

# Old building was to be torn down and rebuilt

**By Evelyn Ward**  
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**June 11, 1904:** Old North End Brick to be Torn Down — The old Grand Army Republic brick building in the north part of town had been purchased by H.M. and John Heston, who will take the building down and rebuild it on lots further south.

It is believed that the new structure will be completed this summer or fall. John Heston owns the corner lot on Boulevard just south of the Cullins billiard hall. The next lot south may be purchased, and on these two, the new building will rise and be put again to business uses of Goodland.

John Heston said that the transfer of the building was made about a month ago. The intention is to rebuild it in nearly the same shape as it now stands, with two stories and a basement, and when completed it will be for rent.

A large part of the material, both bricks and lumber, will be utilized in its construction, and new materials will be used where necessary to make it a well-built structure.

When originally built, the hall contained 120,000 bricks. Taking down and removal will be done by the Heston brothers themselves, as they have had experience in that kind of work.

**June 12, 1904:** Sherman County In History — E.E. Blackman, an Early Settler of This County, Says Interesting Things About Our People — How Goodland Came to Be — Early Sherman county history, for 19 years depending simply upon the memories of men who made it, has at last given time not a twist of the tail but has seized him

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by the forelock.

The names of the then “big” men and a record of what the people did in those strenuous days was read before the Kansas State Historical Society, and besides forming a chapter in volume eight of the “Kansas Historical Collections,” now repose in Topeka as part of the archives of this commonwealth.

The production was prepared by E.E. Blackman of Roca, Neb., who came from Iowa to Sherman county in 1885. He intended to make his visit to the west short, but was so pleased with the natural beauties and possibilities of the country that he preempted the southwest quarter of section 1-10-41, and lived on his claim until 1889.

Mr. Blackman, after a few brief strokes descriptive of western Kansas topography, tells of the early towns. He says: “People settled in the north part of the county first — a number of ranches could be proved up, and the town of Voltaire was laid out on one of these ranches. Voltaire was four miles north of the center, but it was an active candidate for the county seat at an early day.

“Itasca was near the center of the county, but not exactly so; Gandy established a town not far off. In time these two towns moved together on new land and pooled their interests, calling the place Sherman Center. Early in the spring of 1885 a number of men, with P.S. Eustis and O.R. Phillips at the head, organized the Lincoln Land company and laid out the town of Eustis.”

The writer then goes on to say how these three towns, competitors for the county seat, began to move their men on the chess board of affairs. Soon Voltaire had won one election. Eustis claimed the second, but Sherman Center was growing and bid fair to win in the autumn of 1887.

Voltaire succeeded in running public affairs pretty much its way, but people were “stumped” just where to pay their taxes. But they paid at the town their judgment dictated which, in the long run, was no better than buying lottery tickets.

An interesting and important digression in the article comes in here: “While all these town affairs were agitating the minds of the speculators, the actual settlers were trying to make a home and subdue a farm. “The cattlemen had held undisputed possession of these range lands so long, that a great herd of range cattle roamed at will over the settlers’ crops as well as over the unbroken prairie.

“The owners of the stock never saw their cattle — their pasture was from Texas to Manitoba, and not a few settlers thought it no sin to kill a beef once in a while. How much of this was really done is not possible to tell, but some cattle were killed the winter of 1886-87.

“The cattlemen sent out cowboys to protect the cattle and punish the culprits. However, it is safe to say they did not catch the settlers killing cattle. Those who knew how the cattle were killed say that five minutes was time enough to kill and

dress a beef on a foggy night.”

Just the same as it has ever been, there were men who were willing to give their best friends away. And as few of the settlers were not guilty of eating range cattle that winter, the idea of protecting themselves from the Judases took with almost every one.

“Billy Blackwood, Frank Oldham and Douglas Sylvester and several others were the prime movers in organizing ‘The Homesteaders’ Protective Association.’ One of the men around whom they suspicion was invited to join, and, after the lesser preliminaries, the last was the most solemn oath of all.

