



The Petersens 50 years ago



The Petersens today

50th anniversary party planned

Pastor Harold and Corrine Petersen will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this fall. He was a pastor in Bird City many years ago and is now in Phoenix, Ariz.

Their family plans a party for them from 2-6 p.m. Saturday, July 31, 2004, at the First United Methodist Church, 1116 Sherman. The Petersens were married Oct.

29, 1954. She is the sister of Waldo and Harold Jarmin and Vivian Stansbury. The couple requests no gifts.

How do parents explain divorce to kids?

Dear Plain Sense,
I am in the process of divorce and wondering how this might affect my children. What do I tell them? How do I explain what is going on?

While the adults involved in ending a relationship might be devastated as well as relieved, the children who are involved will probably be feeling, in the least, confused, worried and even frightened.

Divorce can be misinterpreted by children unless parents provide some explanation. Children often believe they have caused the conflict between their parents and feel that the divorce is their fault.

Parents do not have to explain all the personal problems that have brought an end to the marriage, but they do need to reassure their children that they are not to blame.

Children most often worry that they will have to move to a new house, leave their best friends or attend a different school. Thus it is important that parents talk to their children about pending changes and



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allow them to ask questions.

Very young children will react more so to the obvious changes, such as a parent's continuing absence or a move to another location. Older children who have a more mature concept of the issues will have reactions related to their personal sense of loyalty and fairness.

Parents should be alert to signs of distress in their children. Young children tend to react with behavior changes such as angry outbursts, being uncooperative or withdrawing.

Older children will experience more of the sense of loss and feelings of sadness; their schoolwork may suffer, or they, too, may exhibit some behavior changes. When

things settle down and life is back to a sense of normalcy, such behaviors should diminish.

If problems continue, and especially when

parents become concerned about their children, it may be necessary to seek professional help. Counseling and therapy for families and couples dealing with divorce can be very beneficial for all involved.

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Former undersheriff vying for nomination

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After leaving active duty, he was a driver for Bursch Trucking in Bird City.

The candidate graduated in 1979 from Goodland High School, where he was on the wrestling team and was a member of DECA.

Monica Albers, his wife, is a

health services administrator at the Jefferson County jail in Golden, Colo.

They have two children: Jordan, 14, who will be a high school freshman in August, and Alexis, 12, who will enter the seventh grade.

Albers says his experience as undersheriff has made him aware of all the responsibilities of the job, in-

cluding those not directly involving law enforcement such as managing a budget and working with the county commission.

He knows the job will involve long hours and is prepared to give whatever time is needed to get the job done.

"I don't intend to be an 8-to-5 sheriff," Albers said.

City to raise sewer rates, seeking cheaper electricity

Goodland residents can expect slightly higher bills for sewer service next year, but city officials are trying to find a cheaper source of power to keep electric bills down.

On the sewer fund, City Manager Ron Pickman said at a budget workshop last week that the formula approved by the City Commission will raise the monthly minimum next year to \$4.56, which is 13 cents higher than this year. At the same time, the usage rate will drop from \$1.10 hundred cubic feet (748 gallons) to \$1.08 for next year.

"This will continue to keep the sewer fund in balance," Pickman said, "but it does not include anything to pay for an upgrade of the sewer treatment plant."

Charlie Bandel and Rod Blake were present for the electric budget presentation.

Pickman said on the distribution side, the city is looking to continue upgrading the system, especially on the western side of town.

Commissioner John Garcia asked Bandel how many employees work on the distribution system and he said there are eight.

Blake told the commissioners he was hoping they can find a cheaper outside source of electricity, but that so far this has been difficult because of the transportation system.

He said all the diesel engines are working, and the plant is running six to eight hours a day.

"We are trying to maintain what we have," Blake said.

He said they need to work on the underground cooling lines because they were steel pipes that were put in the ground years ago, and they connect the engines together.

"If we have a leak in the cooling system it affects the whole system," he said.

Blake said he has been working with Pickman on the negotiations with the city's main supplier, Sunflower Electric Power Co., and they are talking about charges of \$55 per

megawatt for peak power, and \$25 for off peak. He said they have offered to provide the total city supply for \$54-\$57 per megawatt.

He said the city is working with the Kansas Municipal Electric Association to negotiate an agreement for all the power plants in northwest Kansas, and have been asking Sunflower to compensate the city when it is required to generate power.

"They can call us any day and say we must generate," Blake said. "They said this was to keep them from having to buy expensive power on the market, and we are saying that they should at least pay the generation costs."

