

Last murder 17 years ago remains unsolved

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time, and Ronald C. Kernal, 18 at the time, and a 13-year old Goodland boy were charged with beating Saavedra and stealing \$1,400. The 13-year old was sentenced in juvenile court. Kernal plead guilty to second degree murder and testified against Gomez.

Kernal was sentenced to 7 to 20 years. Kernal was released in 1992, but violated his parole and was returned to the Kansas Department of Corrections to complete his sentence. He was released in June 2002.

Gomez was found guilty of second degree murder and sentenced to 15 to 40 years. Gomez had a parole hearing in June 2001, and at the time was an inmate at the El Dorado Correctional Facility, the state's maximum security prison.

The first murder case in Sherman County was in April 1887 when

Frederick Boalt was shot by a neighbor Charles Olin as part of a land claim dispute. Olin was convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to state prison to be hanged upon the death warrant being signed by the governor. He remained in prison until paroled in December 1941.

There have been three women charged with murder in Sherman County. Mary C. Malmstad, 17 at the time the case was filed, was charged with killing her baby. She was a domestic worker in the home of George W. Teagarden of Goodland. A jury in July 1894 said she was not guilty, and that the state had failed to prove the baby was alive at birth or that the mother was in her right mind at the time.

In Oct. 1963 Olive Irene Kaufholz, 26 at the time, was charged in the murder of her 4 year-old stepson, Joey Vernon Kuyper. She was found guilty of first degree man-

slaughter, and was sentenced to a term of 5 to 21 years in the state penitentiary at Lansing.

In Oct. 1928 Maude (Tompkins) Goebel was murdered by her husband Francis with a shotgun shot to the hip and a second to the back of the head.

They lived 10 miles south of Goodland on the Smoky River, and had a disagreement about who was to get the clock as they had decided to separate.

Goebel was found guilty of first degree murder and sentenced to life imprisonment in Nov. 1928.

Newspaper and court records show this was the first murder case in 23 years since April 1905 when John P. Hill, Negro, was killed by John Anderson, nick-name "Happy." There apparently was a fight in a railroad bunk car on the side track north of the roundhouse in Goodland. Anderson was acquitted and it was ruled self defense in July

1905.

In Jan. 1890 John Bloss was charged with murdering his wife Sena, 40, who was credited with being the first white woman killed in Sherman County.

She was killed by a shot to the right temple. In July 1890 a jury found Bloss not guilty.

One of the stranger murder cases was in March 1902 when William H. Frazer, 29, a railroad locomotive fireman was killed by City Marshall H.N. Schell, 46 at the time, in an altercation on Main Street in front of Seaman Sisters Millinery and Ernst's Jewelry Store. After a coroner's inquiry Schell was charged with manslaughter in the fourth degree and after being found guilty was sentenced to two years in prison.

When Robert A. Williams, a Rock Island fireman, refused to abandon his attempt to force his way into the home of Jabe Murray,

in Nov. 1932, he was shot in the face between the eyes by a 410 shotgun. A coroners jury found Murray acted in self defense.

Another similar case was in Nov. 1968 when a coroner's jury found Joe Sandoval, 43 at the time, innocent of killing his former son-in-law Lucio Garcia, 35, at Kanorado. The coroner jury's verdict was justifiable homicide, following testimony of four members of the Sandoval family and information supplied by County Coroner Robert McCulloch.

One of the most unusual cases was in Jan. 1937 when Song C. Kim, 54, (identified in one account as a Japanese man and as a Korean in another account) who operated a café in the Garrett building on North Main, was found shot and lying near his car north of the West Side dance pavilion.

Kim was found by Ralph Harding, who was out driving and

spotted the body near a car parked north of the dance pavilion. He said a rifle was lying near the body and called police. The night police officer Jim Ellis and Sheriff John Fenno and Deputy Earl Derby found that Kim was not dead. He was rushed to the hospital with two bullet wounds to the abdomen from a small caliber rifle. Kim died several hours later.

A coroner's jury a few days later was unable to determine if he died of self inflicted wounds or was shot by someone else. The sheriff said he believed Kim shot himself, and it was shown the man had bought a gun on the Saturday before the shooting.

One witness said Kim said he shot himself, but another witness said that at the hospital Kim had said "I no shoot." The jury ruled Kim was shot by person or persons unknown, and the case is the oldest unsolved murder in the county.

Show choir performs here

By Sharon Corcoran
The Goodland Star-News

A university show choir will include Goodland on its winter tour, "The World Goes 'Round," a production spanning the vast musical styles of Broadway.

The University of Wyoming Centennial Singers will perform at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Goodland High School auditorium. Tickets will be sold at the door.

The high school's choir director met the university's choir director at a music camp this summer, and the directors arranged for Goodland to be included on the tour.

Randy Berls, director at Goodland High School, said he met General McArthur Hambrick at a music camp, and the two hit it off. Berls said he told Hambrick the group was welcome to come to Goodland.

"He called in September," Berls said, "and said, 'Hey, I'd like to come.'"

Hambrick has been in Broadway shows, Berls said, and has been the director of the Wyoming group the last few years. Hambrick has done it all, Berls said, and knows a lot of people in show business. He's a good dancer, Berls said, and does all of the choir's choreography.

Some of the university's choir members have been in movies and on television, Berls said. And the choir members will share some of their experience with Goodland's choir members.

During the day, Berls said, the university students will work with different choirs in Goodland.

