

Lost report run belated; wild weather begins month

Sept. 1 report which was mislaid in *The Goodland Star-News* office: It was a strange start of the first week in the new month. We've had thunder, lightning and only a few drops of rain. Yet the state and all around us got plenty of water, even so much it caused the deaths of six people in eastern Kansas.

What a sad affair for these people, and my heart goes out to them and their friends and relatives as they deal with this tragedy.

The lawns and various fall crops are beginning to show the effects of this lack of water. The lawns will come back, but the farmers' crops are looking so sad.

They will not amount to much of anything if at all. After such a nice



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start in the spring, it's hard to believe everything looks like it does.

I didn't go to the canyon over the weekend for several reasons, the major one being the number of West Nile cases in Larimer County, the canyon itself and Windsor, Colo.

I realize I could get it here just as well, but why drive into these highly infected areas? Maybe in a week or so the peak mosquito sea-

son will die down, and I can make a fast trip out to the canyon. I'm just playing it day by day for now.

Pat Perrey called me to ask me to put a brief notice in about the death of Don Adamson of California. He attended school here and there; probably several remember this man.

His late wife Norma Jean Shaw was Pat's sister. She had passed away some time ago. He also has a niece in Goodland, Sheila Smith. To all, my sincere sympathy on his death.

School was a hot one last week,

but the day is the full time this week. The kids next door said it wasn't too bad so far, but if these temperatures hit 90-plus as predicted, you never know how it will again affect the schools.

I did various jobs around the house over the weekend, but the biggest one was making noodles from the yolks Lucille gave me. While they're not quite dry enough to package up, they already have a new home to go to. So many of my friends enjoy these things, and I'm only too glad to share them with them.

Happy 50th anniversary wishes to Bob and Lucille Smith over the weekend. I had planned on joining them for a few minutes but didn't

remember the time until later in the evening. I wanted to see their kids and grandkids, but I messed up by forgetting the time. I'm sorry I missed you, but I hope you all had a grand time.

When I finished my monthly center reports, the town was really dead-looking when I went to the post office. I was so busy doing these little odds and ends that I failed to get to see Christie at Wheat Ridge Acres and Velma at the Good Samaritan Center. I hope they all had a good weekend with various family members.

This coming week shows birthdays for Larry Minner, Curtis Minner, Marcia Golden, Britta Warren and Richard Rasure. Best

wishes to these and any others. Belated birthday greetings to Dorothy Roeder.

I have one anniversary, that of my sister Martha and husband Bob. They have nothing special planned, as Bob is recovering from his round of radiation treatments.

I'm keeping my fingers crossed that all will be okay for both now and in the future. There is so much illness, West Nile included, that one has to stop and think about the affect it has on everyone.

I see no more notes around, so I will close and get this to the paper. I'm not sure when it will be in print, as the holiday has messed up their schedules. See you next week.

Garden produces strange produce



Brenda Fisher grew bell peppers bigger than her hands and a three-pronged carrot in her garden at 1624 Texas.
Photos by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News



Roof project more than half completed

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during which students will walk through a model of the human body. Part of the experience involves following the process that turns food into nutrients and their path to parts of the body.

Sharon Gregory, principal of Central Elementary, reported that the Jerry Johns Basic Reading Inventory for third and fourth graders should be completed by the end of September.

The inventory is a diagnostic test that checks the student's comprehension, vocabulary and word text skills.

Next the board had a discussion about how the Palm Pilot project

was progressing. This project, started last year with a federal grant, made available to each seventh grade student and junior high teacher a hand-held computer designed to help with note-taking in class.

The board will consider whether it wants to continue the project for current seventh graders.

In other business, the board:

- Heard Dennis Daise, of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Sherman County, on how the organization was doing in the area and to invite the members to Thursday's grand opening.
- Went into a closed session to consider hiring Char Avila as an assistant volleyball coach at the high

school. After the closed session, the board voted 7-0 to hire her. She has been helping coach the team on an interim basis.

- Discussed the district's progress under the "No Child Left Behind" Act. Gregory, the district's project manager, reported that the district achieved "adequate yearly progress" last year and briefly discussed plans for this year.
- Unanimously approved the minutes from the last meeting, adoption of the agenda, the financial reports and the board's check register.

The meeting was adjourned around 8:45 p.m. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, at the district office, 13th and Main.

Colby girl selected as Miss Rodeo Kansas

By Tisha Cox

Colby Free Press

Being a rodeo princess isn't all glamour. It's also about homework. Lisa Jones of Colby found out how tough it can be at a big pageant last month.

Jones was selected as Miss Rodeo Kansas Princess 2004 during the Dodge City Days rodeo queen and princess competition in August.

Jones, a senior at Colby High School, has won three other pageants before, including the princess title at the Beef Empire Days PRCA rodeo in Garden City last year.

"I've been doing pageants since I was 10," she said. "This is the fourth pageant I've won."

Jones barrel races, goat ties and competes in Kansas Womens Horse

Association events when time allows. She was the Thomas County rodeo princess in 2001 and the princess for the Ellis County rodeo in 2000.

She said the Dodge City Days pageant is the most strenuous she's been through.

"It was three days long," Jones said. "It was a lot harder."

The pageant included horsemanship, which involved a reining pattern and riding in the rodeo, three interviews, a speech and modeling.

"It was a lot of fun," she said.

The horsemanship also proved to be a challenge.

"I drew a really bad horse," Jones said, adding that at the bigger pageants, horses and tack are provided for the horsemanship component.

Ashley Cooper, who won the queen title during Dodge City Days, was the Beef Empire Days queen while Jones was princess, so she'll be continuing on with a familiar face.

"We'd been together the year before," Jones said. "We're going to travel around the country together. She's really awesome."

Her reign doesn't start until January.

Moran taking applications for military accademies

U.S. Rep. Jerry Moran released a reminder Monday to those seeking nominations to the U.S. Air Force, Military, Naval, and/or the Merchant Marine Academies that their applications must be postmarked by Oct. 1.

Applications may be sent to:

Congressman Jerry Moran, Attention: Service Academy Selection, Box 1128, Hutchinson, Kan. 67504-6138.

Each member of the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate may have up to five constituents attending each academy

at any one time and may nominate up to 10 candidates per vacancy.

Due to limited placement, Rep. Moran encourages all interested candidates to also apply to the offices of U.S. Sens. Pat Roberts and Sam Brownback.

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