

# Storm made return from Thanksgiving interesting

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and didn't get caught in the storm that wasn't supposed to be. More about that story later.

Brian and Carolyn Somers received a phone call from Christi letting them know her mock trial team placed sixth out of 66 teams in Tennessee on Saturday, Nov. 12, and the team placed first out of approximately 30 in Omaha, Neb.

She also received at the Omaha competition first for attorney role and first for the witness role. Also Chad called to say he had been chosen out of his class to do a special project for the vo-tech he is attending. The vo-tech will be adding onto their current structure, and he will design the building and present it to the board.

Having Thanksgiving dinner at the Leonard Kinkade home were Clarice Blakely, Connie and Kenan Racette, Ralph Kinkade and Gordon, Justin and Rusty Berry.

Janet Carpenter spent an early Thanksgiving with her son Kevin, this wife and Janet's grandchildren in Mountain Air, N.M., the weekend of Nov. 19. I understand they



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had a wonderful visit.

That's all the news I've heard this week, so I'll get back to my weather story. As you know, my son Mike, granddaughter Autumn and I went to Denver on Wednesday afternoon and had a wonderful visit with my family out there.

Saturday morning the weather report said that Sunday was supposed to be very windy, but dry, so we decided to stay until Sunday to come home. First mistake.

We got to Limon around 12:30 p.m. and found I-70 closed because of a jack-knifed truck and 25-car pileup east of Limon but were told I-70 was going to reopen in a couple of hours.

It was not snowing in Limon, so we decided to take Highway 287 to Kit Carson, catch Highway 40 to

but it wasn't bad. Six cars in front of us, they were closing down the gates on Highway 40 east. Mike and I said, "This isn't good," so around we turned back to Kit Carson and headed north to Seibert. The farther we went, the worse the whiteout became.

Just as we pulled into Seibert, the highway patrol was closing I-70 east. We were beginning to feel that we shouldn't have even got out of bed. We needed to get home and most of all wanted to get home.

We stopped at the gas station and got a sandwich and decided to get on Highway 24 and get to Stratton and get a motel for the night. We were getting into a lot of whiteouts but were going along OK. Got to Stratton and decided we could make it another 17 miles to Burlington

before it got dark, so onward we go. Autumn, my three-year-old granddaughter sitting in her car seat, kept saying, "Daddy, it's snowing sideways. Daddy, I want us to go home."

Try to explain to a three-year-old why God is making it snow sideways and why a three-and-a-half-hour drive has been double that.

Well, we got to Burlington just as it was getting dark. Stopped at two motels and the second one said the town was full and we would have to go to the high school.

I had two quilts and Autumn's blanket in the car, and those were our beds for the night. All I wanted were some eye drops and a cup of coffee, but we were safe. I did have some eye drops, but there was no coffee in sight.

There were around 400 people and about 75 dogs trying to bed down for a long night. The school was very good about entertaining the children. They played in the gym for a couple of hours to get rid of their energy, and then put some children's movies on, which calmed them down for the night. It was a

long night, but we thanked God for being safe from the 65-70 mph storm going on outside.

At 10 a.m. Monday morning, we went to Burger King and ate breakfast and had that cup of coffee I wanted. We were told that I-70 wouldn't open until Tuesday morning more than likely. So we decided to get back on Highway 24 again, even though it was still blowing hard.

Third mistake. Burlington to Kanorado was slow, but the road had been plowed. At Kanorado it turned into a different story.

First of all, a pickup truck pulled out in front of me, and whoever he was, he was my angel all the way to Goodland. I want to thank you and God for being there for me and my family.

The road had not been plowed and was drifted over in many places, but that pickup put his hazard lights on and broke drifts that I could not get through. Because of the blowing snow and drifts, I would have been in the ditch within two minutes.

About two miles west of

Goodland the pickup hit a snow bank and got stuck. At the same time, a four-wheel pickup was going west and stopped and pulled the pickup out and got me through. I also want to thank the two men that were in that pickup. We finally made it to Goodland and spent the afternoon with my niece Lorie Garrett and then headed for Brewster after dark, when the winds had let up a little.

