

# Goodland's High Plains Museum receives

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The High Plains Museum, 1717 Cherry Ave., is undergoing a facelift with a new paint job and landscaping around the front door.

The museum board and city commission felt the building needed some improvements as it appears the museum will not be moving to new quarters soon.

Linda Holton, curator, said the exhibits in the museum show a wide variety of the history of the area and include the first patented American helicopter.

Last year the museum expanded the transportation exhibit with the addition of a 1928 Ford two-door Model A.

The car was donated to the museum by the Sanderson family, and Sally (Sanderson) and husband Orin Carney of Rustic, Colo., hauled the car on a trailer from Colorado Springs.

"I learned to drive in that car," Sally Carney said as the car was being prepared for the final journey into the museum.

The car was originally owned by her grandparents, Frank and Marian Sanderson, who lived in Topeka and, according to information, was part of the first shipment of that model of Ford to arrive in Kansas.

She said her parents Roy and Ruth Sanderson bought the car from her grandparents and brought it to Goodland. She said she and her four brothers and three sisters grew up in



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The High Plains Museum in Goodland, 1717 Cherry Ave., is getting some much-needed improvements to the exterior and landscaping. The museum remains open for business.

Goodland where the family lived at 1318 College.

"When my parents would go on a Sunday afternoon drive in the new car (a 1950 Plymouth)," she said, "my girlfriends and I would

get in the Ford and drive it up and down the driveway.

"We had to be very careful to get it back exactly where Father had left it."

Asked if she did any more than that, she

said one time they got brave enough to drive around the block.

The car expands the transportation exhibit that includes old train equipment from the Rock Island Railroad, and a 1905 Holsman

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