



Leon and Eunice Liljegren 65 years ago



the Liljegrens today

Couple celebrates 65th anniversary

In honor of their 65th wedding anniversary, the family of Leon and Eunice Liljegren are holding a coffee and dessert reception from 1-3 p.m. CT on Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005, in Fellowship Hall at Bethany Lutheran Church, 320 N. Main Street, Lindsborg.

Leon and Eunice were married on Feb. 18, 1940, at Zion Lutheran Church in Gowrie, Iowa. During World War II, Leon served in the U.S. Navy. In 1950, the family moved to Goodland, where for 22 years the couple owned and oper-

ated one of the first Dairy Queen stores in the state.

Leon retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 1979, and Eunice worked in the Sherman County Clerk's Office through 1982. The Goodland Emmanuel Lutheran Church was an integral part of their life, and music was part of their ministry; they often sang duets together.

In August of 2001, after 51 years in Goodland, the Liljegrens moved to Lindsborg, where they continue to be active in their church and very much enjoy their new community

of friends.

Their children are Lonny and Elizabeth Liljegren of Lindsborg; Craig and Jane Liljegren of Omaha, Neb.; and Phyllis Liljegren Newson, Lindsborg, formerly of Colorado Springs.

They have two grandsons, one step-grandson and two great-granddaughters. If you are unable to stop by for coffee, Liljegrens would enjoy cards and letters sent to them at 405 N. Chestnut Street, Lindsborg, Kan. 67456.

They request no gifts.

School board considers new set of wheels

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News

could have a new set of wheels as the Goodland School District board looked into new buses at a meeting Monday, Jan. 24.

Superintendent Marvin Selby brought some examples of new activity buses to the board.

He said the oldest bus the schools use is a 1971 Motorcoach model the district bought in 1985 for \$56,000. The other bus is a 1981 Motorcoach model purchased 9 years ago for \$125,000.

Bob Harkins, transportation supervisor for the school, said the activity buses are normally like the Greyhound or Coach models with comfortable seats, air conditioning and an air ride shock system. He is looking for a bus with a comfortable driver's seat for safety, too.

"It all goes back to our number one," he said, "to keep these kids safe."

Although the bathrooms were taken out of the school's current buses, Harkins said, they want to

have facilities on the new bus for longer trips.

He said the school has two activity buses in regular rotation all the time. If the district buys a new bus, Harkins said, the oldest bus will be retired and used only as a spare.

"It's just time," he said to replace the bus. "We do so much traveling."

The buses they are looking at start with around 100,000 miles on them and although it seems high Harkins said that number is acceptable.

"Those buses," he said, "are just getting broken in at 100,000."

He said the schools have put 117,000 miles on the newest bus over the past 9 years.

With the school traveling to Hays, Scott City and Holcomb for games, he said, miles add up on the buses.

"It isn't all that many miles, really," he said.

Ron Schilling, board members, said with all of the school's travel, they may need a new vehicle.

"I'd like to see it," he said.

"Me too," added Danny Whalen. Right now, Harkins said, the dis-

trict is looking at Motorcoach, Van Hool and Blue Bird model LTC 40 buses.

The Blue Bird bus is the same as a new bus purchased in St. Francis and, he said, they make a version of a yellow bus.

"It's a nice bus," Whalen said adding he had seen the bus.

Selby said at the Orange and Black Classic he noticed Ulysses had two big new buses.

"They were sharp," he said.

Selby told the school board the bus will probably run from \$150,000 to \$200,000.

The board agreed to put together a committee to look into a new bus.

Harkins will travel with the school's activity bus driver to Dallas Fort Worth to check out buses with ABC Bus Sales. He said they will stop at National Bus Sales in Oklahoma City on the way home. The pair will bring paperwork and information on the buses back to the board.

"It's gonna be nice," he said. "It's always nice to update our equipment."

Rebecca Dreiling from Wichita.

At the conference, members were encouraged to write their legislators in regard to the benefits for veterans. The state will be cutting back on service officers. The service officers act as liaisons between the Veterans Administration system and the patients. Their service is important to veterans in Kansas.

