

New attraction in Goodland open

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Mrs. Mary Ennis, the widow of William Ennis, the first businessmen in Sherman County.

Mr. Ennis opened a drug store in 1886 in Eustis, before moving to Goodland after the famous county seat conflict. Mrs. Ennis was involved in several enterprises, including owning and operating a millinery establishment with her two sisters, Lyda and Margaret Seaman.

An article in the March 1, 1907 issue of *The Goodland Republic* said the two-story house was contracted to be built by Fred Hunt at a cost of \$5,000. It has four gables, two covered porches and bay windows on a brick foundation with spacious steps approaching the verandahs.

The house has oak woodwork and the hall and stairway are finished with Corinthian columns, railings and banisters. It has a fireplace and mantle in the parlor.

One unique feature is a sitting room on the upstairs landing with a view from the second floor balcony. A brick basement with a wash room and furnace area is under half of the structure and the house is heated by hot water radiators.

The house has had six owners over more than 90 years. After Mrs. Ennis, came James P. Cullen, Mrs. Emily A. Stewart, LeRoy F. Heston, Hope Bower and Calvin T. Handy, who was the last owner.

Tours will be held at the house from 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Ward said if people want to take a tour in the morning or on Mondays or Tuesdays, they can call 899-3318.

Admission price is \$5 for ages 12 to 59; \$3 for those over 60; and \$3 for ages 2 to 11.

Ward said the historical society will have a grand opening on Tuesday, July 3, and Wednesday, July 4, to give local people a chance to see the house. There will be reduced rates on both days.

The Goodland Ambassadors will hold a ribbon cutting on July 3 and the house will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. that day. It will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 4.

The society is just starting to do out-of-town advertising for the house, Ward said.



This is the exterior of the Handy House in Goodland for which the Sherman County Historical Society received a state Attraction Development Grant. The society is now offering tours at the house.

Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

She said the entire \$50,000 grant will be used to pay for the house. The society received enough money from donations to make the down payment on the house and then borrowed money to buy it earlier this year.

Ward said the society will still owe some money on the house, but with the grant money, they will have more than two-thirds of its cost paid for. She said they will still do fund-raisers and ask for donations until the house is self-supporting.

The house is now furnished in original items from the 1880s through 1920s, Ward said, but the society is still needing items, such as photos and memorabilia, for the house.

"Anything that would help tell the history of early days in Sherman

County," she said.

Ward said the society plans to do special exhibits at different times during the year, like a Victorian Christmas theme in December and perhaps something to honor the fact that it was Bower's Funeral Home at one time.

Ward wants to remind people that the society is a non-profit organization and that all items or money donated are tax deductible.

If people want to loan items to be used at the house, they can sign an agreement with the society board and the items will be returned whenever they want them back. She said most of the furnishings at the house are on loan.

If people are willing to loan or donate items, they may call the society office at (785) 899-6773.

matters of record

Goodland Accidents

June 11 — At 9:10 p.m., Damon Finley was backing out of a parking space in his '83 Oldsmobile at 1631 Main, when he hit an '85 Nissan, driven by Jeffery R. Andrews. Andrews was attempting to park next to

Finley when the incident occurred.

Wednesday — At 10:34 a.m., Arthur D. Albers, operating a forklift, was turning around at 1422 Cattletrail, when he struck a parked '90 GMC pickup, owned by the City of Goodland.

Great Race may roll across city

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Franklin Avenue in Colby in one-minute intervals. Each driver, she said, will break for an hour-long lunch and then head towards Burlington — which means some could be leaving as others are arriving.

Of course, if you don't feel like standing on the side of U.S. 24 all afternoon, you can go to Burlington or Colby, where you're sure to spot the old, but well-maintained cars. Thomas said the oldest vehicle will be a 1910 Selden Raceabout.

She said race coordinators will arrive in Colby early to set up a large stage, 25-foot-tall gate and tents

along Franklin Avenue. The U.S. Navy Band, traveling with the race, will begin performing at 11:15 a.m., before Tom McRae, race founder, speaks.

As the cars arrive, Thomas said, hosts will escort the drivers to lunch at the nearby Fike Park, where the annual Prairie Heritage Festival will be taking place. The festival's theme is "Sod Buster to Crop Duster," she said, and it will feature living history demonstrations, musical entertainment and an antique tractor show.

Thomas said the last time the Great Race, a two-week race from Atlanta, Ga. to Pasadena, Calif., came through, it was on a cold, rainy Wednesday, and attendance was

dampened.

"We've been getting calls from all over," she said. "We're sure there will be a big crowd this time."

In Burlington, the cars are expected to gather at the Old Town museum and gift shop on South 14th Street for refreshments.

"We're really looking forward to it," Cheryl Jacobson, gift shop manager, said, adding that coordinators will be passing out information about Burlington.

The racers will stay in Salina tonight and stop in Hays before making it to Colby on Saturday, the day that marks the race's mid-point. The cars will cross the finish line in California on Saturday, June 30.

City gives great support to hostages' family

ROSE HILL (AP) — Paul and Oreta Burnham are getting more than prayers as their family waits for news about their missionary son and daughter-in-law, held hostage in the Philippines.

Friend, neighbors and strangers are making sure the Burnhams and their

more than 20 relatives staying in Rose Hill are not bogged down with the everyday hassles of meals, shopping and transportation.

"It's been unbelievable how kind everyone is," Oreta Burnham said. "People are bringing things by all the time."

Missionaries Martin and Gracia Burnham were kidnapped three weeks ago from a resort in the Philippines. Since then, Paul and Oreta's four other grown children — three of whom also do mission work overseas — and their 19 grandchildren have gathered in Rose Hill.

You're invited

Kenny Richers & Jean Smith wish to invite you to celebrate their Marriage Dance to be held at 'Kickers' in Goodland, KS., Saturday, June 23, at 9:00 P.M. Mtn. Daylight Time

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CONTACT PERSON: Steph Ostmeier @ 824-3248. To receive an application, contact Ann Rath, Business Manager, 785-672-3125, Ext. 112. Application deadline: July 12, 2001 @ 12:00 p.m.

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