

about our friends

today in history

Feb. 14, 1903: Mrs. Maud Lee seeks divorce — husband denied her postage stamps and whipped her pet dog. Action Asks for Alimony — defendant leaves Goodland for parts unknown to avoid personal service.

The most sensational divorce case in the history of Goodland has been started by Mrs. Maud Lee against her husband, Charles H. Lee. It is a suit out of the ordinary, and if Mrs. Lee makes her case stick, every husband who may have sinned in the things she tells on Mr. Lee, he had henceforth better keep the stamp box well filled and live on speaking terms with his wife's pet dog.

The suit for divorce was filed in the district court in Kansas City, Kan. The petition relates, among other things, that the husband, although possessing \$100,000 worth of property, failed and refused to buy postage stamps for his wife's letters written to relatives. It further recites that shortly after the honeymoon in May 1897, the husband whipped her pet dog with his buggy whip. The wife remonstrated and thereupon the husband turned on her with the whip and struck her several times. Mrs. Lee asks for alimony and for costs in the case.

Mrs. Lee left for Kansas City about two months ago. It was known publicly that domestic infidelity had arisen in that family, and those acquainted with the reports of the case fully expected that, if any divorce proceedings were begun, Mr. Lee would be the plaintiff. The surprise was complete — perhaps not excepting Mr. Lee — when information came that his wife had started suit for divorce. Mr. Lee changed his base of operations and is reported to have left for parts unknown to avoid personal service in the suit, which is required when alimony is sought.

The action for divorce has caused quite a flurry in social circles, and each side has its unsolicited supporters with ready opinions. Mr. and Mrs. Lee were married about six years ago and took up residence on a farm just east of the city limits. A short time ago, Lee sold his farm and, until the rupture came, they lived in his office building in Goodland.

Feb. 15, 1903: Gandy Loses His Contest — The grind of the mill in contest cases for seats in the state legislature has at last turned out the Gandy-Smith contest, with Gandy the loser. The committee on elections dismissed the contest case brought against F.H. Smith, democratic member from this county, on the grounds that Gandy failed to file a bond of \$500 to cover costs as required by the committee.

Feb. 16, 1903: Temperance Meetings — Mrs. Sena Hartzell Wallace spoke at Edson Wednesday evening and at Kanorado Thursday evening. Goodland people heard her Friday evening at the Methodist church and Sunday morning and evening at the Opera House.

The subject of her talk was "Character Building." She said that women were the leaders of men and that, if the young ladies only would, they could raise the morals of young men with whom they come in contact. She urged the necessity of a firm foundation and said that the corner stones should be, "total abstinence from the use of intoxication drinks, total abstinence from the use of tobacco, the personal purity pledge and a fully consecrated life." A great many anti-tobacco pledges were signed by the boys of the town.

Women Visit a Saloon — Women's Christian Temperance Union leaders scare the modest bartender. With the stately step of the conquering hero, three women en-

calendar

A reminder: with the *Goodland Star-News* being a twice weekly publication, the deadline for **calendar items** is **noon Friday** for the Mid-week edition and **noon Wednesday** for the Weekend edition.

The **DECA Fashion Expo** scheduled for Saturday has been **canceled** due to unforeseen problems. The organization thanks businesses that volunteered time and merchandise for the event.

A **School Board Candidate Forum** has been tentatively scheduled for **4 p.m. Sunday** in the high school auditorium. Everyone is encouraged to come and ask the candidates questions.

The Sherman County **Economic Development Council** will meet at **5:15 p.m. Tuesday** at Western State Bank.

The **Smoky Garden Archery Club** will meet at **7 p.m. Tuesday** in the 4-H building at the fairgrounds. Call William McKnight at 899-5358 or Chuck Engel at 899-5174.

A non-denominational **Bible talk** will be held from **7-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20**, at Goodland High School. No collections. All ages welcome.

Jodi Tubbs of the **Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs** will be in Goodland from **1-2:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20**, in the Assembly Room on the third floor of the courthouse to help veterans and dependents with claims. Call the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at (785) 462-3572.

The **first archery shoot** of the Smoky Garden Archery Club will be at **10 a.m. Sunday, March 2**.

SHARE sign up for the March distribution of food will be until

tered the billiard hall of the Cullins saloon building Monday morning. Mrs. Wallace was the "center rush" and spokesman and had a loyal lieutenant at either side.

