

# Newspaper pictures from the 50s reappear

**By Kathryn Burke**  
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After spending 50 years in a dusty vault, newspaper pictures from the 1950s have come to life at the High Plains Museum.

From a pit stop with cowboy actor Gene Autry in 1954 to a Soap Box Derby, the images of Sherman County in the 50s line the north wall of the museum under a sign declaring "The Nifty Fifties." The display should be up through the end of the year.

Linda Holton, museum director, said the negatives were donated from the *Goodland Daily News*, now *The Goodland Star-News*.

To get the pictures printed, Holton said the museum applied for a grant from the Kansas Humanities Council for \$3,360.

She said they started out with roughly 2,000 negatives and Linda Fogo, a part-time museum employee, narrowed the pile down to 700.

Fogo said she tried to pick photos that people would enjoy and that are historically important. They sent them to the state Historical Society photo department, where they were processed on archival-quality fiber-based paper.

"They'll last much longer," Holton said. "They won't break down as easily."

The grant covered only the cost to develop and print the pictures, she said.



Holton



Fogo

The '50s photos, will help supplement the museum's existing collection, she said.

Photocopies of the snapshots are available to the public for research. Holton said they are archived on the computer and may some day show up on a museum web site. She said the Sherman County Historical Society will use the copies to look up old businesses locations and research county history.

The pictures are categorized into sections, including buildings, entertainment, farming, people, transportation and more.

"I tried to do a variety of each area that we have," Fogo said.

As a native of Goodland, she said, she had little trouble identifying each event and each person in the photos. Holton grew up in Goodland and helped to identify the pictures. The negatives also had short descriptions from the newspaper on each.

The project, she said, took about a year and a half to complete.

As for their favorites, Fogo said

she especially likes ones of buildings that have disappeared.

"I'm really happy that we had one of the Dairy Queen," she said about the ice cream store that once occupied the corner of 17<sup>th</sup> and Main.

She said she wishes someone would bring in a photo of the old Steiner's restaurant.

Both Holton and Fogo liked shots of the drive-in theater, too.

"That was cool," Fogo said. They both grew up in the 50s, so the pictures are special to them.

"It was my high school years," said Fogo. "That's always fun to remember."

"I grew up during the 50s," said Holton. "It's fun to look back."

The pictures haven't been up long, but Holton said so far, the response has been positive.

"They thought they were real good," she said, adding that visitors from out of town even stop to scan through the collection.

Fogo's sister, Connie Hammond, visited the museum recently and said she liked the pictures, too.

Fogo said she was glad people have the chance to enjoy her work.

"I think, now, just sit back and enjoy the comments that come in," she said.

Holton said the museum is always looking for more pictures to add to its collection.

She said it helps when people bring in captions and identifications on the pictures.



Linda Fogo, a High Plains Museum employee and head of the 1950s photographs project, smooths down the display and makes sure the pictures are in good condition before she leaves work every day.  
Photo by Kathryn Burke/The Goodland Star-News

# Goodland woman sues doctors, Hays hospital

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*The Goodland Star-News*  
A Goodland woman and former employee of Dr. Kenneth Austin has filed a medical malpractice lawsuit against the doctor, Hays Medical Center and Dr. Gregory Woods of Hays.

She says their treatment left her with chronic vertigo, or balance problems due to ear damage.

Judith Bateman is asking for more than \$325,000 from the three after antibiotics given for a postsurgical infection allegedly left her with permanent disability.

A petition filed in Ellis County District Court on Wednesday, Jan.

26, by Bateman's attorney, Don C. Staab of Hays, alleges that the hospital and doctors treated an infection with a dangerous drug.

Dr. Woods performed a total right knee replacement on Bateman in December 2002 at the hospital. In the petition, she alleges an infection developed shortly afterwards.

Bateman claims that non-sterile conditions at the hospital led to the infection.

"The infection would not have occurred in the ordinary course of things," the petition said.

She said Dr. Woods did not determine the specific type of infection in the knee before he began treat-

ment.

