

birthday

Lucille Price will celebrate her 85th birthday Jan. 15, 2007. Her family is holding a reception from 1 to 3 p.m. Mountain Time Saturday, Dec. 30, 2006, at the United Methodist Church, 512 S. Scott, St. Francis. No gifts.

activities

Tours of the 1907 Victorian House at 202 W. 13th are from **1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Monday.**

The **High Plains Museum**, 1717 Cherry Ave., is open from **9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.** A temporary exhibit on Goodland Dentist Dr. Harry M. Steever is on display. It features an 1870 foot-treadle-driven dental engine. Quilts by the Prairie Piecemakers are also on display.

The **Carnegie Arts Center** is open from **10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday** at 120 W. 12th. Local artists will display their work in December, and the gingerbread house contestants will be on display the first two weeks.

The **Goodland Public Library** holding **story hour** for 4 and 5-year-olds at **10 a.m. Wednesdays** and 3 and 4-year-olds **Thursdays, both from 10 to 11 a.m. Born to Read** for children birth to age 3, accompanied by an adult, will be **10 to 10:30 a.m. Fridays.** Marcy Melia, children's librarian, is in charge of story hour and can be reached at 899-5461.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Sherman County is seeking mentors and children to mentor. Call 890-3665.

Goodland Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) will meet from **6 to 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month** at the First Christian Church, Eighth and Arcade.

Diabetes Support Group meets at **7 p.m. the last Tuesday** of each month in the large board room at Goodland Regional Medical Center. Patients, family and friends meet each month for a speaker and educational program. Call Sarah Linton at 890-6044.

Breast Cancer Support Group meets at **5 p.m. (instead of 5:30) the first Monday** of the month in the dome at Howard Johnson's. Any woman with cancer is welcome. Call Cheryl at 890-5528.

Emotions Anonymous meets at **7:30 p.m. Wednesdays** at the Goodland Regional Medical Center board room.

Aerobics Classes - 5:30 and 7:30 a.m. aerobics classes are offered **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** at the Goodland Activities Center. Yoga is offered at **8:30 a.m. Wednesday.** Call 890-7242.

TOPS Meetings - Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at **5:30 p.m. Tuesdays** at North Elementary School. Weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous S.O.S. Group holds open meetings at **7 p.m. Monday** at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Seventh and Senter, Burlington. Call Pamela at 719-346-7711 or Dave at 890-2858.

Goodland Alcoholics Anonymous meets at **8 p.m. Monday**, a closed meeting with Al-Anon, **Wednesday**, the book meeting, and **Saturday**, an open meeting, at 1013 Center. For Alcoholics Anonymous, call Rob at 890-3023 or Linda at 399-2353. For Al-Anon, call Cheryl at 890-3023.

The "Freedom Today" group of **Narcotics Anonymous** meets at **8 p.m. Tuesdays and 7 p.m. Saturdays** at the Goodland Elks Lodge. Call 890-8369.

Fibromyalgia and Chronic Myofascial Pain Support Group meets from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the third Wednesday** of every month in the Emergency Medical Services building, 257 15th St., in Burlington. Call Debbie at 719-346-4612.

area events

Admission to the **Prairie Museum of Art and History** will be free from **1 to 5 p.m. Central Time**

the calendar

calendar

Jodi Tubbs of the **Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs** will be in Goodland from **1 to 2:15 p.m. Thursday** in the Assembly Room on the third floor of the courthouse to help veterans and dependents with claims. Call the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at (785) 462-3572. Tubbs will be in Goodland on the first and third Thursday of each month.

The Sherman Theatre's final **free matinee will be "Robots" at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.**

The **Goodland Public Library** is offering the **Food for Fines Program in December.** Anyone with an outstanding fine can bring in a food item for Genesis in exchange for the fine. Food items needed include Jell-o, pudding, cake mixes, cereal, pancake mix, peanut butter and canned goods. The library is asking everyone to

return their overdue books and bring in food.

