

# Ambulance finds temporary home

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a city dump truck on the other end. Thomas said the city and county would renegotiate the utilities in May if the ambulance is still in the city building.

He said the building has been cleaned up, and the only thing they are waiting on is the automatic door opener.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure said the agreement looked good, but he suggested a couple of changes. He said one paragraph says the county will be responsible for cleaning the ambulance bay. He said this needs to be changed to have the ambulance crew responsible for keeping their area clean, and that Kanorado would be responsible for keeping their part clean.

Another change would be that the agreement should say the Goodland Regional Medical Center would be responsible for insurance for the ambulance rather than the county.

“With those changes, I am OK with the agreement,” Rasure said.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said he agreed, and the commissioners unanimously approved the lease with the changes.

Thomas said he had talked to Stan Pettibone from the Rural Fire Board, who told him a woman is willing to sell a lot to the south of the Kanorado fire station for \$500. Thomas said the woman told Pettibone she would only sell if the addition was going to be used to house the ambulance.

Thomas said Pettibone told him another Kanorado person was will-

ing to donate a lot to the south for the ambulance. Thomas said Pettibone told him the two were asking the county to pay the cost of the transactions.

The lots are 25 feet wide and stretch all the way back to the alley, and Thomas said that should be plenty of space for an ambulance.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said he thought the only problem was a pine tree that would need to be moved. He said it was donated, but he thought it was small enough it could be moved without hurting the tree.

“I don’t think there will be any problems adding another bay,” Tiede said. “May need some fill dirt is about all. It would be the best \$500 we ever spent if we can get this out of our hair.”

Rasure said the county needs to pass a motion to proceed to acquire the two lots in Kanorado, picking up the transaction costs.

Tiede made the motion, which passed unanimously.

Tiede asked about where the money could come from for the addition.

Rasure said he thought they could take that out of the medical sales tax funds since it is about the ambulance for Kanorado.

At a meeting at the end of November, the commissioners approved helping pay half of the \$117,000 cost for a new ambulance. When it is delivered, a newer ambulance will replace the one now in Kanorado. Gleason said the new ambulance would be larger than the one being used in Kanorado now.

# Help special causes with your donations

By Pat Schiefen

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Have a worthy cause that you want to give money to, and get a tax break, the Sherman County Community Foundation can help you.

The foundation provides a place to give with the money earmarked for that special cause such as the nursing home, arts council, Freedom Fest Fireworks or library to mention a few. Since the foundation is a 501 (c) 3 all money given is tax deductible.

The group was formed four years ago as a tax-exempt public charity. What started as a vision to support all non-profit organizations and human services in Sherman County was honed to a vehicle for philanthropy to benefit local interests. The foundation is trying to build an account base from which the interest can be used to fund projects in the future.

The foundation is continuing its efforts to make a positive impact with funds established for the restoration of the Goodland Nativity Scene, continuing the Freedom Fest Fireworks and the Sherman County home owned carnival. The foundation took over the Freedom Fest Fireworks from the Goodland Chamber of Commerce this year. Enough money was raised to pay for the July 4 fireworks display and have seed money for next year’s Freedom Fest.

“Any amount can be given from

\$1 to \$1,000+ and will be used exactly as the person wishes,” said Foundation President Kin Huang. “Every dollar will be used locally. Additionally, as a 501 (c) 3 tax-exempt organization, your donation to the foundation is a charitable deduction to the extent allowed by law.”

The first pass through fund was established for the Knights of Columbus last year. That money was used to fund an after school program for elementary students.

Two scholarships have been established in memory of Derrick Joseph Lutters and Eugene Lavern Hall with the first scholarships given out in May.

President Huang and any board members would be glad to answer any questions. Information is offered on the foundation website at [www.goodlandnet.com/scsf](http://www.goodlandnet.com/scsf). E-mail can be sent to the foundation at [scsf@goodlandnet.com](mailto:scsf@goodlandnet.com). The group’s mailing address is P.O. Box 888, Goodland.

“Please consider an investment in the future of Sherman County,” said Huang.

The board of trustees has established a group of advisors and consultants to provide professional advice and technical assistance. The board members are vice president Jack Lucas, secretary Linda Knott, treasurer Mike Briney, Wilmer Bahe, Juanita Barnett, Dr. Sid Unruh, Pat Schiefen and Dave Daniels.



Don Wagner had help from his dog Maya in getting his 3-year-old mare out of the corral on Ada Taylor’s farm to load his stuff on the mare. He loads his clothes, bed rolls and food for the horses and Maya on the mare’s back each day to get her used to carrying it.

She wasn’t trained for the task before going with Wagner on his “last hurrah,” a trip across the country and dumped the load in St. Francis.

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# Cowboy takes final ride across the country

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While he was at the farm, word got out about his presence, and Wagner found himself receiving a lot of attention. He said a lot of people came over to meet him, but he just couldn’t see what all the fuss was about.

“I’m not really special,” he said. “Some think I’m nuts.”

Some places he stopped, Wagner said, he’s acquired company for part of the trip.

“I’ve had folks saddle up and ride a day or two and then family came and picked them up,” he said, “just so they could say they did it.”

“I specifically asked her not to call you guys,” he said after learning that Taylor called the newspaper to suggest a story about his cross-country trip. “If I didn’t have to respect my elders, I’d have to have a word with her.”

The cowboys said he’s trying to keep quiet about why he has such a short time to live, but admitted it’s because he has stomach cancer.

Wagner describes himself as a “cowboy at heart” and said he has been ranching since he was 14, working in several states.

