



Woman uses hats to punctuate life story

By Sharon Corcoran

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A Bird City native punctuated her life story with hat changes Monday at the Sherman County Good Samaritan Center.

Evelyn Berry, who went to school in Bird City, lived on a farm near Brewster and lived in Goodland before moving to Idaho, Arizona and back to Goodland, tried on hats she and her mother wore throughout their lives while telling Good Samaritan residents and staff about the important events of her life.

Among Berry's memories was the apprehension she felt when she married her first husband, Lloyd Troutt, whose first wife had died, leaving him with children. Berry said she worried about cooking for a family of five, but when one of her step-sons tried her peanut butter sandwiches, he said, "You can too cook."

Berry said she and Troutt lived on a farm near Brewster, which they later sold and moved to Goodland. She said she worked at the ASCS office, and he worked for the city.

Berry said cattle had been a big part of her life; Lloyd worked for a feed yard for some time, and his son Ken became established as a livestock auctioneer in Idaho and bought a sale barn. At that time, she said, Lloyd was working for the OK

Tire Shop, which was too hard of work for him.

Though it was hard to tell the grandchildren good-bye, Berry said, they sold their farm and moved to Idaho. Lloyd managed the sale barn at Emmitt, Idaho, she said, and Ken was the auctioneer.

Berry said she came to think Idaho would always be her home, but the cold weather began to hurt Lloyd's heart, so they went to Mesa, Ariz., during the winter. Lloyd had had a heart attack before they left Goodland.

In 1983, she said, Lloyd's health deteriorated; he had congestive heart failure. She said she had to drive all three days to move to Arizona, even though she had never before driven two hours without getting sleepy.

Berry said they lived in Arizona six weeks before Lloyd died Feb. 3, 1984, at the age of 73. She went back to Idaho alone.

After that, she said, she got in touch with a friend, Morris Berry, who had attended school in Brewster while she was in Bird City. Their paths hadn't crossed in 40 years, she said, but she sent a letter to him in Phillipsburg after she heard his wife died. Then, she said, they decided to meet at a Berry reunion in Goodland.

Mrs. Berry said she took her golf

clubs in case they had nothing to talk about. They played golf, she said, but the props weren't necessary; there was plenty to talk about.

It was a more mature love, Mrs. Berry said, and she married Morris Sept. 12, 1985, at a church in Idaho. He was a minister, she said, but there wasn't much of a call for him in Idaho. He got a call from a church in Abilene, she said, but she was reluctant to come back to Kansas; she loved Idaho.

In Abilene, Berry said, she was a tour guide for the Seelye Mansion for 13 years.

Berry had to deal with another change in her life, when her stepson died from pancreatic cancer.

"It was really hard for me to accept," she said. "I had depended on him since his dad died."

She said she did have time to say goodbye. Cancer had gone through his body to the point, she said, that when he died in 1984, all he could donate were his eyes.

Berry said her husband Morris retired but filled in at other churches. But then he was in the hospital in 2001 with Parkinson's, she said, and then had to be put in a nursing home. She said that forced her to be responsible for all the household decisions, but she found the strength to do it.

He was back in the hospital with

pneumonia in February 2002, she said, and died at the age of 81. Berry said she prayed that fall about living closer to her granddaughters. She listed the house in Abilene for sale, and it sold the next day.

Berry said she came to Goodland and liked the look of Wheat Ridge Acres Retirement Community. They had a duplex open, and she moved in. Later, she moved to Paxton Apartments.

Berry said she settled in with old friends in Goodland. She is a member of the "Ha Ha Sisterhood" Red Hat Society club in Goodland.

Berry said she has been able to deal with what life has given her through strength from the Lord and that God has led her on her path in life.

Among the hats she showed off was a gold, felt hat she said was her most expensive. But, Berry said she couldn't remember how much it cost because she thought she spent too much on it and didn't ever want to tell anyone how much. She wishes now she could remember, though.

She also has a bonnet her mother wore in the 1930s, a "mystery hat" of her mother's and a Victorian hat she always wanted and finally bought while traveling with her sister in California.

Evelyn Berry picked a hat to try on out of her collection she displayed Monday at the Good Samaritan Center. She punctuated her life story with hat changes; some of the hats were hers, and some were her mother's. Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

student of the week



Name: David Livengood
Parents: Tim and Connie Livengood
Grade: Senior
Age: 18

We've nominated this student because: David is an outstanding student, he works hard and does the things asked of him. David works well in groups as well as individually. He has a very creative and mechanical nature, he is a joy to teach.

Student Comment: My favorite aspect of school life is hanging out with my friends during lunch. My favorite subject is Engineering Re-

search and Development. I will always remember the great season we had in football.

Activities involved in at school: National Honor Society, FCCLA, G-Club, Electric Car, Science Olympiad, football, basketball and golf.