“Concerning the administration of this particular oath, Mr. Blackman says, repeating the words: ‘I do solemnly swear not to tell anything that may in any way lead owners of cattle which are running at large contrary to law and destroying settlers’ crops to discover who has killed or crippled or in any way injured these same cattle, when driving them away from the crops or at any other time. If I do then I shall expect the society to use me thus’ — here a straw man with a rope around his neck, was suspended before the astonished candidate, who said ‘I do’ so quickly he bit his tongue.

“Let me tell you right here that he never told anything for money after that. The society prospered, others came in, and new lodges were organized throughout the county.

“Out of the thirteen lodges organized, all having different constitutions, a central or grand lodge was soon agitated. Representatives of these lodges met to form a grand lodge and to draft a constitution, and

this very deliberative body it was brought into existence, with a constitution, The Homesteaders’ Union Association.

“It was a secret organization with a grip sign, etc. Its purpose was to protect the laboring classes of this county, and for the advancement of their interests, financially, morally and socially.

“But back to the county seat problem. When it came to a show down between all the towns, the real contest was between Sherman Center and Eustis. The Lincoln Land company, with lots of money, had carried the first election, and if it would have used one half that amount on August 27, when Sherman Center was really in for getting together with Eustis, the town of Eustis would be on the map instead of Goodland.

“But just at this crisis, a new town company was formed that did the business. E.F. Madden of Hays City and A.B. Montgomery bought some land near by Sherman Center and persuaded that town to join them, giving lot for lot, etc.

“These men also promised to build a \$20,000 court house, an \$8,000 jail and pay off every cent of the county debt in other towns. It must not be lost sight of that the Homesteaders’ Union Association was the organization that controlled the political affairs of the county, and as soon as these organizations agreed to join Montgomery and his followers, it meant something in way of votes. Eustis had thrown her opportunity away, and when the election was over, Goodland, the town made by Montgomery and Madden, was the county seat of Sherman county.”

For a time, Eustis refused to give up the county records. The court house was fortified, rifle pits were dug, and a warlike appearance set in. Some cowboys, for a stipulated sum of money, offered to get the books away from Eustis, and with this in mind, we quote Mr. Blackman:

“Early one morning, a number of cowboys drove a team into the street at Eustis, captured one of the old county officials, forced him to mount the stairs ahead of the cowboys and to unlock the safe.

“The cowboys were aware of the guard across the street and knew the orders they had, but Hank Carpenter, the leader, conducted the raid as though he was ignorant of any danger. He threatened to fire the town if a shot was fired, and declared he would shoot the first man who showed his head.

“The books were quickly loaded, and not a man appeared until the rising sun showed the departing cowboys. A few shots were sent after them to arouse the town, but it was too late; the county seat was at Goodland, not only by a majority vote but by right of possession, which was more effective.

“In two weeks from that day Eustis was, as it still is, a few deserted cellars. Every building was removed to the new town.”

In his article Mr. Blackman speaks also of Billy Walker, Cal Russell, Thomas Leonard, J.W. Cobbey and others.

*From weekly issues of The Goodland News, provided by the Sherman County Historical Society. Since the paper was published weekly, some items were arbitrarily assigned a date.*

# Poor health and loss of independence can be minimized for the elderly

Over the past 100 years, the aging population in the United States has increased to over 33 million people over the age of 65, with that number expected to double over the next thirty years as baby boomers begin to age.

Poor health and loss of independence are often associated with the aging population but do not necessarily have to be a consequences of growing older. Preventing disease and injury and taking good care of one’s mental well-being can help seniors remain independent for



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ciated with aging than genetic factors. It is important to remain physically active, eat a healthy diet and avoid the use of tobacco products.

- Socialize — stay involved with family and friends. Isolation can lead to depression and other stress-related illnesses.
- Good health care — early detection of chronic diseases such as cancer

can save lives, and immunizations are available that help reduce the risk for hospitalization and death from influenza and pneumonia.

