

# Businessmen entertained audience with antics

In 1927, the residents of Sherman County were entertained by the businessmen of Goodland with a major social event at the Opera House. As spring brought thoughts of love and marriage, a most unusual "wedding" took place before hundreds of local citizens, according to an article in the *Goodland News-Republic*.



## marcia smith

• from the vault

of the production. Packed houses inspired the players to their best efforts both nights.

From the time the curtain rose and the butler Fred Simpson announced the arrival of Forrest Brown and Woody Huffman, who played "punch girls," the audience was kept in gales of laughter. J.J. Ryan, as the "weeping mother," did not arouse very much sympathy but seemed to have the opposite effect on the hilarious crowd. George Garrison proved himself a comforting father throughout the whole ordeal.

Troy Flanders and Harold Parker, as the bad boys, kept the onlookers entertained, while Fred Erickson insisted on selling everything imaginable to the onlookers.

Wives held fast to their husbands

while John Blain, as the "fashion plate," swept gracefully up the aisle in a flaming red gown, picture hat, and a but-

terfly charmingly poised on his shoulder.

Other cast members were Dr. Steever and L.H. Hayenga as the aunt and uncle from Edson.

The whole affair went off with a bang and favorable comments heard on every hand proved that it was one of the best home talent plays ever produced in Goodland.

When the "wedding party" arrived, the whole house was agog with curiosity to see who the "bride," Ed Bridges, had chosen to be his life mate. On Monday night, it proved to be Harry Kelly, who wasn't much for size as compared to the bride, but lacked not in affection. On Tuesday evening, Dr. Lloyd Hill interpreted the part of the groom.

Naturally the condition of local crops was also on the mind of residents in the spring of 1927. Sherman County wheat did receive a favorable report.

### Sherman County Wheat

In Excellent Condition Farmers Believe 80-90% Good Winter wheat in Sherman County is reported by various reliable persons to be in an excellent condition at this time, asserting that there is between 80 and 90% of the wheat that is alive. While there has been much wind in the past month, there will not be 5 percent of the wheat damaged from the wind.

Wm. Walker, Jr., who is considered to be in close touch with the general farming conditions of the county, believes the condition of the wheat is 90% good. He says there are a few fields planted in August were killed because of the lack of fall moisture. Summer fallowed old ground and summer fallowed sod are in the best conditions.

C.E. White, who has 550 acres of wheat 12 miles northwest of

Goodland, finds his wheat to be more favorable than he expected. J.O. Fraily of Edson reports wheat is all right with a 75% condition or better.

The county has been favored with good snow this spring with a total of three quarters of an inch in precipitation. A late snow came without the aid of wind, falling gently on the ground to a depth of 5 inches.

Eighty-one years ago also marked the passing of a local resident.

### John Butts Passes Away

Spanish War Vet Came To Sherman Co. in 1887

John Butts died at the home of his brother, W.D. Butts, at the age of 58. He has been in ill health for some years. In January, he was struck by a car and suffered a broken hip. Since that time, he failed rapidly and

death came as a relief. Mr. Butts was a veteran of the Spanish-American War, having served throughout the conflict. He came to Sherman County in 1887 and spent much of his life here. He lived in Colorado and California and returned to this area on account of his health.

He was born in Illinois, March 3, 1868. He came to Sherman County with his parents, later filing on a homestead in Smoky Township. He was living in Cripple Creek, Colorado when the war broke out with Spain, and he volunteered and served with the 1st Colorado Guards until honorably discharged.

He leaves to mourn a daughter and 2 grandchildren of Idaho, 2 sisters, and 2 brothers--W.D. Butts and R.F. Butts of Goodland. Services were conducted at the Goodland Cemetery.

## ruleton eager beavers 4-h

### March Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Ruleton Eager Beavers was held on Saturday, March 8, at 2:00 p.m. at the 4-H building. President Devin Mangus called the meeting to order. Roll Call was answered with "What is your favorite food?" Twenty-two members were present, four leaders, and eight parents were present. Minutes from the February meeting were read and approved.

The club received a letter from Shine on Sherman County Youth committee for a donation to their skate park project. A bill was received from Prairie Rose Floral. Treasurer's report was read and audited, and the reporter's reported minutes had been published.