My choice of movies, books, and games: I like horror and suspense movies like The Exorcist. I listen to all kinds of country music. My favorite artist is Tim McGraw. I like all kinds of games, but my favorite is "Texas Hold'em".

After I leave Goodland High School I intend to: go to college in an engineering field and play football.

And 10 years from now, I think I'll be: Graduated from college making millions and enjoying it with my family.

Favorite Quote: "The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will." Vince Lombardi

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Cardiologist	Vijay Sabbarao, M.D.	February 10
Dermatologist	Charles Ruggles, M.D.	February 3 & 24
Dietitian	Sarah Linton, RD, LD	Monday thru Friday
Ear, Nose and Throat	Alfred N. Carr, M.D.	February 4, 11, 18 & 25
Endocrinologist	Gerald Poticha, M.D.	February 10, 11, 24 & 25
Gastroenterologist	Jeffrey D. Huston, M.D.	February 21
Gynecology	Laura Rokosz, M.D.	February 10 & 17
Neurologist	Steven J. Gulevich, M.D.	February 2, 4 & 9
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Pulmonologist	Val Linquist, M.D.	February 17
Radiologists	Professional Radiology Services	Week Days
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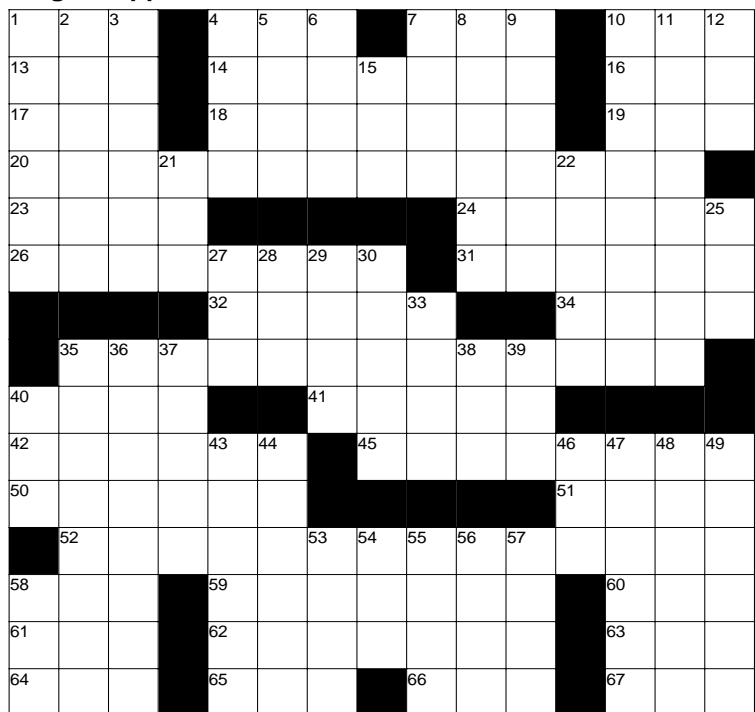
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ACROSS

1. Ltr. addenda
4. One on the beat
7. Rug cleaner, for short
10. Unfilled, on a TV sched.
13. Well put
14. City near Oakland
16. Bard's nightfall
17. Dove's sound
18. Raw material for steel mills
19. Former Leno announcer Hall
20. Be an expert
23. Frozen waffle brand
24. One behind bars
26. Involve again
31. Folk's Pete
32. "___ Mio"
34. Duffel bag filler
35. Perform up to snuff
40. Barn topper
41. Harder to find
42. Holds tight
45. Margin jotting
50. TV's Gerald
51. "Picnic" playwright
52. Find oneself in big trouble
58. Mangy mutt
59. Showy perennials
60. Hippie's home
61. "Treasure Island" monogram
62. Shade provider
63. Bullfight bravo
64. ___ kwon do
65. Easter egg colorer
66. Before, to bards
67. Wee bit

DOWN

1. Green Bay griddier
2. Spill picker-upper
3. Moe, for one
4. Mafia kingpin
5. Lena of "Chocolat"
6. D.C. gofer



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7. ___ Beach, Fla.
8. Handsome fellow
9. Wolf or fox
10. New driver, usually
11. Mattress support
12. "Go on ..."
15. Mal- relative
21. Took the prize
22. Greek alphabet ender
25. Drop an easy one
27. Understood
28. Volcanic spew
29. Attendee's suffix
30. Violinist Mischa
33. Lira's replacement
35. Roman emperor, 37-41
36. It's all there is
37. Basic principle
38. Get firm
39. La-la lead-in

40. Tape player
43. Bellyached
44. With a level head
46. Muscle spasm
47. Letter-writer's container of old
48. Crazy Horse, for one
49. Had to have
53. "Sock it ___!"
54. Toronto's prov.
55. Suffix with concession
56. Use a spyglass
57. "Understood!"
58. PC monitor

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