“I would be called a drifter,” he said, “and that’s looked down upon. People say things like, ‘He can’t hold a job down.’ I don’t want to. If I worked my whole life on a ranch and died there, what would I have learned?”

## matters of record

### Municipal Court

These are cases decided by the Goodland Municipal Court:

**Nov. 21:** Shelbi J. Hall, speeding in school zone 33-20, fined \$254, plus \$100 diversion fee.

**Nov. 22:** Dustin T. Pennington, disobey stop sign, fined \$40, failed

Wagner said doesn’t have any specific destinations on he trip; he just wants to “go where my horses take me.”

And he doesn’t want to rush.

“People say they saw and did this and that on vacation,” he said, “but what do you really see going 70 miles per hour on the blacktop?”

“I just want to see the country the way it was seen 100 years ago, actually 200 years ago. I figure I was born about 200 years too late, ’cause this is what I like to do.”

No fan of technology, Wagner said he has never owned a microwave and doesn’t want a cell phone.

“The most modern thing I’ve ever owned is a pickup truck,” he said, “and I’ve only owned one of them.”

At least that was the most modern thing, until someone gave him a digital camera.

“It took me three nights of reading to figure out how to work it,” Wagner said. “I’ve lived a simple life and have never wanted for anything.”

In the 1970s, Wagner said, he worked on a ranch near the Mexican border. He said people would cross the border on the weekends and steal cattle and horses to bring back with them. Ranchers there would shoot into the air to scare them, he said, but didn’t shoot at them.

They would come and take them back in a few weeks, he said; it kept

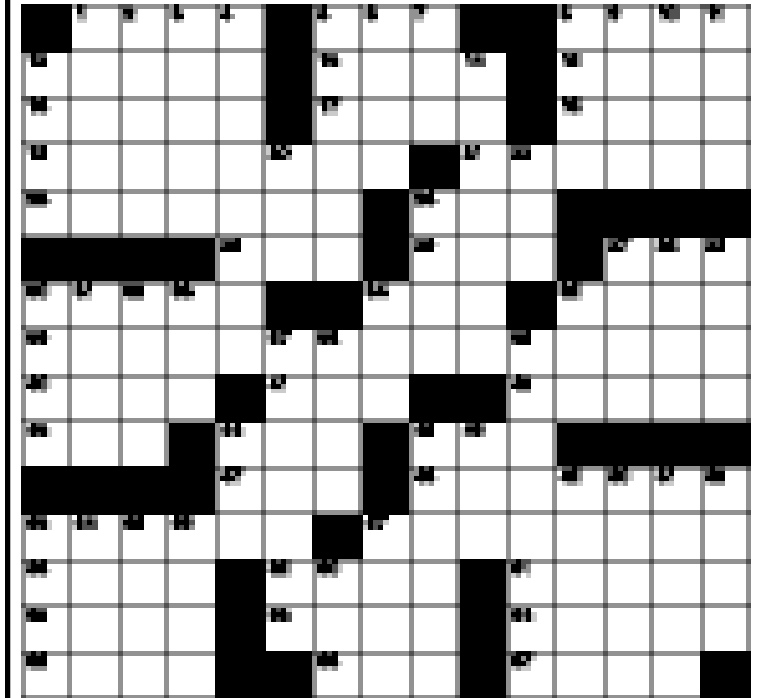
the herds from being inbred.

Wagner travels with a small bag of clothes, two bedrolls, boots and a heavy coat for bad weather, two bags of corn for the horses, his dog

Maya and a bag of food for her.

“I just want to do everything I can because I can,” he said. “I’m one of the last of a dying breed, because there aren’t a lot of real cowboys left.”

# Crossword Puzzle



### CLUES ACROSS

- War gear (slang)
- Engine additive
- Optimistic market
- Third-dimensional
- Iraq (Dutch)
- Continent
- Acid
- Filippo \_\_, Saint
- Second letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- Deliberate subversion
- One who presents a bond for payment
- A leaf attached directly by the base
- Basic, one two three
- Term of address to a boy
- Nut covering the end of a bolt
- Patti Hearst’s captors
- Bearded reddish sheep
- Seated
- Cain and \_\_
- Pisces or Leo
- Slang for requests
- Caviar
- Turkish tour specialists
- Volcanic mountain in Japan
- Digital tape recording of sound
- Compass point between north and northeast
- The length of time someone has lived
- Membrane that vibrates
- African hunting expedition
- Have a barrier between
- Guilty or not guilty
- Major news story
- Japanese socks
- Mormon state
- A British peer ranking
- Narrative poems
- Decays
- Something that links
- Scottish Ecological Design Assoc.

### CLUES DOWN

- Naval battle 474 BC
- Hebrew for barley
- Son of Zeus
- Fouquieria splendens
- Lightly burnt
- A figure that branches from a single root
- Standard strokes per hole
- Cake soaked in rum & syrup
- Exploiter
- Having relatively few calories
- Bert \_\_, Oz Lion
- Mama \_\_, rock singer
- Collective farm
- In the manner of
- Records the heart’s electrical currents
- \_\_ mon hamertoni
- Invests in little enterprises
- Wife of Jacob
- \_\_zar: Moorish Palace
- Approves food
- Jacob \_\_, American journalist
- Southeast Nigeria people
- \_\_el Adams: photographer
- The woman
- USDoD programming language
- Having little tensile strength
- Lug
- Runs machinery
- 1776 female descendants
- Sewing implement
- Short sleep
- Window covering
- Extremely violent
- City on Mohawk river
- Military dining room
- Boot attachment
- Highest adult male singing voice
- A notable achievement
- Expresses pleasure
- Dress in India
- Take in solid food

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