Kayler moved to donate \$25 to the

Skate Park. Motion passed. Holly moved to pay the bill to Prairie Rose, motion passed. Adam moved to have the club garage sale on Saturday, April 19, at the Winston's beginning at 7 a.m., motion passed. Michael moved to donate \$100 to Devin Mangus for his trip to Washington D.C., motion passed.

Kevin Winston presented a ceremony that showed what a good club member consisted of.

Program had Dani Mangus, Saige Vandiver, and Nichole Sederstrom singing "O! MacDonald." A project talk was given by Dani Mangus that was called "Country Poultry."

Saige Vandiver also gave a project talk that was called "How to Select a Market Goat." Corbin Townsend gave a health and safety tip on "The

### Choking Game."

A brief recess was declared and Cody Hooker led the club in a game called "Balloon Relay."

Meeting was adjourned by President Devin Mangus.

Club Reporter, Chelsie Gausman

### April Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Ruleton Eager Beavers was held on Sunday, April 13, at 2:00 pm at the 4-H building. President Devin Mangus called the meeting to order. Roll Call was answered by 17 members, three leaders, and eight parents. Minutes from the March meeting were read and approved.

The garage sale would be held on Saturday, April 19, and members needed to be at Winston's to help set up Friday evening. The club donated

\$25 to the summer reading program. The club decided on what to do since we were in charge of Spring Show concessions. And cemetery clean-up would be Wednesday, May 21, at 4:30 p.m.

Program had Dani Mangus, Saige Vandiver, and Nichole Sederstrom singing "Home on the Range." A project talk was given by Kayler on "Learning to Lead." Cody Hooker gave a demonstration on how to make "Appleslice cookies." A health and safety tip was given by Blaine Varney.

A brief recess was declared and Sierra Vandiver led the club in a game called "Crab Walk."

Meeting was adjourned by President Devin Mangus.

Club Reporter, Chelsie Gausman

## matters record

### District Traffic

The following fines have been paid in the Sherman County District Court. All ages are at the time of the ticket.

**March 24:** Damon Belshe, 34, Goodland, \$246 for improper parking.

**March 28:** Mary E. Craig, 24, Gardner, \$132 for speeding, 86/70.

**March 29:** Stephen D. Morawski, 25, Marlette, Mich., \$166 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations, over 14 hours.

**March 30:** Gina L. Carroll, 45, Houston, \$126 for improper parking.

Edgar A. Soto-cancino, 35, Reno, N.V., \$246 for failing to yield to an emergency vehicle.

**March 31:** Brent P. Ivey, 32, Shawnee, \$132 for speeding, 86/70.

**April 1:** Emmanuel Frazier, 29, Columbus, Ga., \$166 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations, no current registration in possession.

**April 5:** Jose Gerardo Herrera-Soto, 22, Goodland, \$316 for operating a motor vehicle without a license.

**April 6:** Bobbi L. Fowler, 23, Atchison, \$138 for speeding, 84/70.

Lorenzo Garcia, 17, Kansas City, Kan., \$120 for speeding, 84/70.

Nicholas P. Jensen, 29, Ogden, Utah, \$144 for speeding, 88/70.

Alix L. Kerry, 42, Laguna Hills, Ga., \$156 for speeding.

**April 7:** Sarah L. Adams, 25, Monroe, Ohio, \$166 for permitting an unauthorized person to drive.

**April 9:** Colleen M. Ford, 26, Evergreen, Colo., 86/70.

**April 10:** Donald M. Pasbrig, 61, Salina, \$141 for not having an oversize permit on a 12.5 foot-wide load.

**April 11:** Hugo C. Chavarria, 22, Westminster, Colo., \$174 for speeding.

**April 14:** Amber N. Cowan, 19, Goodland, \$237 for speeding.

**April 15:** James Fenberg, 66, Wildwood, Mo., \$132 for improper parking.

James M. Heber, 47, Vail, Colo., \$138 for speeding, 87/70.

**April 16:** Cynthia S. Carroll, 59, Westminster, Colo., \$120 for improper parking.

Michele Marie Johnson, 36, Goodland, \$366 for not having liability insurance.

Bernadette M. Molinar, 25, Colorado Springs, \$120 for speeding, 84/70.

George E. Strasser, 23, Denton, Texas, \$120 for improper parking.