I did get stuck in my driveway, but with help from my neighbor Larry Werth and his two sons, Wyatt and Layton, I finally got the car out of the garage.

I guess I just had to write this story to let everyone know how much danger you can put your family and yourself in when you get in a storm like we had. And I know God was sitting beside us as we went through Sunday and Monday making mistakes. I thank God for being there, and I thank that unknown angel for being there in that pickup. Thank you and God bless you, whoever you are.

So I really had a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving season.

# Attempt to get county clerk to pay Goodland hundreds of dollars failed

By Evelyn Ward

*Sherman County Historical Society*  
**December 3, 1905:** District Court — The case of John Hartzler against J.W. Smith, county treasurer, was denied without prejudice.

Mr. Hartzler, as attorney for Goodland in this particular case, sought to secure an alternate writ of mandamus to compel County Treasurer Smith to pay to Goodland a sum of money, several hundred dollars in all, claimed by this attorney as the property of Goodland by reason of the accrued interest on delinquent taxes collected, none of which interest had been disbursed into the account of the city.

## today in history

It seems that the mandamus was refused on technical grounds and that a case possibly lies against the county if a suit to recover the money be brought.

**December 4, 1905:** New Plumbing Firm — A plumbing firm, styled Starr & Wiltshire, is one of the new additions to the city requirement of a town like Goodland. Mr. L.C. Wiltshire, who was employed by W.S. Coleman for awhile, came to Goodland from Indiana and was employed at plumbing four years in that state.

Mr. Starr has also acquired some experience in the plumbing line in this city, and the two young men will doubtless serve their patrons well. At present they are making their headquarters at the city water works building. Starr & Wiltshire have shown the American characteristic and enterprise by getting in just ahead of the plumbing boom, which is sure to materialize as soon as the 90-foot stand pipe is connected with the water mains.

**December 5, 1905:** Opera House To Be Sold (Historic Note: This

Opera House was located on the southwest corner of 10th and Center.) — The city council met and transacted a large amount of important business connected with the water works proposition, besides allowing the bills for current expenses, granting petition and making orders.

Six hundred feet of two-inch fire hose were ordered and the organization of a fire department discussed. A test of meters also was authorized, one at the Kellogg livery barn, one at Bradley's corral and one at the John Bock residence, having in view the adoption of a standard city meter.

The opera house and water tank was ordered sold at public sale, on Saturday, Dec. 23, 1905, at 2 o'clock p.m. The sale of the opera

house, and lots occupied by the same, are subject to lease which expires June 6, 1906.

Two large new galvanized iron tanks, to be used as cooling tanks for the gasoline engines, will also be sold, as water has been supplied directly from the mains with constant supply and discharge, and the cooling has not been needed. Two weeks notice was ordered to be given. An ordinance was ordered drawn and published for forbidding the deposit of dirt in the streets of the city without a permit of the city or county.

**December 6, 1905:** Dewey Case — The suit brought more than a year ago by Gertrude Dewey against the C.P. Dewey estate, to recover an interest in the land holdings of the Dewey Land and Cattle company, in this county, was dismissed in dis-

trict court. An agreement had probably been reached by the contending parties.

**December 7, 1905:** Kent House Sold to Mrs. Ennis — Mrs. Mary Ennis recently purchased the R.A. Kent residence, located on the southeast corner of block 72, fronting the city park.

Mrs. Ennis will remove the building to another location and erect a fine residence on the lots. It is an elegant site, and a home on this spot will afford a view of the town, with the park and surroundings making a delightful place.

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# Children often provide care for adults

We generally think of children as needing to be cared for, not as someone providing care to others. But according to a report from the National Alliance for Caregiving, as many as 1.4 million children in the United States between the ages of 8 and 18 provide care for an older adult who is a member of their household or a close family member.

These children's responsibilities and tasks include helping with bathing, dressing, getting in and out of bed or chairs, going to the bathroom and feeding. They also help with shopping, household chores and preparing meals.

Many spend a great deal of time providing companionship and company to the person(s) in their charge. Some also dispense medications and help the adult in their care communicate with doctors or nurses, make calls and arrange for other people to help.

