

Work was progressing on city waterworks

By Evelyn Ward
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June 20, 1905: Work is progressing on the new city waterworks improvement. The foundation for the standpipe has already been excavated, and gravel is being drawn for the concrete work.

The standpipe will be 20 feet in diameter and 90 feet high. Two gasoline engines of about 15 horse power will be installed in the place of the large steam boiler, thereby economizing in the use of fuel, which has amounted to about \$8.00 per day. A large saving is anticipated.

The finances of the undertaking are well under way. The bonds have been sold, and as soon as the printed bonds are secured, which will be soon, the money for the enterprise will be available. The people of Goodland will soon have a modern and well-equipped system of water supply.

June 21, 1905: W. Hardgraves, who lives near old LaBlanche, on section 35-9-41, was in town with a load of garden truck. To show the greatness of his heart, he left a large bunch of radishes at the office.

He doesn't claim to have the tallest rye in Sherman County, but he left a sample that measured five feet and seven inches. Mr. Hardgraves reports all his crops this year as being simply "out of sight."

June 22, 1905: Disturbance and Shooting at Disreputable Resort — The smashing of every window in the house, the breaking of household furniture and a close call from a pistol shot were the incidents of a row at Grace Sterling's resort, the northeast part of town.

Complaint was made to City At-

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torney, G.L. Calvert, who had the disturbers, Jerry Coffin, Leo Coffin and Grace Sterling, arrested and arraigned before Police Judge G.W. Sapp.

Jerry Coffin and Grace Sterling were charged with breach of peace, and Leo Coffin was charged with vagrancy and idling about a place of ill repute. The offenders confessed judgment, and each were fined \$15 and costs.

Hirt, a railroad man, was slightly wounded in the region of the stomach by a shot from a pistol in the hands of one of the inmates, was not arrested.

The respectable part of the community, which has been embarrassed for some time by the existence of this nuisance, was shocked with the violent breach of the peace.

Some of the furniture in the resort was in good condition for kindling, and nearly every one of the windows were broken. Disturbances in this particular corner of the town have been complained of frequently, if not to the authorities, the people have complained among themselves, at least.

And it would be a commendable act by the decent residents of this part of Goodland, if they would see to it that this resort be put out of business and cast forth as one of the intolerable nuisances of Goodland's municipal life.

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Jessica Colby, head cook at Wheat Ridge Acres, grilled barbecued ribs Friday for the center's Juneteenth celebration.
Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

Retirees celebrate Juneteenth

By Sharon Corcoran
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Wheat Ridge Acres residents were treated to a barbecue and "visit" to Texas on Friday to celebrate Juneteenth.

Head Cook Jessica Colby, Activity Director Tammy Freeman and Rhonda Lovins, a certified medical assistant, barbecued ribs and baked potatoes on a grill outside. The activity room was decorated in an "Old West" theme, including a table turned into a covered wagon.

Juneteenth originated as a celebration of the ending of slavery in Texas. On June 19, 1865, Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger and 1,800 troops of the Union Army arrived in Galveston and announced that the Civil War had ended and all slaves were free.

The announcement came 2 1/2 years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation. That evening, thousands of people in Galveston celebrated their freedom with dancing, singing and feasting.

Juneteenth was designated a state holiday in Texas Jan. 1, 1980, and others have adopted it. Kansas has not. So why celebrate?

"We'll celebrate anything," said Donna Swager, director of retirement community. She said it is good for the residents to learn about things. If the mind stays active, and you know what's going on in the world, Swager said, you will be healthier.

Ever wonder where to find the 'Second United Methodist' church?

A coworker commented that it seems all churches are the first — the First Methodist, the First Baptist, the First Christian, etc. She wondered why they would need to say they're the first when there's never a second.

I've wondered the same thing. I would really like to find the Second United Methodist Church. I've also thought that if all churches are Christian, as they claim, isn't calling one the Christian Church redundant?

One of my favorite comedians has some interesting questions about life and an interesting outlook. I looked up some quotes from Steven Wright on the Internet.

Here are some one-liners, good for laughs and food for thought: "What happens if you put a slinky on an escalator?"



