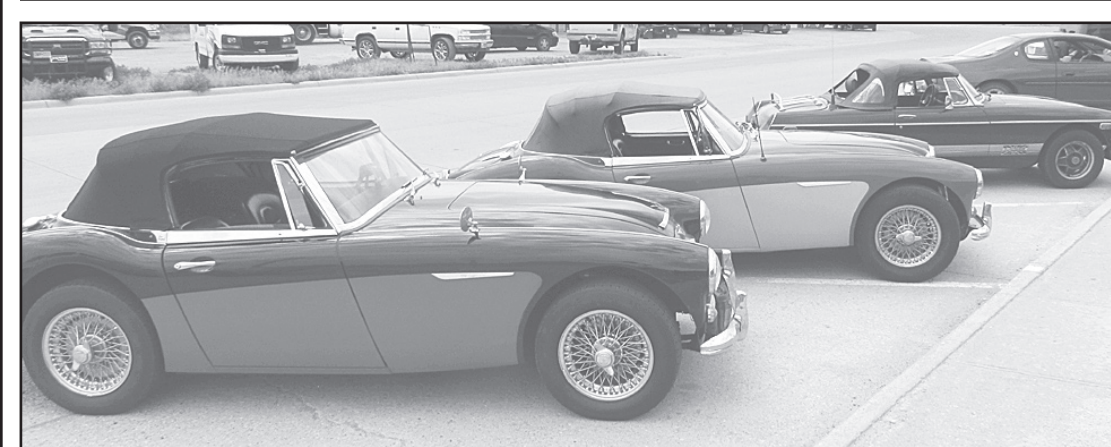


## Museum visitors



Three British car enthusiasts from Indianapolis, Ind., stopped at the High Plains Museum on Saturday afternoon on the way to a car rally in Colorado Springs, Colo. Museum Director Karen Anderson (top photo) visited with them and talked about other things to see and do in Goodland. Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

# 'Home on the Range' cabin in Smith County

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What song is more recognized than "Home on the Range?" Today we'll learn about the history of this wonderful song and the authentic Home on the Range cabin which is found in rural Kansas.

El Dean Holthus is a trustee of the Ellen Rust Living Trust which owns the historic Home on the Range cabin in Smith County.

The history of "Home on the Range" goes back to 1871. In that year, a Dr. Brewster Higley moved from his native Ohio to Smith County, where he homesteaded along the banks of Beaver Creek. Dr. Higley was a practicing physician. In 1871, he wrote a poem titled "My Western Home" to describe the beauty of the site he had chosen for a Kansas homestead. He completed his cabin there on July 4, 1872.

Higley's poem was strictly for his own pleasure. He was not trying to sell or publish it. In fact, he slipped his copy of the poem into a book and forgot about it.

In 1873, a Mr. Trube Reese from Smith Center brought a man with a gunshot wound to Dr. Higley for treatment. While waiting, Reese picked up a book to read and this poem fell out. Mr. Reese read the poem and said to Dr. Higley, in effect, "This is plum good, you should

have it published in the paper." With this encouragement, the poem was indeed printed in the local newspapers.

Dr. Higley passed the poem along to a man named Dan Kelly from the nearby rural community of Gaylord, population 129 people. Kelly set the poem to music. This was then given to a Judge John Harlan who first played and sang it publicly.

The song became known as "Home on the Range." It caught on from coast to coast. Of course, cowboys herding cattle loved the song and lyrics, and they shared it from Kansas to Texas and beyond. In the 1930s, President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared "Home on the Range" to be his favorite song.

Then the airplay of this appealing tune came to a screeching halt. In 1934, a lawsuit was filed by an Arizona couple contending that they were the authors of this poem. Their version was called My Arizona Home. They sued NBC and various publishing houses for damages, and broadcasters immediately stopped airing the song.

The case worked its way through the courts. Among the evidence was the Kansas newspapers in which Dr. Higley's poem was first published.

Ultimately, the courts found that Dr. Higley was the rightful author, and airplay resumed.

The Kansas Legislature adopted "Home on the Range" as the official state song of Kansas on June

30, 1947.

Meanwhile, several owners had owned the original cabin through the years. In 1950, it was purchased by neighboring farmers Pete and Ellen Rust. The Rusts were instrumental in saving the original cabin. They had at least two major offers to sell the cabin but opted against it. In fact, one out-of-state tourist attraction is said to have literally given the Rusts a signed, blank check to purchase the cabin and take it away, but the Rusts declined.