Such a level of caregiving can profoundly influence children's lives and development in a multi-



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tude of ways, both positively and negatively.

The alliance's report indicates that most child caregivers feel appreciated for what they do. But they also say that their caregiving has caused them to miss school or after-school activities, and for some, their family responsibilities have sometimes interfered with completing homework.

Some child caregivers tend to feel, at least part of the time, that no one loves them, and they may exhibit more anxious or depressive behaviors than non-caregivers.

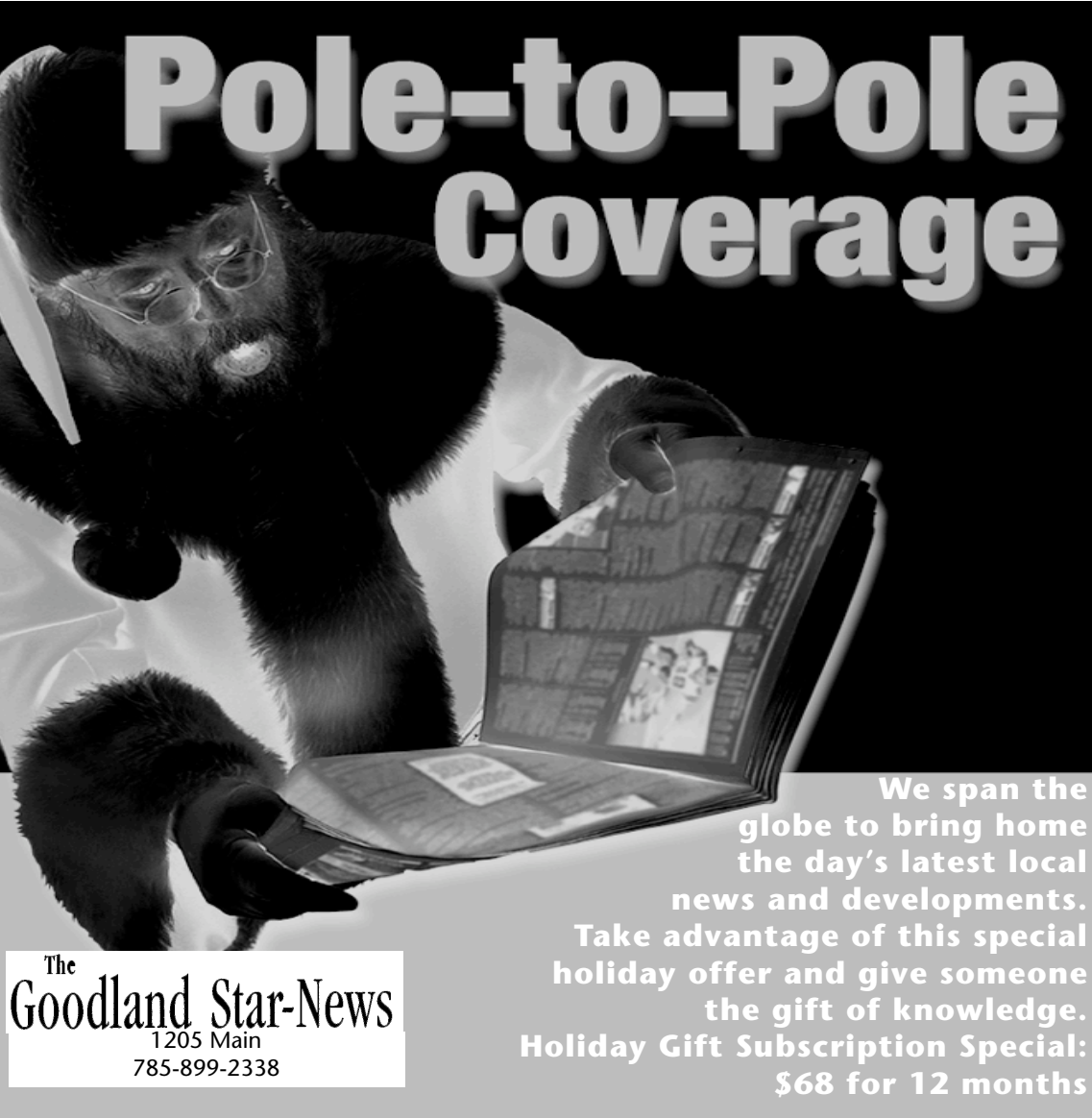
According to this report, child caregivers tend to live in households with lower incomes than non-caregivers and are often in single-

parent households, which are factors in their having to take on adult responsibilities.