- Injury prevention — falls are the most common cause of injuries to older adults. Each year, more than one-third of adults aged 65 or older fall, and 20 to 30 percent of those suffer moderate to severe injuries that decrease mobility and independence.

To lessen the risk of falling, remove tripping hazards in the home and install grab bars.

- Stress management — stay mentally active and emotionally well by participating in relaxing activities such as hobbies, reading and journal writing, as well as physical activities, such as walking and other simple exercises.

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*The views expressed here are those of the individual writer and should not be considered a replacement for seeking professional help.*

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# matters of record

**Goodland Police**  
The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:  
**June 2** — Ramona Livengood reported the theft of three fish from

her pond valued at \$90, at 121 Harrison.

Conoco Travel Shoppe reported the theft of gas valued at \$20.01, at 2423 Enterprise.

**June 3** — Aaron E. Geigle re-

ported the theft of a small stereo, a phone and keys valued at \$92, at 921 Main.

**June 7** — Total Petroleum Inc. reported the theft of gas vauled at \$15.00, at 2710 Commerce Rd.

# Sports television schedule

## SATURDAY MORNING

10:00 13/7 FOX NFL Europe Football World Bowl 2004 — Berlin Thunder vs. Frankfurt Galaxy. From Gelsenkirchen, Germany. (Live) (CC)  
54/57 ESPN2 College Baseball NCAA Super Regional Game 1 — Florida at Miami or Game 2 — Georgia at Georgia Tech. From Coral Gables, Fla. or Atlanta. (Live) (CC)  
11:00 22/56 ESPN College Baseball NCAA Super Regional Game 1 — East Carolina at South Carolina or Game 2 — Vanderbilt at Texas. From Columbia, S.C. or Austin, Texas. (Live) (CC)

## AFTERNOON

1:00 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC Arena Football Semifinal — Chicago Rush at San Jose SabreCats. From the HP Pavilion at San Jose, Calif. (Live) (CC)  
4/6 ABC PGA Golf Buick Classic — Third Round. From the Westchester Country Club in Harrison, N.Y. (Live) (CC)  
13/7 FOX MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston. (Live) (CC)  
1:30 7/11 CBS LPGA Golf McDonald’s Championship — Third Round. From the DuPont Country Club in Wilmington, Del. (Live) (CC)  
2:00 22/56 ESPN Horse Racing From Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky. Also includes coverage of Brooklyn Handicap, from Belmont Park in Elmont, N.Y., Ohio Derby from Thistledown in North Randall, Ohio and Whittingham Stakes from Hollywood Park in Inglewood, Calif. (Live)  
54/57 ESPN2 MLS Soccer Chicago Fire at Los Angeles Galaxy. From The Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif. (Live) (CC)  
4:00 22/56 ESPN SportsCenter (Live) (CC)  
4:30 40/38 FX NASCAR Nextel Cup Happy Hour (Live)  
5:00 54/57 ESPN2 College Baseball NCAA Super Regional Game 1 — Texas A&M at Louisiana State or Game 2 — Arizona at Long Beach State. From Baton Rouge, La. or Long Beach, Calif. (Live) (CC)  
99/36 WGN MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Chicago White Sox. From U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago. (Live) (CC)

5:30 40/38 FX NASCAR Racing Busch Series — Federated Auto Parts 300. From Nashville Superspeedway in Lebanon, Tenn. (Live)

## SUNDAY MORNING

10:00 22/56 ESPN College Baseball NCAA Super Regional Game 2 — East Carolina at South Carolina or Game 3 — Georgia at Georgia Tech. From Columbia, S.C. or, if necessary, from Atlanta. (Live) (CC)  
10:30 54/57 ESPN2 Baseball Tonight (Live) (CC)  
11:00 13/7 FOX NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup Series — Pocono 500. From Pocono Raceway in Long Pond, Pa. (Live) (CC)  
54/57 ESPN2 Soccer World Cup Qualifier — Grenada vs. United States. From Columbus, Ohio. (Live) (CC)  
60/89 UNIV Fútbol de la Liga Mexicana Final: UNAM vs. Guadalajara. (En Vivo)