It was early and all was quiet. The saloon keeper and his assistants were yet drowsy from the far-spent night and had not yet put in an appearance. Phil Volke was the one man at the helm and behind the bar. The women entered the drinking room and snuggled so closely together that the unwary Phil shivered at the sight of three heads on top of only one body.

"We are the W.C.T.U. women," Mrs. Wallace said, "and I have heard so much about the Goodland joints that I came with these good ladies to make you a visit." (More on this story is available from the Sherman County Historical Society).

Feb. 17, 1903: After the recent fire in Goodland, an old letter was found, written by John H. Huffman to Michael and Mary Huffman and dated at Leesburg, Mercer County, Penn., Oct. 12, 1851. The letter mentions Adam Huffman and the names of seven children of John.

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military news

Navy Petty Officer Third Class **Kevin S. Powell**, son of Jerry A. Peter of St. Francis, departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman, home ported in Norfolk, Va. He joined the Navy in July of 2001.

Navy Petty Officer First Class **Troy L. Dankenbring**, nephew of

the calendar

Monday, March 17, at the Sherman County Health Department, Harvest America, the Regional Prevention Center or the Kanorado Senior Center. **Pick up** will be **Saturday, Feb. 22**, for the February distribution.

The Sherman County **Convention and Visitors Bureau** will meet at **9 a.m. Monday, Feb. 24**, at the bureau's office, 1206 Main.

school activities

Saturday: State scholar bowl. Novice wrestling tournament 7:30 a.m. in Colby, depart 5:45. DECA 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. Jr. Cowgirls basketball 9 a.m. in the high school gym.

Sunday: Open gym 1-3 p.m. in the Max Jones Fieldhouse. Junior olympic volleyball 1-3:30 p.m. Taylor's basketball team practice 5-6:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

Monday: No school. Teacher training. JV basketball tournament 3 p.m. at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. Goodland girls vs. Sharon Springs 6 p.m. Goodland boys vs. Sharon Springs 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday: Gold day. Seminar — GAA and G-Club. C-JV-V basketball 3:30 p.m. in Colby, dismiss 1:30 and 3:20, depart 1:45 and 3:30. Cheerleaders depart 4 p.m. District spelling bee 1 p.m. in the auditorium.

Wednesday: Black day. City/county recreation 7:30 p.m. in the Max Jones Fieldhouse and junior high gym.

Thursday: Gold day. Seminar — STUCO. Regional wrestling seeding meeting 5 p.m. in the tech building. City/county recreation 7:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

Friday, Feb. 21: Black day. Regional wrestling 1 p.m. in the Max Jones Fieldhouse. DECA

Super Dance 12 p.m.-12 a.m. in the high school gym. High school schedule: Block 1 7:50-8:50; Block 3 8:53-9:53; Block 5 9:56-10:56; and Block 7 10:59-noon. School dismissed at noon with no lunch served. Buses run at regular time, 3:20 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 22: Regional wrestling 10 a.m. in the Max Jones Fieldhouse. "C" teams basketball 9 a.m. at Benkelman, depart 7 a.m. DECA 12 a.m.-9 p.m. in the high school gym.

Sunday, Feb. 23: Open gym 1-3 p.m. in the Max Jones Fieldhouse. Junior olympic volleyball 1-3:30 p.m. in the junior high gym. Taylor's basketball team 5-6:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

school lunch menu

Monday: No school. Teacher training. **Tuesday:** Texas straw hats, lettuce, tomato, cheese, potato, brownie and milk. **Wednesday:** Chicken nuggets, french fries, buttered beets, hot roll, 1/2 banana and milk. **Thursday:** Macaroni and cheese with ham, broccoli, muffin, 1/2 apple and milk. **Friday:** Bierocks, relish tray, green beans, strawberry shortcake and milk.

senior center menu

Monday: Salisbury steak, baked potatoes, cook's choice fruit, bread and tapioca. **Tuesday:** Chili, relishes, strawberries/bananas, crackers and a cinnamon roll. **Wednesday:** Philly steak sandwich, oven-browned potatoes, corn, bread and apricots. **Thursday:** Roast pork, steamed cabbage, carrots and onions, five-cup salad, bread and birthday cake. **Friday:** Chicken and dressing casserole with gravy, cook's choice, carrot raisin salad and 1/2 orange.

"**Prairie Past Times**," a photographic history of entertainment in Sherman County, is on **display from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday** at the museum, 1717 Cherry Ave.