As with any experience in childhood, the length of time an intensity of caregiving can have a significant effect. It is important that parents be aware of their child's feelings and behavior and be cautious about putting too much responsibility on a young child in the role of caregiver.

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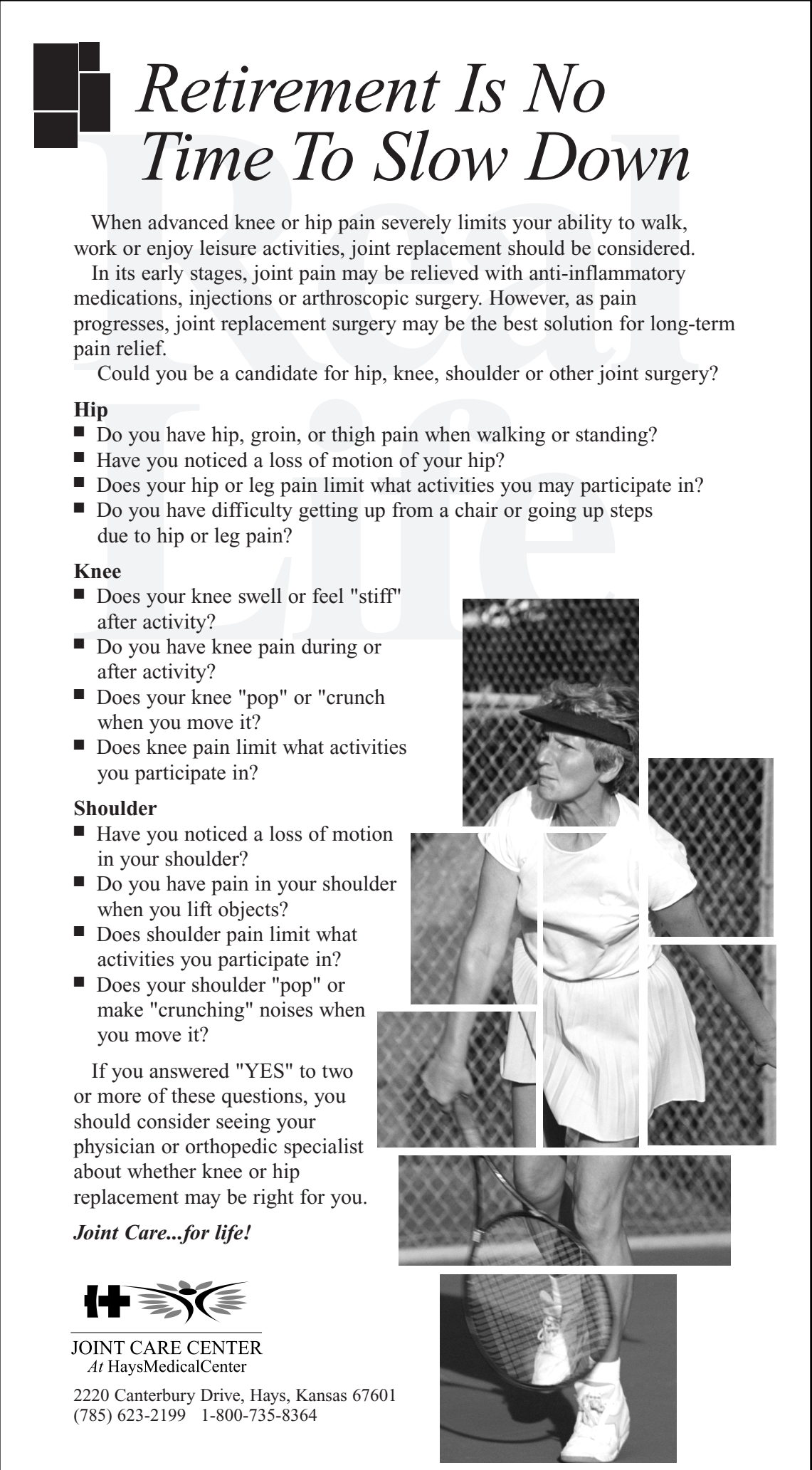
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## Retirement Is No Time To Slow Down