Local scholarships will be available to seniors who have parents or grandparents as members of the auxiliary or the post. Applications will be due on April 1.

Melva Stephens reported on the sympathy club. Some members still owe for Phyllis Seaman.

The auxiliary's next meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, at the post home.

Man killed neighbor in Colby

By Evelyn Ward

Sherman County Historical Society

February 1, 1905: KILLED ON

THE STREETS OF COLBY — H. Kersensbrock, of Thomas County, Shot Down by A. Roupetz — Roupetz Was Charged With Assault on Miss Smith of Colby, and His Neighbor Took a Hand in the Trouble — Roupetz in Jail — Murder broke the peace and quiet of the little city of Colby when Henry Kersensbrock, a German farmer of Thomas County, was shot and instantly killed by A. Roupetz, a Bohemian farmer of the same neighborhood.

Roupetz used a 38-caliber revolver on his victim and fired three times. The last shot struck Kersensbrock in the neck, severing the spinal column.

The tragedy occurred on Main street and was the result of a neighborhood feud. Roupetz, charged with assault and battery upon Miss Smith, had been brought to Colby by Sheriff Grott that morning.

Kersensbrock, a man of powerful physique and who had sided with the Smith family in this unpleasant episode, came to town that day. Roupetz and Kersensbrock met on the streets of Colby, and a quarrel followed, in which the shooting occurred.

Roupetz was put in jail and a preliminary hearing set. Kersensbrock

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leaves a wife and a large family of small children.

Roupetz formerly lived in Sherman County on what is now the James Yarger place, six miles southwest of Goodland, and moved to Thomas county after having sold his Sherman County farm to Mr. Yarger.

Kersensbrock was one of those double-fisted men that sometimes hold the neighborhood in awe by their pugilistic prowess. Before he met with the deadly assault of Roupetz, he was slightly wounded by a shot from a pistol in the hands of J.O. McGruder about a year ago. McGruder was never arrested, and the trouble quieted down.

Nevertheless, the killing of Kersensbrock was unjustifiable homicide and his assassin a coward.

February 2, 1905: E. F. Murphy went to Topeka to serve a brief upon opposing counsel and to file the required number of copies with the clerk of the Kansas Supreme Court, in the case of the National Insurance association against Reta Farley, appealed from the district court of Sherman County.

Mrs. Farley held an insurance policy, issued by National, upon the furniture in the Commercial hotel. When this building burned about

two years ago, the insurance company refused to pay the loss, claiming fraud in the application by which the policy was secured, and in the proof of loss, and also negligence on the part of the insured.

Mrs. Farley brought suit and was given a judgment against the insurance company. An appeal to the supreme court followed, and that tribunal will consider the case March 9.

February 3, 1905: After Dewey's Eureka Hotel — The late C.P. Dewey's hotel building at Eureka Lake, Manhattan, is about to fall into the hands of Kansas traveling men, who are organizing a stock company for the purpose of purchasing the hotel, which Chauncey Dewey and Charles T. Killen, the executors of the Dewey estate, have offered to sell for \$10,000.

The Eureka Lake hotel has a wide reputation as a summer resort. The traveling men propose to run it as a first class hotel and pleasure resort under the management of a board of directors.

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.

Tickets on sale for dinner theater

Tickets are on sale for the Goodland Arts Council's annual dinner theater production. This year's production is the comedy "You Can't Be Too Careful."

The theater performances will be presented Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Feb. 12-14. The Saturday evening performance will be a dinner performance, and the Sunday matinee will feature a dessert bar as in years past. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Saturday, and Sunday's dessert bar will open at 2 p.m.

The Monday performance begins at 5:30 p.m. The Monday evening performance will feature a cocktail hour prior to the performance with hors d'oeuvres. All meals are being catered by Errington & Errington of Burlington.

The show is set in the 1970s; four suburban housewives are suddenly interrupted during their weekly bridge game by a pair of inept bank robbers who are desperate for a hideout.

