## Newspaper printed settlement stories of pioneers

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In the spring of 1931, The Goodland News-Republic published articles about the construction of the current Sherman County courthouse and the ceremony for laying its cornerstone.

The newspaper requested personal comments or family recollections from pioneers who had lived in the 40 years or more. These were printed in the May 6, 1931, edition. Readers were treated to interesting glimpses into the lives of those pioneers of the 1880s.

### **VOLUMES COULD BE** WRITTEN **Individuals Tell Brief Early Day History**

Mrs. Etta Calvert, who came to Norton in 1883, and later to this county, is the granddaughter of Wm. Allen, the man who secured the passage of the homestead bill in congress, authorizing the granting of old land to settlers in the new territories of the west.

Mrs. Jane Cullins, who came from Illinois in the fall of 1885, is 91 years old, being now one of the oldest people in the county as well as one of the longest residents. Five of her children who came with her



court house cornerstone). A son J.D. on a homestead at the land office at Cullins, who came on June 12th, 1885, first lived in a tent at the town site called Bennett, which was a half built a sod house and moved in on mile north and a half west of the the 15th day of April. later town of Eustis.

the county in 1886 and homesteaded in section 34-10-40, which is still the old home place. They arrived in Wallace with a few pieces of furniture and a large bundle of willow sticks which they would use to establish their timber claim. Jote Parker and Willa Mather, a son and daughter, came to the county with them and they still live here.

**Recounts Union Pacific Vote** Sam Warden, who came in Nov. 1887, remembers when bonds were voted for the Rock Island. He also for voting bonds for the Union Pa-

marcia smith from the vault

> 1886. They filed Oberlin and drove out in a covered wagon with a cow tied behind. They

Henry Frerichs homesteaded five Mr. and Mrs. June Parker came to miles southeast of Goodland in 1886 and moved his family in the spring of 1887, coming from Illinois. Heye Frerichs lives on the old home place.

#### Mrs. Gulick From Vermont Mrs. A.C. Gulick came from Phillipsburg in 1891, having only recently come there from Morgan Center, Vt. She was Elen Myra Morse before her marriage to Dr. Gulick. She moved here to make her home with Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Wiley,

who had come a few months earlier. Kyle F. Mann came in 1886 with recalled when an election was held his parents from Humbolt, Neb. Mrs. Mann, who was Carrie reside in the county are included on cific, which was grading west from McDaniel, came the same year with the roll of pioneers (placed in the Colby, but the proposition was her parents. The Manns became ac-

turned down by quainted and married here. the Sherman

F.L. Blystone filed on his claim April 2, 1886, and walked from the Oberlin land office to Sherman County to locate the claim, around which he threw up sod, then a part of the big migration to the walked to Wallace. He returned the first of September, driving a yoke of oxen from Ellis. He went back to Meadville, Pa., and was married to Mary H. Scholsser on May 29, 1887, and they arrived at their home here on the Fourth of July that year.

**County Records Taken to Store** Jess Thorsen came with his parents from Ottawa, Ill., in 1886. His father had the first grocery and general store in Goodland, hauling supplies from Wallace. The store was located where the News-Republic office is now. When the county records were "stolen" from Eustis and brought to Goodland, they were put in Thorsen's store.

Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Chatfield came from Nebraska 45 years ago (from 1931), and homesteaded west with his parents, who lived on the here.

#### of Goodland where their son Ed north county line. He remembers Chatfield now lives. Ed is a native that a man named Craig gave 10 son, having been born here.

### **First Child Born in County**

Mr. and Mrs. S.F. Bradbury were county in 1886. According to the old Goodland Dark Horse, early day newspaper, their daughter squirrels used to dig through the Maud was the first child born in the county. She is now Mrs. Maud Siders of Pasadena, Calif. She was born in July 1886.

(However an account from another family claimed the same notoriety.) Mrs. Artie Melstrom-Franklin was the first white child born in the county, as nearly as records can establish. She was born Feb. 25, 1883. Her husband, Garfield Franklin, is also one of the only two houses on the road beearly settlers coming with his parents from Champaign, Ill., on March 9, 1887.