No electrical rate changes have been recommended, but Pickman said there may be a need if the new contract is reached with Sunflower. Bills have been higher this summer because the city has been forced to buy expensive power and pass the increase along under the fuel adjustment clause.

Goodland graduate to perform

A Goodland High School graduate, Josh Vignery, will perform in a comedy at the University of Kansas this month.

Vignery, a May graduate of the university, is the son of Ron and Judy Vignery of Goodland. He will be in the ensemble when the Kansas Summer Theatre stages a production of Oliver Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer."

Presented by the KU Department of Theatre and Film and the University Theatre, the comedy will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Central Time this Friday and Saturday and Wednesday-Saturday, July 21-24, and at 5 p.m. Sundays, July 18 and 25, in the William Inge Memorial Theatre in Murphy Hall.

The production is directed by Sara K. Armstrong, a native of Cushing, Okla., who received her master's degree in May. Scenic and

lighting designer is Mark Reaney, professor of theatre and film; and the costume designer is Delores Ringer, associate professor of theatre and film. Armstrong also designed the sound for the production. It will be the theatre's closing performance.

"She Stoops to Conquer," billed as a frisky mixture of low comedy and high farce, was written in 1771. It follows two strong-minded, independent young Hardcastle women as they defy the expectations of their family, society — and even their lovers — to find love on their own terms.

The play recounts the confusion that occurs when two young suitors lose their way and are mischievously misdirected to the Hardcastle home with the false impression it is an inn. The young men

are astonished and indignant because the innkeeper treats them as equals and insists on directing the course of their stay.

Armstrong said she and the stage and costume designers were inspired by the lavish extravagance of the Rococo period and influenced by contemporary sensibilities about love and gender roles.

"This production exists outside of a strict time constraint, focusing instead on the timeless confusion of love," she said. "The costuming is contemporary but features all the bad formal wear of the last 40 years."

General admission tickets are on sale at University Theatre, (785) 864-3982; the Lied Center, (785) 864-ARTS; Student Union Activities, (785) 864-7469; and online at <http://kutheatre.com>.

Library gets new books, cassettes

The Goodland Public Library has the following new books, cassettes and compact disks as of July 1:

In adult fiction: "The Art of Mending," by Elizabeth Berg; "Cold Case Squad," by Edna Buchanan; "Breach of Trust," by Dudley Buffa; "In the Moon of Red Ponies," by James Lee Burke; "Blowout," by Catherine Coulter; "Ten Big Ones," Janet Evanovich; "Ice Run," by Steve Hamilton; "The Things We Do for Love," by Kristin Hannah.

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by Veronica LeJeune; "My Parents are Getting Divorced," by Florence Cadier; "Battle Ready," by Tom Clancy.

"Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2004-2005 edition;" "Cracking the GED — 2005 edition;" "Cracking the GRE — 2005 edition;" "101 Cost-effective Ways to Increase the Value of Your Home," by Steve Berges.

"Just Us Girls — Secrets to Feeling Good About Yourself," by Moka; "George and Laura," by Christopher Anderson; "The Apalachians: America's First and Last Frontier;" "What's the Matter With Kansas?" by Thomas Frank; and "Alexander Hamilton," by Ron Chernow.

In children's books: "Inkheart," by Cornelia Funke; "Ghost Canoe," by Will Hobbs; "Charlie Bone and the Invisible Boy," by Jenny Nimmo; "Charlie Bone and the Time Twister," by Jenny Nimmo; "Midnight for Charlie Bone," by Jenny Nimmo.

"Junie B., First Grader: Shipwrecked," by Barbara Park; "A

Smart Girl's Guide to Starting Middle School," by Julie Williams.

"DK First Animal Encyclopedia," by Penelope Arlon; "The Everything Kids' Riddles and Brain Teasers Book;" "DK First Picture Atlas," by Anita Ganeri; and "Kids a Cookin'" — eight video cassettes."

In audio books: "Plan of Attack," by Dale Brown (CD); "In the Moon of Red Ponies," by James Lee Burke (CD); "The Clocks," by Agatha Christie (CD).

"Battle Ready," by Tom Clancy (CD); "The Things We Do For Love," by Kristin Hannah (CD); "The Color of Death," by Elizabeth Lowell (CD); "Unlucky in Law," by Perri O'Shaughnessy (AC).

"Monday Mourning," by Kathy Reichs (CD); "Killer Smile," by Lisa Scottoline (CD); "Ferdinand," by Rex Stout (CD); and "Dungeon of Doom," by John R. Erickson — Hank the Cowdog (audio cassettes and compact disk.)



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