As a result, this cabin still stands in its original location in a pretty natural setting along Beaver Creek. The limestone end walls of the cabin are original, while the logs in the side walls date back to the 1870s. In 1954, the Smith Center Rotary Club renovated the building. The cabin is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

But time has taken its toll on the old building. Now El Dean Holthus and others are making a difference by leading an effort to renovate and restore the old cabin to its original design.

While few songs are more recognized than "Home on the Range," here is a less familiar verse:

"The air is so pure, and the zephyrs so free, And the breezes so balmy and light, I would not exchange my home on the range, for all the cities so bright."

Next week we'll learn about the efforts to save the historic cabin.

## Sherman County Expenditures

SHERMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTHS OF APRIL, MAY & JUNE, SECOND QUARTER AS AUTHORIZED BY HOUSE BILL 3211-1980.

### SALARIES:

APPRAISER \$30027.19; HEALTH \$42913.16; ELECTION \$6519.70; GENERAL \$256837.80; NOXIOUS WEED \$5360.43; ROAD & BRIDGE \$120074.55; RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #1 \$9171.60; SOLID WASTE \$28085.75; TOTAL : \$498990.18.

### EXPENDITURES:

Aardvark Elec. \$50.27; Adams Cnty Sheriff \$63.00; Advance Ins. \$862.50; Advance Auto Body \$439.74; Ag Power \$168.81; American Environmental \$12985.64; American Fidelity Assurance \$1954.45; American Public Health Assoc. \$180.00; AT&T \$17001.09; Axis Capital \$2260.92; B&B Electric \$715.45; B & K Pumping \$1700.00; Barco \$101.91; Barrett Law \$718.00; Berry Tractor \$252.30; Big Brother/Big Sisters \$726.00; Big Twin Napa \$616.26; Billie Hoyt \$167.07; Black Hills Energy \$4831.57; Blue Book \$22.95; BC/BS \$219105.91; Bob Barker \$1325.28; Bonnie Selby \$391.00; Brenda Cunningham \$43.00; Brick Top Cruisers \$130.00; Butch Smith \$2122.75; Butterfly Aviation \$92.00; Carol Farris \$19.13; Carrol Mogge \$450.00; Cash-Wa \$5047.20; Central Power Systems \$331.40; Central Publishing \$945.00; Central States Wire \$3534.30; Cesar Miller \$95.00; Cheyenne County Clerk \$3000.00; Cheyenne Co. Sheriff \$13.50; Chief of DOT \$35,000.00; City of Brewster \$1386.30; City of Goodland \$20363.88; City-Country Rec \$8923.32; Clerk, KS Supreme Court \$350.00; Colby Wrecking \$378.95; Commercial Sign \$800.00; Community Partnership-Prevention \$181.50; Correct Care \$437.50; Crop Production \$10393.80; Cross Match Tech. \$400.00; D&D Filter \$435.88; D-C Wholesale \$320.98; Dan Brenner Ford \$139.34; Danko Equip \$317.00; Darrel Cloyd \$172.88; Dash Medical \$299.60; David Daniels \$170.00; David Pederson \$66.66; Decatur Co. Hlth \$6.00; Dehart Recycling \$406.29; Dependable Glass \$897.92; Development Systems \$150.00; Developmental Service of NWKS \$6300.44; Diamond Drugs \$432.43; Diamond Medical \$642.35; Dinkel Law Office \$344.60; Document Resources \$207.50; Dorendo Harrel \$303.01; ; Dorman Bros. \$1134.00; Doug Meissinger \$20.00; Doug Hall \$756.47; Duerst Machine \$142.00; Eagle Comm. \$135.30; Ed Roehr Safety \$1873.85; Election Board Workers \$2069.50; Election Systems \$5471.47; Elliotts fs \$279.94; Energy Solutions \$19000.00; Etta L. Walker \$1526.00; Evercom \$1965.00; Expert Carpet \$295.00; Express Police \$677.95; Fairbanks Law \$886.60; Farmers Alliance \$50.00; Finley Motors \$523.31; Fire Alarm Spec. \$2040.00; First Bankcard \$4239.45; First National Bank \$83676.07; Fleet Services \$620.50; Foley Equip. \$42862.56; Foulston Siefkin \$6201.00; Free Fair \$8835.49; Frontier Ag. \$93564.12; G.W. Van Keppel \$212.78; Galls \$214.97; Genesis \$1,000.00; Glaxosmithkline \$2831.60; GAC \$100.00; Goodland Cemetery \$11090.38; Goodland Dental Arts \$147.00; Goodland Family Health Ctr. \$767.74; Goodland Greenline \$2249.51; Goodland