The **Carnegie Arts Center** is open from **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday** and from **1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday**. Elementary School Art Show will be on display at the center in February and the first week of March.

Born to Read will be at **10 a.m. Fridays and Story time** will be at **10 and 11 a.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays** at the Goodland Public Library. Call 899-5461.

Emotions Anonymous meets at **7:30 p.m. Wednesdays** at the Goodland Regional Medical Center board room.

Century Families, for people whose family came to Sherman County more than 100 years ago, meets at **7 p.m. the second Monday** of the month at the Senior Center. For information, call 899-2835.

Aerobics Classes - 7:45 a.m. aerobics classes are offered daily at the Goodland Activities Center. Tena Tompkins leads a step aerobics class at **5:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. On Tuesday and Thursday, a less intense class is offered. Call 899-7242.

TOPS Meetings - Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at **5:30 p.m. Mondays** at the Good Samaritan Center. Enter the east door on Center Ave. Weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

Hanging by a Thread will meet

from **7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of the month** at Wheat Ridge Acres.

Goodland Women of Faith will not meet until the Spring Fling in April. Watch for upcoming information.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Sherman County is seeking mentors and children to mentor. Call 899-3665.

area events

The **Wichita Children's Theatre** Professional Touring Company will present "**Jack and the Beanstalk**" at **7 p.m. Mountain Time Thursday** at the **Sharon Springs** High School auditorium. Admission is by Western Plains Arts Association season passes or can be paid at the door. The group will also perform at 9:30 a.m. Central Time Thursday at Atwood Elementary School, at 1:30 p.m. Central Time Thursday at Colby Elementary, at 9:30 a.m. Central Time Friday at Hoxie Elementary and at 1:30 p.m. Central Time Friday at Winona Elementary.

The **Kansas State Research and Extension** is having **basics of precision agriculture** from **9 a.m.-4 p.m. Central Time Thursday** at the 4-H building in **Hill City**, and **soil and nutrient management** will be from **9 a.m.-4 p.m. Central Time next Friday** at the 4-H building in **Hoxie**. RSVP to Brian Olson at 785-462-6281. There is a charge for some of the programs.

The **Sacred Heart School Carnival** will be from **11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Central Time Sunday, Feb. 23**, at the parochial school in **Colby**. There will be food, games and prizes.

The **deadline for filing** as a candidate for the **Kansas Silver Haired Legislature is Wednesday, Feb. 26**. The election will be Tuesday, March 18, at area nutrition centers. Any Kansan age 60 or over who is a registered voter may file for candidacy. The term of office is two years, and members may be re-elected for three successive terms. Call the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging at 800-432-7422.

Colby Community College will offer **certification courses for social service designees and activities directors** beginning Monday, March 3. The courses will be from **8 a.m.-5 p.m. Central Time on March 3, 10, 18, 19, 24 and 31 and April 7 and 14** in the Robert Burnett Memorial Student Union. Four college credits and one certificate will be awarded for six classes. Call Mary Herbel at 785-462-3984, ext. 286.

health department

The Sherman County Health Department at 1622 Broadway is open from 8 a.m.- noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Monday: Office closed. Presidents' holiday. **Tuesday:** Technical college 9-10:30 a.m. **Wednesday:** WIC in St. Francis. Scheduled appointments. Voucher pickup 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **Thursday:** WIC in Goodland. Scheduled appointments. Blood pressures 9-10:30 a.m. at Sparks and Handy Towers. Blood pressures 10-11:30 a.m. at the Kanorado Senior Center. **Friday:** Scheduled appointments.

If you have questions, concerns or complaints about child care, call the health department.



Gladys Nicholson

Woman turns 99 next week

Gladys Nicholson will be celebrating her 99th birthday at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21, at the Good Samaritan Center, 208 W. Second.

Her family will be here for the party and invite residents of the center and other friends and neighbors to have cake and ice cream for the occasion.



Pat Stindt

Sorority selects princess

Pat Stindt of Goodland has been selected as the Nu Phi Mu entry in the Beta Sigma Phi International Princess competition.

Originally from Munden, Stindt has been in the sorority for three years. She has a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and is a seventh-grade English teacher at Grant Junior High.

She is married to Brady Stindt, and they have two boys, Brett and Tyler.

Winners of the contest are announced in the February issue of the "Torch," a monthly magazine put out by the national sorority. David Hasselhoff, star of television shows "Baywatch" and "Knight Rider," is the judge for this year's competition.

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