### **Ground Squirrels Like Sod** School

Charles Hartley came in 1886 his parents. Warren Kemp was born

acres of land and everyone in the community helped build a sod building on it which served for a school, church and community gathering place. There was no floor, and Mr. Hartley says the ground walls and would come in the school house and pick up crumbs the children dropped from their lunches. Mrs. Hartley, who was Lena Freeland, also came to the county in 1886. Her father, Jim Freeland, was a carpenter and helped to construct the old courthouse that is now being replaced.

Simon Kemp came here in March 1886, and at that time, there were tween Goodland and his place about 25 miles northwest of Goodland. Within a few months, there was a house on almost every quarter of land. Arthur Kemp came here with

### Dryland wheat condition poor to fair

The Wheat Quality Council tour swept across Kansas last week. Jim Shroyer, K-State wheat agronomist, was part of the tour and had this report:

Participants on the tour saw plenty of dryland wheat in poor to fair condition, especially where wheat has been continuous cropped or planted into row crop stubble. Mild weather is helping a little, but most of western Kansas is extremely dry. Overall, the crop is about a week ahead of normal de-

The Kansas wheat crop is suffering from drought damage in many areas. There has also been some scattered freeze injury, which is severe in localized areas. By far, the main problem has been drought and the period of hot, windy weather in mid-April.

In western Kansas, much of the dryland wheat is short with small heads. Wheat streak mosaic is prevalent. Tiller counts are low because so many have been sloughed off due to drought stress.

Wheat in northwest Kansas is in possibly kernel numbers in some



the flag leaf to late boot stage and Head size is smaller than normal, could still benefit from rain. If the crop in this area gets rain, it could still increase both kernel numbers and kernel weight.

South of I-70 in western Kansas, there is some scattered freeze injury. As the season progresses, freeze damage will become more apparent. The overwhelming problem here, though, is drought.

There will be some abandonment of dryland wheat in western Kansas, but the amount will depend on the price of wheat and whether the area gets some rain.

flowering stage at this time in most of southwest Kansas. If a good rain occurs soon in this area, it could still help improve kernel weights and

cases. Mild weather recently has stabilized the situation for the moment

East of Dodge City, the wheat is still short, but a little taller than areas farther west.

both east and west of Dodge City. East of Pratt and Kingman, height and head size are closer to normal.

In the more southern counties, the hot windy weather in mid-April hurt the wheat in the early heading stage, and yields will probably be reduced in many cases.

In north central Kansas, there has been some freeze injury from the April 19 freeze. Otherwise, wheat in this area is a little shorter and thinner than normal but has better yield potential than wheat farther west.

Jeanne Falk is an area crop pro-The wheat is in the late boot to *duction and economics specialist* for Sherman, Cheyenne and Wallace counties with Kansas State University Research and Extension.

### Kansas streets are getting safer

The primary responsibility of government is to provide for the protection of its citizens, particularly our most vulnerable Kansans, and I'm proud to say we have

ing our streets and neighborhoods

Last year, the Legislature and I teamed up to pass a law making it harder for meth makers to get the ingredients needed for this deadly drug. That was a real victory for Kansas because we've seen the number of meth labs in our state cut by nearly half.

This year, our focus is on stopping those criminals who perpetrate some of the most horrible crimes imaginable: sex offenses, particularly against children.

Starting in 2003, and again in my State of the State address in Janu-



governor

made real progress this year in mak- increase penalties for these dangerous criminals. I also proposed a measure to provide law enforcement officers with new tools to sas children. track the movements of repeat offenders who have served their prison time.

> This week, the Legislature passed a bill known as Jessica's Law, which cracks down on criminals who prey on children by imposing tougher, longer prison sentences.

will receive a minimum 25-year prison sentence, with penalties increasing to the point that third-time make Kansans safer, and I applaud offenders will never have another the cooperation that went into makary, I called on the Legislature to chance to harm a child, since they'll ing these protections a reality

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pany you think may be making false

advertising claims, you can contact

my Consumer Protection Division

Trade Commission at (877) 382-

by the promises spelled out by the

promoters of these products. Just remember that a healthy dose of

skepticism may be the best pre-

avoid becoming a victim of con-

sumer fraud. Although some of the

details have been changed, the

cases appearing in this column are

based on actual complaints or ques-

For information or to file a complaint, write Attorney General Phill

Kline, Consumer Protection Divi-

Attorney General Phill Kline of-

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### Are 'cures' advertised in e-mail safe?

Dear Attorney General Kline: I have some long-term health issues on which my doctor and I are



spend the rest of their lives in prison with no possibility of parole.