Nutrition \$370.61; Goodland Library \$7305.69; Goodland Regional Med. Ctr. \$124359.58; Goodland Senior Ctr. \$5369.96; Goodland Star \$2342.39; Goodland Yost \$348.91; Gordon Stowe \$115.00; Hays Fire Equip. \$4970.00; Headset Direct \$247.63; Heartland Animal Hospital \$95.00; Helena \$28300.05; Hemocue \$439.00; Herl Chev. \$1027.22; High Plains Mental Health \$5003.10; High Plains Office Supply \$4442.92; High Plains Roosters \$100.00; Hirsch & Pratt \$1488.00; Historical Society \$6701.40; Homestead Nutrition \$1185.96; Ideal Linen \$478.17; Ikon Office \$624.91; In the Can \$777.20; Infinsource \$1040.00; Iris Scheopner \$14.67; Irma Romero \$435.00; Jackie Jorgensen \$200.00; James Milliken \$303.80; Janet Rumpel \$618.00; Jefferson Co. Sheriff \$21.72; Jeffrey Huston \$155.00; Jerry Bauman \$10.00; Joe Alfaro \$100.00; JOM Pharmaceutical \$423.36; Kanorado Cemetery \$1386.29; Kanorado Coop \$317.54; Kanorado Senior Ctr \$1235.16; KAJ \$295.00; KALH \$100.00; KBA \$169.00; KCHA \$65.00; KCTA \$325.00; KDA \$100.00; KJC \$495.00; KS Pathology \$32.00; Kansasland \$3271.37; KDHE \$50.00; KDHE Immun. \$38.00; Kenneth Palmgren \$30.00; Kimmi fs Kopy Shop \$860.20; Kit Carson Co. Sheriff \$154.00; Knox Consultant \$574.53; KPT & AI \$618.50; L & M Steel \$22.48; L & P Wire Tie \$814.68; Larimer Co. Sheriff \$19.50; Larry fs Professional 2-way \$1567.95; Legal Directory \$115.75; Leslie Beims \$2182.40; Lina Zinn \$325.00; Linda Bowen \$438.29; M.J. Harden \$40304.75; B-B Companies \$644.28; Mailfinance \$1650.00; Malsom Ent. \$1650.00; Manatron \$504.13; Manna Bakery \$33.00; Marie Johnson \$610.00; Marriott Junction City \$280.35; McClure Plumbing \$542.45; Merck \$4232.22; Metech Secure Recycling \$1995.25; Midwest Energy \$975.57; Midwest Mailing \$30.00; Mile Saver Shopper \$18.00; Miller fs Home Ctr \$138.00; Mobile Radio \$537.10; Moore Medical \$165.17; Nancy Pervatt \$30.95; National Sign \$679.24; Nex-Tech \$2431.82; Norwest \$204.12; NWKSAA \$15.00; NWKS Ambulance \$8968.86; NWKS Area on Aging \$518.86; NWKS Family Shelter \$1000.00; NWKS Planning \$6344.00; OCSI Training \$150.00; Office of DA \$60.00; Office Works \$175.60; Orschelns \$2313.94; Otero Co. Sheriff \$16.80; Pawnee Co. DC \$1524.50; Penco \$400.00; Plains Heating \$129671.00; Positive Promotions \$150.50; Prairie Rose \$30.00; Professional Ins. \$3750.00; Professional Radiology \$137.59; PVD Ed. \$50.00; R&S NE \$986.37; Randall Fixsen \$410.65; Rasure Lumber \$451.47; Redwood Toxicology \$269.69; Rhea Daise \$27.80; S&M Repair \$8986.59; S&T \$10212.21; Salina Blueprint \$507.80; Samscreen \$520.20; Sanofi \$3152.58; Scheopner fs Water \$74.00; Scott Jarrett \$1873.00; Scott Showalter \$916.50; SE & EC Recycling \$2988.60; Sec. of State \$25.00; Shad fs Elec. \$166.20; Share Corp. \$2800.00; Sh. Co. C&V Bureau \$15913.04; Sh Co. Hlth \$6685.91; Sh Co. Rural Fire \$320.00; Sh Co. Soil Cons. \$6726.30; Shores \$1236.59; Simpson Farm \$585.16; Sondra Krayca \$163.02; SW Reg. Juvenile Det. \$485.00; Steve Evert \$50.00; Stramel Law \$468.00; SW Mgmt Fund \$981.33; TJ fs Tires \$4.15; Teresa David \$17.80; Teresa Willis \$19.14; The Burlington Record \$26.00; Thomas Co. Alcohol/Drug Abuse \$907.51; Thomas Co. Treas. \$1682.38; Thyssenkrupp Elev. \$1868.73; Tim Hellerud \$29.73; TMHC \$882.75; Topside Office \$563.62; Total Funds Hasler \$5000.00; Tri-State Exterminating \$438.06; Truck & Tractor \$7578.70; US Treas. \$258.97; Underground Vaults \$47.70; Unifirst \$189.73; Universal Lubricants \$224.00; Univ. of KS \$30.00; Verizon \$354.35; Viaero \$533.05; Vignery & Mason \$3014.50; Virginia Ziegler \$1850.04; Voice Prod. \$23930.00; Vonfeldt, Bauer, Vonfeldt \$11244.82; Walmart \$7059.52; Wear Parts \$2987.27; Weis Fire \$12005.55; Wichita St. Univ. \$270.00; Wyeth Pharm. \$4422.36.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$1,253525.07.