**April 17:** Dwight N. Goins, 33, Athens, Ga., \$120 for speeding, 84/70.

## Work Out For a "Healthier You"

We are starting our celebration of being open for one year. We would like everyone to stop in and celebrate with us at our open house in the afternoon on **June 30, 2008.**

We now have punch cards for teens 13 to 18 years of age.

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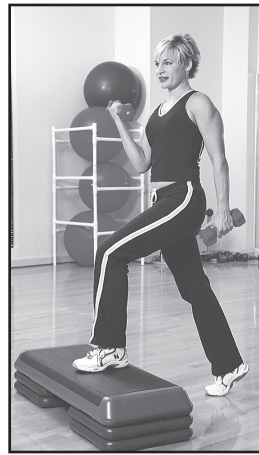
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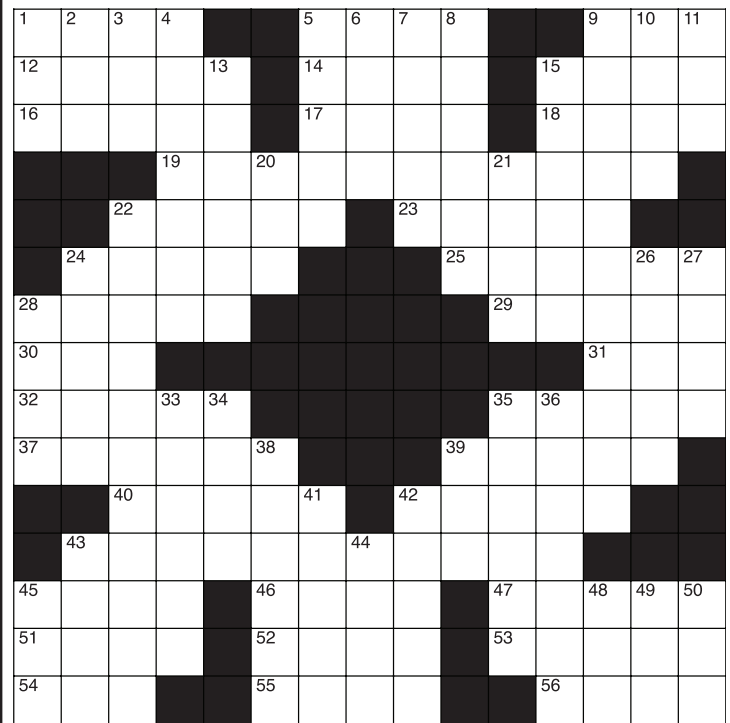
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## Crossword Puzzle



### CLUES ACROSS

- Burrowing marine mollusk
- Speed of sound
- Time units (abbr.)
- Hussar monkey
- Turkish title
- Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- For use in chemical reactions
- Sir in Asia
- Radiant light around the head of a saint
- Famous tale teller
- Ancient city of Egypt
- Tie once more
- Ski, alternating directions
- Moved swiftly
- Satisfies
- Vermont ski town
- Make a mistake
- Albanian monetary unit
- Respond to something
- Father (Span.)
- Scarlett's first love
- Character parts
- Appended for hearing
- Characterized by opposite extremes
- The largest US park
- Hair wave process
- Cheremis
- Planet of the Apes actor Claude
- Arguments in favor of
- 7th Hindu month
- Anwar \_\_, Egyptian statesman
- Good (Gaelic)
- Spanish baby boy
- Margosa tree

### CLUES DOWN

- A certified accountant
- Fail to keep up
- Fed
- Of humans
- Sciences dealing with the logic of quantities
- Chills and fever
- Genus salvelinus
- Anything from which something can be hung
- Homeowner
- Not widely distributed
- Helps little firms
- Rocks
- Chinese communist
- '\_\_ death do us part
- Screech owl genus
- Any solid having four plane faces
- Commodities offered for sale
- Pitchers
- Ice hockey fake
- Blood serums
- Asserted rights
- \_\_itory: region
- Lively dances
- Northern Am. dweller
- Beefeater
- Mythological bird of prey
- DNA enzyme
- Thomas \_\_, American patriot
- About aviation
- Yugoslavian river
- Parts per billion (abbr.)
- Suffix for related compounds
- No (Scottish)
- Abbr. for immediate memory

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