



Donna and Lloyd Peters

## Pair together 60 years

Lloyd and Donna (Poppen) Peters of Downs, formerly of Goodland, will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday, May 26, 2005.

They married May 26, 1945, in Denver. Repeating their marriage vows with them were their best friends, Max and Margaret Ann

(Utt) Perkins. Max died in 1995.

Lloyd taught automotive technology at the Northwest Kansas Vocational/Technical School for 19 years before he retired. The couple has two sons, Terry and Rick.

Cards can be sent to the couple at 100 Morgan Ave., Downs, Kan. 67437.

## Lincoln larks news

### Regular meeting

The Lincoln Larks Family, Community, Education Unit met Wednesday, April 27, in the 4-H building.

Karen Jones, family nutrition program assistant from the Northwest Area Extension in Colby, presented the lesson. She talked about the new food pyramid steps to a healthier you.

These are five "Cs" which we should follow for a good exercise program:

- Comprehend the importance of exercise for healthier bones.
- Choose the exercises that are right for your bones.
- Conquer the challenges of exercise.
- Communicate to get information and help with your exercise program.
- Commit to exercise for healthier bones.

Karen also told the club about the "Vita bands" that help you develop a strength training exercise. She said they are a safe way to strengthen muscles and improve the range of motion of joints.

The unit's next meeting will be in June.

### Recognition Day

Colleen Duell, LaDonna Frerichs and Arbutus Topliff went to Atwood Monday, May 2, for Recognition Day, which was held at the 4-H building.

Program for the day was registra-

tion and social time, followed by a welcome from the mayor and flag salute.

Guest speaker was Judy Davis of Oberlin, who took on the history of teas. Iced tea was introduced at the St. Louis World Fair. Tea comes from a plant and gets its name from the way it is picked, processed and grown.

There are several different parties for tea: cream tea served with fruit and scones; low tea, which includes cheese and crackers or sandwiches; afternoon tea with cookies or bread and butter; high tea, which is served with a regular meal; and tea parties, which are spiritual things.

In closing, the advice was to drink good tea; buy good tea.

A delicious brunch was served using tea pots for the center pieces.

The program, "Baking a Cake" was given by the Atwood ladies.

Several awards were given. Sherman County received the 65 years award; Arbutus Topliff and Nila Been received 55 years of Family, Community, Education; and the Lincoln Larks received a third place award in education for promoting asthma education and was recognized for 100 percent reporting.

The council president was recognized, which was Colleen. Gove County invited the club to Quinter in 2006. Elaine Fischer handed out reports and materials from the spring business meeting.

Several won door prizes, and a good time was had by all.

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# Unknown man found dead on tracks

By Evelyn Ward

*Sherman County Historical Society*

**May 21, 1905:** Struck and Killed by Engine — Unknown Man Lay Across Railroad Track Near Edson — Met Instant Death When Struck by Pilot of Engine — The body of an unknown man, whose name may be Laurand Alach, lies in W.J. Bowers & Sons undertaking rooms.

He was struck and instantly killed five miles east of Goodland by Rock Island engine 1512, pulling west-bound passenger No. 15. The body is being held by Coroner Gulick awaiting possible identification.

The forehead of the unfortunate man was crushed in by the blow, the right leg broken near the thigh and above the ankle, and the body bruised in a number of places. When brought to town, blood was still oozing from the victim's head, and his body was still warm.

Coroner Gulick held an inquest with the jury bringing in a verdict that death was met by being struck by the engine of train No. 15 and that his death was due to his own carelessness.

Train No. 5 preceded No. 15 about forty minutes, and some conjecture that he may have been riding that train and fell off. Why he should be lying on the track when No. 15 came along is a mystery, for he was doubtless alive until he was struck by the engine that killed him.

All personal effects are in the hands of Coroner Gulick. Twenty dollars in bills were found in one of

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his shoes. In his pocketbook was \$2.35 in silver. He had a watch, a United Mine Workers of America button and a note for \$100, due on demand, dated at Denning, Ark., January 30, 1905, given to Laurand Alach by John Moix.

A memorandum of "Lorens Alash's" time, bearing date of April 15, 1905, issued by the Western Coal and Mining company of Denning, Ark., was also found upon the body. These evidences seem to point to the fact that the man's name was Laurand Alach.

In personal appearance, he is medium in height, well built and will weigh about 175 pounds; hair is black, has short, black mustache.

A letter written from Wilkeson, Pierce County, Wash., last August, begun with the words, 'Dear Larence' and signed, as near as can be made out, by Frank Alesh. It is written in a foreign language, and the supposition is that it is Italian.

Coroner Gulick telegraphed to Denning and to Wilkeson in search of information leading to the identity, but nothing had been heard from the telegrams at noon yesterday.

**May 22, 1905:** Inquest on Unknown Man Killed When Struck by Train — Engineer Tapper and Fireman O.B. Jeffers were the only witnesses examined.