The **library will be closed Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 25 and 26**, for Christmas, and on **Monday, Jan. 1**, for New Year's Day. The library will be open regular hours the rest of December.

Prairie Land Food (formerly SHARE) **sign up** for the January distribution of food will be **until Monday, Jan. 15**, at the Sherman County Health Department. **Pick up** will be from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Goodland Elks Lodge for the January distribution.

school menu

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, seasoned rice, mixed vegetables, whole wheat roll, half orange and milk. **Thursday:** Cooks' choice. **Friday:** Burrito, lettuce and cheese, Spanish rice, pear and milk.

school calendar

Today: Black day. Boys and

girls freshman basketball 3:45 p.m. here vs. Scott City. Boys and girls junior varsity basketball 5:30 p.m. here vs. Scott City. Boys and girls varsity basketball here vs. Scott City.

Wednesday: Gold day. City County Recreation 7:30 p.m.

Thursday: Black day. Junior high band and vocal concert 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Friday: Gold day.

Saturday: Kansas High School Athletic Association Holiday non practice dates, Dec. 23-27. Christmas break.

senior center menu

Wednesday: Meat loaf, Italian blend vegetables, baked potato, bread and mixed fruit with banana. **Thursday:** Turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, cranberry apple salad, dressing and cake. **Friday:** Sausage gravy, corn, mandarin oranges, biscuits and pudding.



Norma and Frank Schlepp 65 years ago



The Schlepps today

Couple married Christmas Day 1941

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

Their best defense seems to be "Pearl Harbor made us do it," but Frank and Norma (Kail) Schlepp don't regret for a minute they married on Christmas Day 65 years ago.

He was born in a sod house in Cheyenne County 12 miles south of St. Francis, and she grew up on a farm 12 miles north of Ruleton. They went to the same country church, a few miles from their families' farms.

"I don't even know when and how we met," Mrs. Schlepp said. "We just went to church there."

The church had a youth group that met on Sunday evenings, she said, and everyone in the neighborhood had parties where people got together and played games out in the yard. It was too far to go to town then, she said; the kids didn't have cars, nor money for gas.

Mr. Schlepp was drafted in May of 1941, thinking he was going to serve in the Army a year. In December, Pearl Harbor was bombed, he said, and all furloughs were canceled. He was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood but was able to get a three-day pass to come home on leave for Christmas, so the two married Dec. 25, 1941, at the Neville parsonage in St. Francis. There was a blizzard, he said, adding that he got stuck going to his parents' place. The older ones probably wondered what these silly kids were doing, she said.

"We never wish we wouldn't have," she said.

"We've had a good life together," he said. "It was hard work sometimes, but we made it. We did what we had to do."

"We raised three children," she said. And they have their college education, he added.

He was 23 when they married, and she was 21. Before they married, she had taught two years at a country school in Sherman County then one year at the country school she attended.

Their first four years of marriage, he was in the Army, stationed in Hawaii, then New Guinea a year, then the Philippines. He was a combat engineer. She went with him

when she could and spent a year in Texas with her brother.

New Guinea was jungle, he said, with just a few natives living there, no villages or anything. He was in combat 318 days there without a break, then he went to the Philippines on New Year's Day 1945 for more combat.

In October, he said, they loaded everything on a ship and were ready to go to Japan, but the bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, so they came home.

"It was nothing unusual that I did," he said. "I was just part of a team. Some had it a lot worse than I did; I lost men."

"That was four years out of 65," she said. "Many came back and started their lives here and put it behind them."

When he returned, they bought a farm north of Ruleton, a mile and a half from where she grew up. They had four children; the first, Barbara, died as a two-day old infant, then in 1949, they had a daughter, Joann. She and her husband Gary Ross live in Haviland, where she works at the post office, and he is a farmer.