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## matters of record

### Sherman County Bastille

The following people were booked into the Sherman County Bastille:

**April 26:** Eric Johnson, 39, Goodland, arrested by city police for battery.

**April 27:** Michael Fieger, 23,

Goodland, arrested by sheriff deputy on probation violation.

**April 28:** Bryan LaHaines, 22, Copper Mountain, Colo., arrested by state trooper for marijuana possession and possession of drug

paraphernalia.

**April 29:** Zachary Luna, 20, Garden City, arrested on warrant by sheriff deputy for disorderly conduct and rioting.

## July Consultant Schedule

ALLERGIST**	Jeffrey Rumblyrt, M.D.	July 18
CARDIOLOGIST	Barry Smith, M.D.	July 13 & 27
CARDIOLOGIST	Vijay Subbarao, M.D.	July 14
CARDIOLOGIST**	Christine Fisher, M.D.	July 11
COUNSELING SERVICES	Thursdays by Appointment	
DIETITIAN	Sarah Linton, RD, LD, CDE	Monday - Friday
EARS, NOSE, THROAT	Alfred N. Carr, M.D.	July 8, 14 & 15
ENDOCRINOLOGIST	Gerald Poticha, M.D.	July 7, 8, 21 & 22
GASTROENTEROLOGIST	Jeffrey D. Huston, M.D.	July 12, 18 & 19
GENERAL SURGEON	David D. Beck, M.D.	July 7 & 21
GENERAL SURGEON	Jeffrey Cross, M.D.	July 14
GYNECOLOGY	Laura Rokosz, M.D.	July 20
NEUROLOGIST	Steven J. Gulevich, M.D.	July 6, 13 & 27
OBSTETRICS/GYNECOLOGY	David Forschner, M.D.	July 20
ONCOLOGY	Prakash Neupane, M.D.	July 22 & 29
ONCOLOGY/HEMATOLOGY	Martin Rubinowitz, M.D.	August 2
OPHTHALMOLOGIST	Brian Joondeph, M.D.	July 20
OPHTHALMOLOGIST	Ronald Wise, M.D.	July 1, 15 & 27
OPHTHALMOLOGIST**	Eric Fry, M.D.	July 14
OPHTHALMOLOGIST	Robert Fante, M.D.	July 22
ORTHOPEDIST	Tim Birney, M.D.	July 11
ORTHOPEDIST	Armond Hatzidakis, M.D.	August 8
ORTHOPEDIST	James Holmes, M.D.	July 18
ORTHOPEDIST	Edward Parks, M.D.	July 25
ORTHOPEDIST	Raj Bazaz, M.D.	August 15
ORTHOPEDIST	Kevin Nagamani, M.D.	July 6
ORTHOPEDIST	Gareth Shemesh, M.D.	July 14 & 15
PATHOLOGIST	Pathology Services P.C.	Call for Availability
PODIATRIST	Erik Ouder Kirk, D.P.M.	July 13
PODIATRIST	Daniel Mallett, D.P.M.	July 27
PULMONOLOGIST	Ken Weisiger, M.D.	July 19
RADIOLOGISTS	Professional Radiology Services	WEEK DAYS
SPEECH THERAPY	Crystal Schultz	Monday - Thursday
UROLOGIST**	Kevin McDonald M.D.	July 12
UROLOGIST**	Wallace Curry, M.D.	July 8

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\*\*For an appointment with Dr. Fry please call 1-800-526-3937

\*\*For an appointment with Dr. Fisher please call 1-888-625-4699

\*\*For an appointment with Dr. McDonald or Dr. Curry please call 1-877-312-1619

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Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Walk-in Clinic M-F 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m./Sat 9-11 a.m.  
Dr. Mohedine Shafei (Out of office on Monday)  
Dr. Travis Daise (Out of office on Wednesday)  
Dr. David Younger (Out of office on Thursday)  
Dr. Lisa M. Unruh - Pediatrician (Out of office on Tuesday)  
Jackie Jorgensen, ARNP

