

Memorial and Decoration Day services were planned

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Sherman County Historical Society
May 28, 1905: The local Grand Army of the Republic post and Relief Corps have perfected plans for the observation of Memorial and Decoration Day services.

There will be union services at the Opera House May 28 at 10:30, and all the churches, with their pastors and choirs, are cordially invited to participate. The Rev. Merritt of the Brewster circuit will preach the sermon, and all clergymen present will be asked to take part in the services.

The Decoration day address will be delivered by Rev. John Eldridge of the Methodist church at the op-

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era house at 2 o'clock p.m. May 30. The services at the cemetery will be held in the forenoon at 10 o'clock. The procession will start from the Union hall at 9:30, and will proceed to the cemetery where the services and decoration of the graves of the soldier dead will take place.

Our city takes especial pride in attending these ceremonies, and the custom is an honoring one wherever the flag of our country waves and American citizens reside. The beautiful and growing town of Goodland will do honor to the nation custom

with its usual enthusiasm.

May 29, 1905: ALAS, POOR PRAIRIE DOG — Inhabitants of 'Dog' Towns Capitulate Before the Ferret — A Topeka dispatch says that an animal known as the 'black footed' ferret is doing more to rid western Kansas of prairie dogs than was done by the corps of instructors from the state agricultural college with an appropriation of \$5,000 from the legislature.

The ferret made its appearance in Kansas only about two years ago, but instances have been found

where five or six of them drove all of the prairie dogs out of a county.

The ferret is a member of the weasel family, about 14 inches in length, of a pale yellow, with red eyes. Someone tell us if there are any such animals in Sherman County?

May 30, 1905: Dr. Farrow's New Machine Makes Ailments 'Clear Out' — Dr. W.H. Farrow has a new static machine, which is full of fire and greased lightning, and it doesn't take the doctor long to get the patient full of the same stuff.

He's the only man in town, when he gets you where he wants you, that can make "each particular hair to stand on end like quills upon the

fretful porcupine." The victim isn't scared to death, either, but enjoys the electro-tonic.

The writer knows from experience, however, that if you have any nails in your shoes, it is the easiest thing in the world to imitate the movements of a jumping-jack and at the same time to utter "ouch" without any hesitancy.

The doctor didn't exhibit all his fiery tools and appliance, but he rubbed the reporter down with zig-zag lightning until he had to make him quit.

This valuable electrical and X-ray machine is set up in room no. 9 of the Alamo hotel. It has a wonderful dynamic power, and by means

of friction, zinc plates and brushes, electricity is very rapidly generated by the revolution of the large glass wheels.

Dr. Farrow's static machine will make ailments clear out, and the X-ray light is used for internal treatment and has been found to be a specific for the cure of cancer, besides its use in the diagnosing of certain cases.

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Discount health cards may offer savings but are not insurance policies

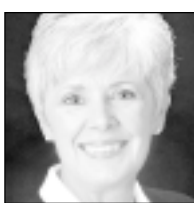
Health care costs are on the rise, and if you are shopping for more affordable health insurance, you may be tempted to buy a medical discount card.

There are a lot of discount health plans being marketed, and it is important you know the difference between health insurance and discount health cards.

Sometimes called medical cards, discount health cards are not insurance. Although some are legitimate, these cards simply offer lower prices on services from doctors, pharmacists and other providers who accept the cards.

Because discount cards are not insurance, fewer consumer protections exist for buyers.

The Kansas Insurance Department does not regulate those who sell discount health cards and can-



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not take legal action against them, but we can provide information and answer questions about discount card plans and health insurance policies. These cards are regulated through the Consumer Protection Act in the Attorney General's office.

Buyer Beware!

If you do decide to purchase a discount health card, you should be aware of the following:

- Do NOT cancel your health insurance policy if you already have one. A health discount card is not the

same as health insurance.

- Slippery sales pitches. Bewary of the following statements: "Save up to 60 percent on healthcare," or "Affordable health coverage." Calling it coverage could deceive you into thinking you have real insurance or "guaranteed" benefits. Not all cards can deliver on their promises;

- "Long-term care" discounts. Do not mistake this for true long-term health insurance policies.

- Fine print. READ the fine print CAREFULLY and make sure it agrees with the promises you hear in the sales pitch.

- Your treatments? Find out exactly what medical conditions, medicine, treatments and other ser-

vices are included. Do they match your needs? Do your health care providers honor the card?

- Clearly listed? Are the discounted prices for goods and services clearly listed? Do they offer a clear reduction over fees you now pay?

- Frequently providers don't even know they've been listed by a discount card company, and thus may not give you the promised discounts. If you plan to use a specific doctor, hospital, pharmacy or other provider, be sure to contact the providers to find out whether or not they will honor the card's advertised discounts.

- Does the network of providers include your city?

- Hidden fees. Are large administrative fees hidden in the fine print? Especially, watch for fees

that will be charged for each use of your discount card.

- Evasive pitches. Be wary if the telemarketer or other sales person seems evasive, ill-informed or is reluctant to provide you detailed material about the card or the company.

- Ask specific questions, and demand specific answers.

- Ask to See The List of Providers. If one isn't available, or isn't available until after you purchase the card, do not buy.

- Refundable? Know whether your membership fee is refundable. Can you cancel at any time? What are the procedures for canceling? Will there be a refund of advance payment?

- Ask if the company is registered through the Kansas Secretary of State to sell products in Kansas.

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District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:
April 15 — Kyle C. Rouetto, 22, Vancouver, Wash., \$90 for speeding and \$60 for unlawful acts with a vehicle.

Brian T. Sullivan, 41, Florence, Colo., \$132 for speeding.

April 18 — Joshua D. Jenkins,

25, Greenville, Texas, \$231 for speeding.

Dana L. Ansky, 35, Colorado Springs, \$144 for speeding.

Lawrence W. Adair, 43, Craig, Colo., \$132 for speeding.

Raydean M. Price, 56, Aurora, Colo., \$168 for speeding.

Joshua D. Dunham, 21, Bethany, Okla., \$270 for speeding.

Tracy A. Brennan, 49, St. Louis, Mo., \$80 for no child restraint.

Abel Hernandez-Lopez, 23, Charlotte, N.C., \$126 for speeding.

Evelyn Denise Wherry, 36, Rock Hill, S.C., \$111 for over weight limit on wheels and axles.

Steve Jimenez, 33, Goodland, \$120 for unlawful acts with a vehicle.

Karin J. Thomas, 54, Breckenridge, Colo., \$138 for speeding.

Edwin A. Schauer, 57, St. Francis, \$108 for speeding.

Nestor Gonzalez Estrada, 25, Aurora, Colo., \$76 for speeding.

Ronald R. Vigil Jr., 27, Thornton, Colo., \$137 for speeding.

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