved with the event Saturday, with about 12 people participating.

McCants also reported there has

been some discussion about collaborating to allow the use of hospital space for hospice patients.

The board approved an amendment to the benefits plan to match new federal requirements. The plan handles pre-tax withholding for medical bills and day care expenses. The change does not effect how the plan works, but a copy of the change will be mailed to each plan member.

The board decided to change the regular meeting date to the last Monday of the month, and the next meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26.

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Governor asks opinion

TOPEKA — Gov. Bill Graves, responding to a request that he declare a statewide energy emergency, has asked for a legal opinion on what constitutes an emergency and what he could do about it.

The request came Tuesday from House Democrats, who want Graves to wield his authority to manage what

they called a crisis caused by high natural gas prices.

Graves' spokesman, Don Brown, said the governor forwarded the Democrats' request to attorneys at the Kansas Corporation Commission for an opinion on whether an emergency exists and, if so, what authority the declaration would give the governor.

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SPECIALTY CLINIC CALENDAR

Allergy		
Dr. Rumblyrt	Feb. 15	8:30-2:00
Anesthesiology		
Dr. Martin	Feb. 14	8:30-12:00
	Feb. 28	8:30-2:00
Audiology		
L. Young, MA, CFY-A	Feb. 14	8:30-12:00
Cardiology		
Dr. Godfrey	Feb. 7	8:30-4:30
Ear/Nose/Throat		
Dr. Barron	Feb. 14	8:30-12:00
Gastroenterology		
Dr. Jain	Feb. 1	8:30-4:00
Dr. Jones	Feb. 15	8:45-4:00
General Surgery		
Dr. Winter	Feb. 14	8:30-12:00
Dr. Rogness	Feb. 28	8:30-2:00
Neurology		
Dr. Mazowiecki	Feb. 21	9:00-4:00
Dr. Miller	Feb. 22	8:30-2:00
OB/GYN		
Dr. McMillan	Feb. 8	8:30-2:00
Dr. Womack	Feb. 28	8:30-2:00
Oncology		
Dr. Rubinowitz	Feb. 7	7:00-12:00
Orthopedic		
Dr. Oster	Feb. 12	8:30-12:00
Dr. Leo	Feb. 14	8:30-12:00
Dr. Reiss	Feb. 15	1:00-4:30
Dr. Wong	Feb. 28	8:30-2:00
Pathologist		
monthly		
Podiatry		
Dr. Ouder Kirk	Feb. 22	8:30-2:00
Pulmonary Medicine		
Dr. Weisiger	Feb. 1	8:30-4:00
	Feb. 8	8:30-2:00
	Feb. 28	8:30-2:00
Radiologist		
weekly		
Urology		
Dr. Abernathy	Feb. 14	8:30-12:00
	Feb. 22	8:30-2:00

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