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"If a person with multiple personalities threatens suicide, is that considered a hostage situation?"
"Was is somebody's cruel idea to put an 'S' in the word 'LISP'?"
"If toast always lands butter-side down, and cats always land on their feet, what happens if you strap toast to the back of a cat and drop it?"
"If you're cross-eyed and have dyslexia, can you see OK?"
"Why don't they just make mouse-flavored cat food?"
"If a parsley farmer loses a law-

apes?"
"My theory of evolution is that Darwin was adopted."
"I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, 'Where's the self-help section?' She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose."
"Women should put a picture of their missing husbands on beer cans."
"Right now I'm having amnesia and deja vu at the same time. I think I've forgotten this before."
"I'm a psychic amnesiac. I know

in advance what I'll forget."
"I'm a peripheral visionary. I see far into the future ... just way off to the side."
"If God doesn't destroy Hollywood Boulevard, he owes Sodom and Gomorrah an apology."
"The other day, I was walking my dog around my building ... on the ledge. Some people are afraid of heights. Not me, I'm afraid of widths."
"My grandfather likes to give me advice, but he's a little forgetful. One day, he took me aside and left me there."
"If life was fair, Elvis would be alive, and all the impersonators would be dead."
"I went to a restaurant that serves 'Breakfast at any Time.' So I ordered french toast during the Renaissance."

"I've been doing a lot of abstract painting lately, extremely abstract. No brush, no paint, no canvas, I just think about it."
"When I have a kid, I wanna put him in one of those strollers for twins and then run around the mall looking frantic."
"When I was a little kid, we had a sand box. It was a quicksand box. I was an only child ... eventually."
"Everywhere is walking distance if you have the time."
"You can't have everything. Where would you put it?"
And one of his jokes:
"One day I got on the bus, and when I stepped in, I saw the most

gorgeous blond Chinese girl. I sat beside her.
"I said, 'Hi,' and she said, 'Hi' and then I said, 'Nice day, isn't it?'
"And she said, 'I saw my analyst today and he says I have a problem.'
"So I asked, 'What's the problem?' She replied, 'I can't tell you. I don't even know you.'
"I said, 'Well, sometimes it's good to tell your problems to a perfect stranger on a bus.'
"So she said, 'Well, my analyst said I'm a nymphomaniac and I only like Jewish cowboys. . . By the way, my name is Denise.'
"I said, 'Hello, Denise. My name is Bucky Goldstein.'"

matters of record

District Traffic
The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:
May 24 — Agustin G. Ramirez, 40, Garden City, \$80 for no child restraint.
Jami R. Thompson, 32, Broomfield, Colo., \$120 for speeding.
May 25 — Brie B. Mendez, 19, Jacksonville, N.C., \$240 for speeding.
Stephen P. Shaw, 22, Norman, Okla., \$177 for speeding.
Sandra G. Rubio, 29, Liberal, \$114 for speeding and \$20 for no child restraint.
Bailey A. Lemak, 20, Dallas, Texas, \$120 for improper parking.

David A. Scott, 50, Denver, \$126 for speeding.
Lara M. Pitt, 18, Aurora, Colo., \$159 for improper parking.
Doo Y. Lee, 21, Aurora, Colo., \$480 for speeding.
Michael D. Floren, 26, Colorado Springs, \$126 for speeding.
Daniel R. Taylor, 32, Carbondale, Colo., \$108 for speeding.
May 26 — Angela G. Dunson, 36, Denver, \$177 for speeding.
Filiberto Tapia-Melchire, 40, Englewood, Colo., \$168 for speeding.
Christopher B. Wood, 26, Boulder, Colo., \$132 for speeding.
Caroline H. O'Connor, 18, En-

glewood, Colo., \$138 for speeding.
May 27 — Adam B. Porter, 18, Grayson, Ky., \$144 for speeding.
Mitzi M. Futro, 49, Superior, Colo., \$186 for speeding.
Silvia E. Gomez, 25, Anaheim, Calif., \$120 for speeding and \$20 for no child restraint.
Zyrafete Hatcher, 22, Indianapolis, Ind., \$120 for speeding.

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Sponsored by First National Bank of Goodland's Relay for Life Team

Saturday, July 2, 2005
9:00 a.m. MST
Old State Highway Building
1201 W. Highway 24

Entry Fee: \$60/team register on or before June 24
Pick up registration forms at First National Bank, Goodland Chamber of Commerce Office or contact:
Kris Armatys at Armatys@fnb.com, 890-3385
Teams up to eight member are accepted...register early as spots are limited! Concessions available.



Bring your Lawnchair!!!

All proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society

Sunflower Contest

RULES

- Write down as many words (at least 3 letters) that you can think of using the word "Sunshine"
 - Do not use proper names
- Bring your completed list to The Goodland Star- News office at 1205 Main or at our booth at the Fair by 12:00 p.m. by Monday, August 8th

Winners will be announced in the Friday, August 12th edition

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(If you have more than 50, please attach an additional sheet)

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