

# Blizzard of nearly 40 years ago a distant memory

In 1967, on Oct. 19, there was a blizzard. I remember because we lived on a farm west of town, and Roger was attending the vo-tech school. In 2003, there definitely was no blizzard in northwest Kansas.

It is hard to believe how warm it is and how blue the skies are. We are planning on going to Antelope Lake after church for one more fishing/camping outing for the year.

We'll have to see what the wind is going to do, but today would really be a good day to be sitting on a river bank watching a bobber float.

Anyway, it is beautiful, but dry. Oh, yes, I remember that snow that



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fell in October that year was still on the ground in March, and it was anything but pretty.

Bonnie Reid had a note from Vickie Doze, and it sounds like her family are in all different areas. Jesse and David are both in the service, so we want them to know they are in our prayers.

Jarrold lives in Colby and cel-

grandchildren now, so their family is continuing to grow. It's nice to hear from the ones who have moved to other areas and know they are doing well. A happy belated birthday wish to Jarrod.

Ruth and Duane Jones returned home on Friday the 17th from Greeley. Their plans of going to Texas to see their daughter and fam-

ilized his birthday Wednesday. Dustin is in southwest Kansas working in physical therapy. There are several

ily had to be delayed for another time. Ruth is undergoing treatment for some back problems, and we do wish her the very best and speediest recovery possible.

The floor at the senior center is in the process of getting repaired, replaced, or whatever you want to call it. The carpet was replaced a year or so ago, and now the tile is being replaced. I believe it will make a big difference.

We will have an open house before the first of the year, so you can see what the memorials and donations have been able to accomplish. We have a very comfortable senior center, and we hope there will be more who will begin enjoying it.

Tuesday, there will be many who will be in but might not enjoy it, as they will be receiving their flu shots. But we are happy we can provide a place for this service and also a meeting place for other groups.

Speaking of other groups, Joan Bishop has been bringing a very nice lady from Texas with her when she comes in for coffee after aerobics. I am sure her stay will be limited, but we are glad Barbara, from Brownsville, Texas, is coming in to visit with the other ladies.

Merle and Helen Metzler will probably be heading out in the next day or so, so we wish them a good winter. We'll be looking forward to the spring that brings them back

home.

I have been meaning to mention this for some time, and by golly, I'm going to do it now. I want to thank Gene and Lola Marrs for brightening our lives with their beautiful flowers.

There are a lot of gorgeous yards around, but it just seems like this is such a nice one to see when we are leaving or when we return.

Just in case you didn't think anyone noticed, I'm here to tell you that you have made many folks take note of the beauty on your special corner. It kind of reminds a person of that old hymn, "Brighten the Corner Where You Are." Thanks again, and have a good week everyone.

# Pumpkin Festival planned to bring youngsters, mentors together

To continue "Big for a Day" events, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Sherman County has scheduled a Pumpkin Festival for Tuesday.

The GRACE youth group and volunteers will be helping children who have been matched or hope to be matched with a "Big."

Pumpkins will be decorated in all sorts of ways. If you are interested in helping, let me know.

With a "Big For a Day" event, we're always hoping to start a match process.

It can be a start to a relationship that might start a positive process,



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directing a child who will possibly change history.

Author Steve Farrar, in his book "Finishing Strong," tells of one such life. It relates to a man who was a member of the British Parliament during the 1800s. Traveling to Scot-

The Parliament member was impressed with the young man and offered to pay him for the assistance.

The young man refused payment but while visiting with the lawmaker, he admitted that one day he

land, his carriage gets stuck. A young boy who lived in the area helped get the carriage out of the mud.

would love to be a doctor.

Hearing that, the lawmaker promised the young man he would help him realize his dream.

Nearly 50 years later, having achieved his dream of practicing medicine, the doctor by the name of Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin.

The discovery saved the life of Winston Churchill and the lives of countless others. The man who assisted Fleming was Churchill's father.

It's an amazing story but an account that shows how helping an-

other person can have potential possibilities. If you volunteer, you can't guarantee that the difference you make in a child's life will save countless lives, but it just might.

To finish, I recently read an account in *ESPN Magazine* of when Michael Jordan was in his last year of college. On film, Jordan is shown finishing a play with a signature dunk.

The coach, while impressed, does not talk about the tremendous dunk but how Jordan recognized who fed him the ball. Ninety-four feet down the court, Jordan points back to the

person who assisted him.

Believe me, the person who assisted him sees the recognition and appreciates it. That was what the coach wanted the team to recognize.

Not everyone can dunk like Jordan, but every player can signify to his teammate his appreciation for the assist. To borrow from the assist example, recognize those who might have assisted you and pass it on.

Who knows, the person you assist just might make an important discovery or possibly save a life.

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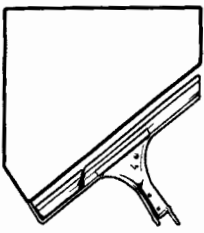
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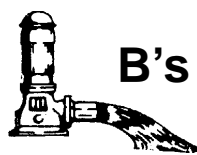
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