These new sentences are complimented by my proposal, now law, to use electronic tracking devices to keep track of the movements of second-time child sex offenders who are released into communities. This was a priority for me because it gives law enforcement officers a new tool to protect Kan-

At the same time as we're protecting children, action is being taken to protect other vulnerable Kansans from abuse. A new investigative unit in the attorney general's office will be formed to investigate and prosecute cases of abuse against disabled Kansans. That's another step forward in our First time offenders, for example, efforts to protect vulnerable Kansans.

velopment.



now concentrating. I recently received several e-mail messages offering various health care products and supplements. Based on the advertising, they seem to be products that might help me, but I'm still a little leery.

Dear Kansas Consumer:

You are absolutely right to be concerned about products like the ones you described. Above all else, consult with your health care provider before you take any additional medications or diet supplements outside your ongoing treatment.

There's no question that health fraud is a business that sells false hope to many consumers. Billions of dollars are spent nationwide on unproved, fraudulently marketed, and at times, useless health care products, often to victims of diseases that unfortunately have no medical cures.

In addition, many of these advertisements are directed toward those who seek short-cuts to weight loss or personal appearance improvements.

I've mentioned this phrase in previous Consumer Corner columns, and it is appropriate once again: If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Here are a few tips on spotting false claims:



fective and quick cure-all for sev- ral" is not a guarantee of safety or eral different ailments.

• Words like miraculous cure, secret ingredient or scientific breakthrough are used by promoters.

• Text of advertisements is written in medical terminology in order at (800) 432-2310 or the Federal to conceal a lack of good science.

• There are claims of a government or research scientist conspiracy to prevent the product from getting to the market.

• A product is advertised as only available from one source and that payment is required in advance.

•There is a "money-back, no-risk guarantee." Many scammers are *fers this public service to help you* not around to respond to your request for a refund.

There are literally thousands of dietary supplements on the market today. Some of these have documented benefits, but the advantages tions. of others have yet to be proven, and claims about those particular products may be misleading.

In addition to not having docu- sion, 120 SW 10th Ave., Second mented effectiveness, some of these Floor, Topeka, Kan. 66612, or call supplements may actually be harm- the toll-free Consumer Hotline, • A product is advertised as an ef- ful in some circumstances. For ex- (800) 432-2310.

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#### Accidents

The following accidents were investigated by the Goodland Police Department.

**May 4** – 10:30 a.m., 1500 Arcade, a 1999 Pontiac driven by Trevor J. Mader was stopped at the stop sign heading west on 15th Street. Mader did not see a 1995 Buick driven by Norma J. Crouse heading north on Arcade. Mader pulled out in front of Crouse, and the Buick hit the Pontiac.

**May 5** – 1 a.m., 609 Washington, a 2006 Mercury driven by Joshua M. Hatfield, side swiped a parked 1994 Chevrolet owned by Glen W. Teels.

22:54 p.m., 1617 Clark, an un-

known vehicle apparently lost con- Kiran Khan on a warrant. Case retrol, went over the curb and rod the brakes sliding into the building. The car backed out and left the scene.

#### **Goodland Police**

The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

**May 2** – 2:06 p.m., 211 E. 11th, John Bateman reported a theft from his building.

5:19 p.m., 1302 Caldwell, Marshall Hoppe reported damage to property. Tires were slashed with a value of \$280.

6:12 p.m., 204 W. 11th, Shasta Olsen reported a theft of property. 10:26 p.m., 50 Caldwell, arrested to city attorney.

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**May 3** – 11:05 a.m., 1029, E. 10th, child in need of care. Case referred to county attorney ...

6:37 p.m., 1304 Texas, Ronald Skinner reported two slashed tired valued at \$500.

May 4 – 9:29 a.m., 1319 Cherry, repot of a juvenile runaway. Case referred to county attorney.

11:23, 1006 Center, arrested Clarence Joseph Shinette on a warrant. Case referred to Ellis County. **May 6** — 7:24 p.m., 1407 Walnut, arrested Brian Keith Scott on criminal trespass and pedestrian under the influence. Case referred

### Winking in the dark is like not advertising your business. Only You know what you are doing.

"Learning how to respond to and master the process of change - and even to excel at it - is a critical leadership skill for the 21st century. Constant, rapid change will be a fact of life for all of us."

Jennifer James

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