"I thought it would be good for my kids to talk to these kids," Berls said. "They're one of the best, if not the best college show choir, in the

country."

The first act of the choir's show features numbers from memorable productions like "Chicago" and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Following a brief intermission, the singers will take the audience back to the days of big hair and loud clothes as the group relives the '50s and '60s with hits from the Tony Award winning musical "Hairspray."

The singers will perform tonight in Torrington, Wyo., Saturday in Fort Collins, Colo., Monday in Holyoke, Colo., and from Goodland will go to Garden City Wednesday and Junction City next Saturday. This year the group will travel over 35 days and reach approximately 40,000 people in eight states. Money raised at the events will be used for the group's travel expenses.

California youths arrested

Two juveniles from California led officers on a high speed chase last Friday night involving four different law enforcement agencies before being stopped near Burlington.

The chase started about 11 p.m. when state trooper Brian Horney tried to pull over a speeding car westbound on I-70 near Brewster. The car refused to comply and fled reaching nearly 120 miles per hour during the chase.

As the car neared the Colorado

border, pursuing officers, including Sherman County sheriff deputy Terry T. Smith, requested permission to continue the chase until Colorado officers could take over. Permission was granted but officers were told to turn off their lights and sirens, and to keep the car in view.

The chase ended near the Rose Avenue exit on the east side of Burlington after the car entered the median, reversed direction and traveled the wrong way in the west-bound lanes for a short distance be-

fore the juveniles abandoned it and tried to flee on foot.

Colorado state troopers and Kit Carson sheriff deputies quickly caught the two and were arrested about 11:20.

The juveniles were returned to Sherman County and held at the Bastille.

The two appeared for their second hearing Wednesday in district court. The two are believed to be wanted on unspecified charges in California.

County purchases new truck

By Tom Betz
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The Sherman County Noxious Weed department will have a new spray truck this year after the county commissioners approved purchase of a cab and chassis at their last meeting of the year on Wednesday.

Daryl West, weed department supervisor, told the commissioners he only had one bid that met the specifications and it was from Dan Brenner Ford. He said the other dealers did not have bids on the size of truck he was looking for.

Brenner bid on a E550 Ford diesel at a cost of \$33,550 for the truck cab and chassis.

West said he had talked to Gary Farris of Farris Manufacturing about building a flatbed floor to hold the 500-gallon tank and spray fixtures. He told the commissioners

that Farris could build the steel bed for around \$2,500.

Once the truck bed has been built, West said, he has two bids from businesses that can install the tank and spray equipment, one in Wichita and one in Garden City.

This new truck would replace a 1985 model. West said he wanted to change from a gasoline engine to diesel because it is safer when spraying stubble fields.

Once the commissioners had agreed to buy the truck, they asked where the money would come from. County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the noxious weed department had a carryover of \$36,297, and that the department capital outlay fund has \$33,601 in it.

Rasure asked how much West thought the cost would be for the spraying equipment, and he said the

estimates he has would not exceed \$13,000.

Commissioners decided to take part of the purchase from the carryover and part from the capital outlay, which would leave enough to pay for the bed and equipment in the new year.

West said he hopes to have the truck ready for the spring.

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A new Sinclair station is scheduled to open later this month at this site of a former Conoco station near Exit 19.

Station opening late this month

Goodland will soon offer a place to gas up at the east I-70 exit when a Sinclair station opens at the old Conoco site.

Owner Mike McGlone said the station, slated to open late this month, will resemble an old trading post. The business be open 24 hours, McGlone said, and will have a repair shop and Triple A towing.

McGlone and other owner, Robert Barry, had planned a mid-January opening, but McGlone said they had to order a bunch of pipe and put in new pumps.

He said the station will have a trading-post feel with rustic souvenirs. There will be old-fashioned service station-related gifts, he said, such as drive-in movie speaker lamps, replicas from the 1960s.

The shop will provide tire repairs, McGlone said, tune-ups, batteries and oil changes.

Though the owners plan to open the station this month, McGlone said, the grand opening will likely be sometime around Easter — and the station has plans for expansion in July. McGlone said they want to put in a commercial diesel island.

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student of the week



Name: May Davis
Parents: Duncan and Kim Davis
Grade: Sophomore
Age: 15
We've nominated this student because: May is a student who has mastered Spanish very well as a second year student. She is a good role model for others with her positive attitude and good work ethic.

Student Comment (Favorite aspect of school life, best liked subject, what you will you will remember about GHS after graduation): Everything about cheerleading, except, of course, cheering, are my favorite

school activities. My favorite classes are Algebra II (for some strange reason) and Chamber Choir. After graduation, I'll remember all the crazy and funny people I've met as well as some awesome teachers.

Activities involved in at school: Cheerleading, Tennis, Math Relays, Dance Team, AFS, GAA, STUCO, Musical, Les Chantes, Softball, Fellowship of Christian Students, KMEA, Honor Choir and Science Olympiad.

My choice of movies, books, and games: For movies, I like comedies including Zoolander, Bruce Almighty and Austin Powers in Goldmember. My favorite books are the Harry Potter series.

After I leave Goodland High School I intend to: Go to Georgetown and get an internship at the CIA.

And 10 years from now, I think I'll be: Spying on Russia, so don't tell anyone.

Favorite Quote: "Walking isn't a lost art - one must, by some means, get to the garage" - Evan Esar

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