The Schlepps had twins in 1953, Dennis, who died in 1988, and Darlene who lives in Boise, Idaho, with her husband Dan Sutton. She is a homemaker and works part time in a Williams-Sonoma store, and he is a produce buyer for Albertson's.

Joann's daughter Jennie Ohmie works for Koch Industries in Wichita. Darlene's three daughters are Megan Sutton, a graphic artist; Laura Sutton, a junior at the University of Idaho; and Kelsey Sutton, a ninth grader, all of Boise. Joann's step-children are Michelle (Ross) Zook and Travis Ross.

In 1975, the Schlepps moved to Goodland.

"That's when he thought he was old enough to retire," she said.

In August, 31 years later, they moved into Wheat Ridge Acres Retirement Community.

obituaries

Donald E. "Jack" Sanderson

Donald E. "Jack" Sanderson, 73, Goodland, owner of Clawson Electric, died Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006, after a long illness.

He was born Dec. 16, 1933, in Goodland, the son of Roy and Ruth Sanderson. He graduated from Sherman Community High School in 1951.

He served in the Air Force from 1953 to 1957 and in the reserves until 1961. On Nov. 3, 1962, he married Joyce Dallas in Goodland.

He started working at Clawson's when he was eight years old. George Clawson, who built the shop at 110 E. 13th, owned it then. Sanderson worked for George's son Ward Clawson until buying it in May 1970 when Clawson retired.

He sold auto parts, repaired cars and worked on generators, lawnmowers and snow blowers. Sanderson said he stayed with the store his whole life because it's what he knows. The only time he didn't work there was the four years he was in the Air Force.

He was a life member of the Goodland Elks Club and Veterans of Foreign Wars, served on the air-

port advisory board, city planning commission and the Smokey Garden board. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, motorcycles, airplanes and coffee breaks with friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a brother, Harold; and a sister, Marjorie Voigt.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Kenneth (Tami) and Kevin (Jenifer), both of Goodland; a daughter, Kristie (Joe Bodvak) of Denver; a special family friend, Susan Baumert of Omaha, Neb.; two brothers, Edward of Austin, Texas, and William of Colorado Springs; three sisters, Martha Williams of Topeka, Marian Reimer of Hutchinson and Sally Carney of Bellvue, Colo.; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2006, at Bateman Funeral Home. Private inurnment will be later. There is no visitation.

Memorials may be made in care of the funeral home, Box 278, Goodland, Kan. 67735. The family will decide their use later.



Sanderson

Harry Dean Peter

Harry Dean Peter, 70, Chandler, Ariz., a 1954 Edson Consolidated School graduate, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006, in Chandler.

He was born Jan. 3, 1936, in rural Cheyenne County, the son of Harry and Frances (Wilson) Peter. He attended country school for the first two grades then moved to Edson. He earned his Bachelor Degree from Kansas State University in 1958.

Preceding him in death was his father.

Survivors include his wife Angel;

his mother, Frances (Peter) Anderson of Goodland; a brother, Don (Carol) Peter of Longmont, Colo.; three sisters, Betty Cress and Mary Wickwar, both of Goodland, and Kay (Mark) Perry of Longmont; a son, Mark (Jane) Peter of Colorado; three daughters, Deborah Peter, Jennifer (Brian) Cree and Michelle (Andy) Conrad, all of Colorado; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2006, at the Goodland Bible Church, 109 Willow Rd.

Goodland student meets congressman for interview

Josiah Goodley of Goodland was among those who met with Congressman Jerry Moran and the 1st District Service Academy Selection Board on Saturday, Nov. 18, at Fort Riley to interview for a nomination to one of the military academies.

The interview was the final stage of the selection process. Each year, Moran uses the board's recommen-

dations to nominate outstanding Kansas students to the U.S. Military Academy, the Air Force Academy, the Naval Academy and the Merchant Marine Academy.

"These Kansas applicants represent our best and brightest," said the congressman after the visit. "I was impressed with the quality of these young men and women and am proud of their willingness to serve."



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