Engineer Tapper's story of the accident was in effect as follows:

"As engineer on engine 1512, I was pulling train No. 15. I stopped at Brewster for orders which told me to hurry in to Goodland.

"When Edson was reached, my train was making about 35 miles an hour, the maximum speed for track along that portion of the road. When a few miles west of Edson or about five miles from Goodland, I noticed something on the track which I took at first to be cinders and a moment later thought it might be a dog.

"The engine carried an oil headlight, and the object therefore appeared very indistinct. As the engine met the object, which seemed to be lying in the middle of and parallel with the track, it tossed it off and to the north side of the rails. I called my fireman, O.B. Jeffers to me and told him that I thought the engine had struck a man.

"Upon reaching Goodland, we met train No. 16, in charge of Conductor Ed Denney, and I told him to see what I struck at that place and to phone the information to me from Edson.

"Denney's answer was that it was a man and that he was dead. With engine 1512, I ran back to the spot and brought in the body of this man, whom, so far as I can tell, was struck and killed by my engine while he was lying upon the tracks."

The inquest jury brought in the decision that death was caused by being struck by the engine of train

No. 15 and that his death was due to his own carelessness, as he was lying on the tracks.

**May 23, 1905** School Land Sold — One Section in McPherson Township Brings Sharp Bidding — That the state's school land, as all other land in Sherman County, is rapidly advancing in price, was in evidence at the county treasurer's office, when several bidders went for it with liberal bids.

All of section 36, township 9, range 41, was the tract of land that the bidders were bent on possessing. It is a beautiful spot of rich, level prairie land, situated about 11 miles southwest of Goodland. If the purchaser should build his house on one corner of it and turn his cattle out, he could see and count every one on the furthestmost spot of that section.

Solomon Townsend and his son Witten, who live near it; E. Stout of Hays City; and T.A. Stevenson of Goodland were the hardest bidders.

The section was appraised at \$1.50 per acre, but the bidders soon went to the \$3 mark. Stout dropped out before it reached \$4 per acre, and the bidding finished at 3 o'clock by Stevenson's highest bid of \$5.50 per acre, making the section of unimproved land bring to the state \$3,520.

*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.*

# Society news needs be brought in promptly

Planning to get married? Expecting a little bundle of joy? Celebrating an anniversary or birthday? Spending time in the hospital? Or grieving over the loss of a loved one?

Sending the information to *The Goodland Star-News* allows your neighbors, coworkers, friends and acquaintances to share in your joys and sorrows.

It is time for *The Star-News* to update our requirements and remind people that most of this news needs to be sent by the family. Hospitals no longer send birth or admittance announcements to the paper.

While Koons Funeral Chapel and Bateman Funeral Home send obituaries, if a funeral home in another town is handling arrangements, you may need to ask them to send the information to us.

We rely on the couple or their family to send us engagement and wedding announcements. We have forms in our office that give guidelines on the information needed.

Anniversaries and birthdays should be sent in two weeks before the celebration, especially if including a picture. The name or names of those celebrating are needed, along with the time, date and place of reception if the public is invited.

The date and place of marriage are needed for an anniversary, and the names of children and grandchildren can be included. The age of the birthday "boy" or "girl" is needed. An address may be included for a card shower for either.

Pictures are encouraged with all announcements. Prints can be brought in to be scanned or photos can be e-mailed in jpeg or tiff format. The more clear, well-lighted

and close-up the photos are, the better they will show up in the paper.

While artistic photos are fun, the main goal of pictures in the paper is for the people to be recognized. If a picture is too fuzzy to look good, we will have to run the announcement without one unless another is available. If in doubt, bring several choices.

We can crop out unnecessary people and do some touchups, but we cannot perform miracles.

Contact *The Star-News* at 1205 Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735, by phone at (785) 899-2338 or fax at 899-6186. Society news can be e-mailed to [slcorcoran@nwkan-sas.com](mailto:slcorcoran@nwkan-sas.com). It's best if the text is part

of the body of the e-mail, rather than an attachment. The subject line should say obituary, birth announcement or stork report, engagement or wedding, depending on the contents.

If you do not have e-mail or a fax machine, often groceries and public libraries can send a fax for a small charge. Public libraries provide e-mail access at no charge.

Since we are a newspaper, we would like the information to be news when we print it. A lot of wedding stories have been brought in six months to a year after the wedding.

Starting June 1, wedding announcements need to be brought in

within two months of the ceremony. For announcements brought in later, there will be a charge of \$10 per month.

Late announcements can be brought in without charge before then.

Engagement announcements should be in the paper at least 4-6 weeks before the ceremony but may be in sooner, especially when there is a longer engagement.

Baby announcements should be brought or called in as soon as possible. When and where the baby was born, its weight and length, parents' and grandparents' names and siblings' names and ages should be included.

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