When advanced knee or hip pain severely limits your ability to walk, work or enjoy leisure activities, joint replacement should be considered. In its early stages, joint pain may be relieved with anti-inflammatory medications, injections or arthroscopic surgery. However, as pain progresses, joint replacement surgery may be the best solution for long-term pain relief.

Could you be a candidate for hip, knee, shoulder or other joint surgery?

### Hip

- Do you have hip, groin, or thigh pain when walking or standing?
- Have you noticed a loss of motion of your hip?
- Does your hip or leg pain limit what activities you may participate in?
- Do you have difficulty getting up from a chair or going up steps due to hip or leg pain?

### Knee


- Does your knee swell or feel "stiff" after activity?
- Do you have knee pain during or after activity?
- Does your knee "pop" or "crunch" when you move it?
- Does knee pain limit what activities you participate in?

### Shoulder

- Have you noticed a loss of motion in your shoulder?
- Do you have pain in your shoulder when you lift objects?
- Does shoulder pain limit what activities you participate in?
- Does your shoulder "pop" or make "crunching" noises when you move it?

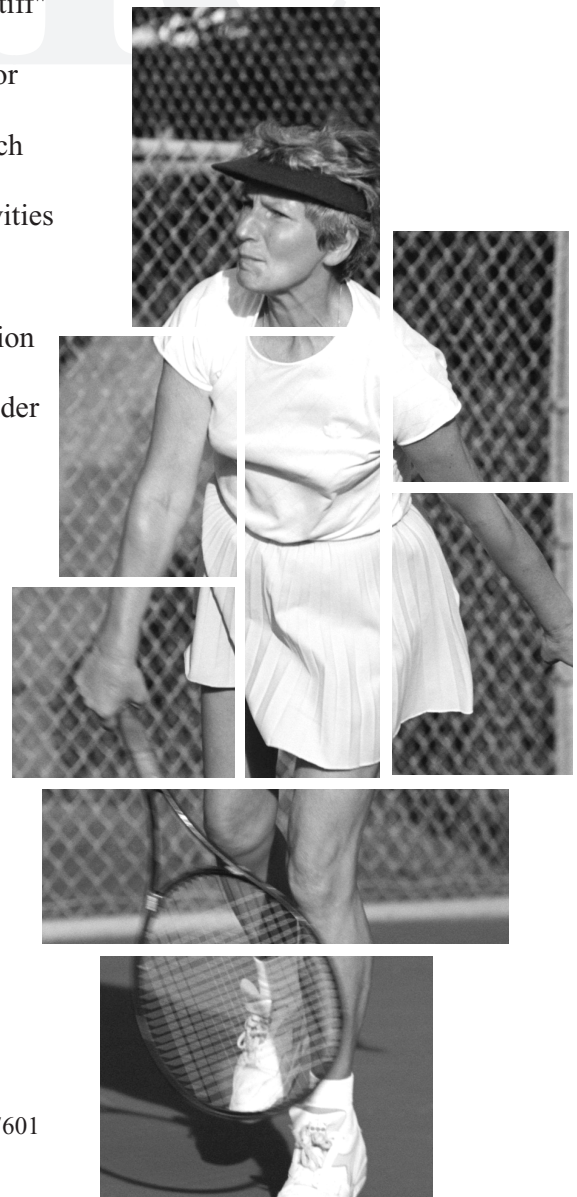
If you answered "YES" to two or more of these questions, you should consider seeing your physician or orthopedic specialist about whether knee or hip replacement may be right for you.

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