The housewives try hilariously to communicate their "hostage" situation to two unexpected visitors, as the hapless robbers attempt to keep things under control. In the end, it is the housewives (who take their cues from soap operas) that prevail, but not before they convince the robbers to "go straight."

The performances will be held at the Goodland Elks Lodge. Again this year, a "second seating" option will be available for those who do not wish to attend the dinner. The second seating tickets

can be purchased in advance or at the door before each performance.

Reservations for the dinner theater, dessert matinee and cocktail hour need to be made before Wednesday, Feb. 9. Only second seating tickets will be sold at the door.

Jessica Cole is the director. The bridge players are portrayed by Cole, Debbie Lucas, Elizabeth Hernandez and Jacque Schields. Tom Purvis and Curt Goodwin portray the hapless bank robbers. Marion Armstrong is cast as a door-to-door cosmetic sales lady, and Jeff Deeds plays three different roles.

The dinner theater is the major fund raising event for the Goodland Arts Council each year. First National Bank and Kennedy & Coe sponsor the performances.

Wife asks how to get husband to talk

Dear Plain Sense: I am a farm wife who has been married for several years to a man who does not easily share his feelings with me or anyone else. When I say, "Let's talk about it," off he goes to find something to work on in the barn or elsewhere. What can I do to get him to talk with me when he's worried?

Good communication in any relationship is very important but often challenging. And it can be even more so in the rural, farming culture, where people believe strongly in taking care of themselves and minding their own business and prefer not to ask for help from others.

It's not too difficult to talk about the combine that needs repair, but it can be much more uncomfortable to admit to and discuss the worry related to finances.

Along with that, men and women tend to deal with stress and worries with different approaches. Most women want to talk about a problem, to examine various points of view and to sort through the options in order to come up with a solution.



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And if there is no immediate solution, they at least feel better for talking it out.

Most men, on the other hand, would rather deal directly and swiftly with a problem, preferably with a hands-on approach. This is why some men settle their differences with a fist fight, shake hands and walk away, problem solved.

Your husband's escape to the barn probably provides a form of stress relief that he may not realize. Being involved in an activity, be it work or play, can distract a person from the worries on his mind, at least for a time.

Also, the physical activity and exercise involved with hard labor is a good stress reducer and can help work out some of those stress-related hormones that build up in the

body during the day.

To encourage communication between the two of you, develop a time later in the day for "debrief-

ing." That is, take time to casually talk about how the day went for both of you, talk about plans for the next and talk about other general issues.

When couples get in the habit of sharing with each other in this manner, they will naturally become comfortable discussing the more serious issues that come along.

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Mail questions to High Plains Mental Health Center, Plain Sense, Consultation and Education Department, 208 E. Seventh, Hays, Kan. 67601.

club news

The ladies auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars met Thursday. President Brenda Frankenfeld called the meeting to order.

Items of business included community service donations to the Veterans Administration Christmas Fund, the public library for youth activities, a donation to Genesis and to Fort Dodge Soldiers Home for use for their Valentine's party.

Boxes of clothes and comfort items were delivered to the Fort Dodge Soldiers Home and were most appreciated. If you have items you wish to donate, leave them at the post home, and they will be taken to Fort Dodge.

The charter was draped in memory of Phyllis Seaman, who died Dec. 14. The Ruleton Eager Beavers 4-H Club received a certifi-

cate for its efforts in sending letters, etc. to service members. The certificate was from the National Ladies Auxiliary Office.

National dues increased by \$1 on Jan. 1. Any mother, daughter, grandmother, wife or sister of a veteran who has served overseas is eligible to belong to the auxiliary.

The mid-winter conference was held Saturday, Jan. 15, in McPherson. Members attending were Florence Whisnant and Joe and JoAnn Wahrman. Michael Smith and his mother Celia were honored at the Voice of Democracy banquet that evening.

Michael was the ninth district Voice of Democracy winner. Department winners were Kelsey Fowler from Emporia, Ashley Kongs from Washington and

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