Among the drugs Bateman said he administered was Gentamicin, a drug with several side effects including ototoxicity, or damage to the ear resulting in dizziness, vertigo, ringing in the ears and hearing loss. The petition claims Bateman is suffering from ototoxicity.

"As a direct and proximate result of the negligent actions of the defendants, Judith Bateman was caused to endure physical pain and discomfort, mental anguish, needless surgery, permanent disability," the petition said.

In the petition, Bateman said Dr. Woods did not explain the drug's

side effects to allow her a chance to "make an informed and intelligent consent to the proposed treatment."

After receiving treatment from Dr. Woods, Bateman was released back into the care of Dr. Austin.

She alleges that the doctor continued to order the same drugs prescribed by Dr. Woods without properly identifying the type of infection.

Bateman said he didn't disclose the dangers of the drug to her or properly monitor the drug's effects.

"Defendants negligence directly and proximately resulted in unnecessary severe physical, mental and emotional pain and suffering and

unnecessary medical treatment, tests and expenses and plaintiff is entitled to recover damages of, from and against the defendants for said negligence."

In an answer to the petition, Hays Medical Center denied the allegations concerning non-sterile conditions.

The hospital claims the plaintiff's petition fails to state a claim for which relief can be granted.

"Any medical care and treatment provided by him to plaintiff was proper and within the standard of care under circumstances," states an answer from Dr. Austin.

Dr. Woods's answer states that Bateman's infection did not occur until March, three months after the surgery.

"Answering the allegations ...

denied that the plaintiff developed an infection "shortly thereafter," Dr. Woods said.

His answer admits knowing Gentamicin carries some side effects and risks, "one very rare example which may be ototoxicity."

Woods denies allegations that Bateman was not able to consent to treatment and claims the treatment was within the "standard of care."

"Woods denies that he owed a duty to the plaintiff to inform her of each and every one of the multiple possible side effects of the medication," the answer says.

Bateman is seeking \$250,000 in pain and suffering, \$45,000 in medical expenses, \$25,000 in future medical expenses, an amount to be supplied for loss of past and future wages and \$5,000 in incidental and consequential expenses.

# County makes down payment on bailer

**By Tom Betz**  
*The Goodland Star-News*  
A 20 percent down payment approved Tuesday means Sherman County should have a bailing system to compact its trash by next spring.

By compressing the trash, and allowing the county to sell cardboard, the balers is expected to more than pay for itself by extending the life of the new county landfill.

Commissioners told Public Works Manager Curt Way last Friday to call the salesman who handles the Harris Badger bailer and see what kind of deal he could work out.

Tuesday morning, Way said he had the bailer at the same price that was quoted to the commissioners in March, \$319,853. He said the county needed to pay \$58,211 as the down payment to get the order confirmed.

"When you tell Curt, he gets on the ball," said Commissioner Mitch Tiede.

"I think he likes to spend money," said Commissioner Chuck Thomas with a big grin.

Way said the company will want another 20 percent two months before the equipment is shipped, 50 percent when it is shipped and the final 10 percent after it arrives.

"I think we should pay the down payment," Commissioner Kevin Rasure said, "and then work out a lease agreement for the balance with one of our banks."

Way said the company expects delivery to be in about 40 weeks.

"I checked with our banker (County Treasurer Shelby Miller)

to be sure we have the money," Rasure said before making the motion to approve the purchase of the bailer.

Way said there would be time to get a building designed to house the bailer. He said he had most of the dimensions, and would need to find out about the size of tank it will take to hold fluid from the trash.

Freight for the conveyor and bailer will be extra, Way said. The bailer will cost about \$5,500 and the conveyor about \$2,800.

The commissioners were pleased to get the same price as they had been quoted in March.

"We needed to get it moving," Tiede said. "Especially since it will be almost a year to get it installed."

## correction

In the Tuesday, May 3, edition of *The Goodland Star-News*, an obituary for Melissa McClain listed as surviving children Alexis and Jason. They are her niece and nephew, children of her sister Tisha Melton-Franklin. This was a reporting error.  
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