## AFTERNOON

1:00 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC Arena Football Semifinal — Colorado Crush at Arizona Rattlers. From America West Arena in Phoenix. (Live) (CC)  
4/6 ABC PGA Golf Buick Classic — Final Round. From the Westchester Country Club in Harrison, N.Y. (Live) (CC)  
22/56 ESPN College Baseball NCAA Super Regional Game 2 — Florida at Miami or Game 3 — Vanderbilt at Texas. From Coral Gables, Fla. or, if necessary, from Austin, Texas. (Live) (CC)  
1:30 7/11 CBS LPGA Golf McDonald’s Championship — Final Round. From the DuPont Country Club in Wilmington, Del. (Live) (CC)  
2:00 99/36 WGN MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Anaheim Angels. From Angel Stadium of Anaheim in Anaheim, Calif. (Live) (CC)  
4:00 22/56 ESPN SportsCenter (Live) (CC)  
54/57 ESPN2 College Baseball NCAA Super Regional Game 2 — Texas A&M at Louisiana State or Game 3 — Florida State at Arkansas. From Baton Rouge, La. or, if necessary, from Fayetteville, Ark. (Live) (CC)  
5:00 8/8 NBC Diving U.S. Olympic Trials — Women’s Platform Final. From St. Peters, Mo. (Live) (CC)  
22/56 ESPN Baseball Tonight (Live) (CC)

## Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Boat skippers, familiarly

6. Dutch cheeses

11. Pharmaceutical-approving org.

14. Stan's pal

15. Sal's conquest

16. Dory propeller

17. Where hygiene is taught

19. Dad's bro

20. Beat at the rifle range

21. Like a crow's call

23. Amtrak map pts.

24. NFL tiebreakers

25. Danced recklessly

26. Choose

28. Lose one's cool

29. Failed to

32. Porter's regretful Miss

34. Talk like a tosspot

37. Actress Meyers

38. Military diplomat

41. Merkel of moviedom

42. Reply to a schoolmarm

44. "\_\_\_ boy!"

45. Treble clef lines

47. "Little Iodine" cartoonist Jimmy

49. Actress Arthur

50. Type of pear

52. "\_\_\_ you nuts?"

54. Caron title role

58. Buoyed up

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59. Makes privy to

61. Slo-\_\_\_ (type of fuse)

62. Certain church officer for short

64. Back muscle, for short

65. Martini garnish

66. \_\_\_ Haute, Ind.

67. Addis Ababa's land: Abbr.

68. Basic principle

69. Marked a ballot

1. Pacific salmon

2. Eskimo's cousin

3. "Oro y \_\_\_" (Montana motto)

4. "Everybody's Talking" singer Harry

5. Son of Adam

6. \_\_\_ Center (Disney World attraction)

7. Knuckleheads

8. In the style of

9. Hodgepodge

10. "Already?"

11. Department of Agriculture-sponsored youth group

12. Saint-Saëns's "\_\_\_ Macabre"

13. Rainbow-shaped

18. Owl's call

22. Tag sale caveat

27. School org.

28. Typewriter type

29. Calendar page

30. Wrath

31. Kitchen worker's rag

32. Director Preminger

33. Tit for \_\_\_

35. Sturm \_\_\_ Drang

36. UK airmen

39. Whopper of a story

40. Shoebox letters

43. Big shark

46. Classic Italian astronomer

48. "I'm a Little \_\_\_"

49. "Little Women" woman

50. Luxurious fur

51. D sharp equivalent

52. Still kicking

53. Bowling alley button

55. Like helium or neon

56. "Casablanca" actor Peter

57. Signed, as a contract

60. "\_\_\_ Network 90" ('80s comedy series)

63. \_\_\_ Tin Tin

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