

kanorado chronology

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Useless facts: A duck’s quack doesn’t echo. No one knows why. (I shouldn’t have put this in; a government task force might be called in!)

Friday, Oct. 27, 2000 was quite a day for the senior citizens of Kanorado. At 1 p.m., their new 2001 Ford van arrived! It was driven into town by salesmen Jeff Raile and Bob Yost of Yost Ford-Mercury in St. Francis. When the van arrived at the lot, Jeff Raile took it to Mike Boyson of Hot Brush in Bird City and Boyson created the beautiful artwork on both sides of the van. Betty Jensen, president of the Kanorado Senior Board asked Hot Brush to put the same logo on the new van that was on the old van. Boyson did a beautiful job and the letters he created are like a gold flake/metallic which glitter and dance in the sunlight.

The stagecoach and team of horses was basically what he recreated on the new van from the old one. The sides read: Kanorado Senior Citizens, GoldenAge Express, then an image of the stagecoach and team follow. And complimentary of Hot Brush, Boyson put the same words on the rear door of the van for the center. Board members who attended the arrival of the new van were Betty Jensen, Janice Hooker, Rose Williams, Stella Austin, Jake Fritz, Tammy Colby and Edna Bishop, with seven members absent.

It took quite a bit of work to get this van. The Kanorado Senior Center started by having soup and sandwich suppers in 1998. The center was greatly aided by the manager of Wal-Mart, who was Mr. Summerlin at the time. Wal-Mart contributed greatly to helping the seniors of Kanorado, with the donation of the groceries it took to prepare the meals. Kanorado Co-op then supplied all the utensils, bowls, cups and napkins for the meals with Ken Ketter, manager, getting them. Last, but definitely not least, several businesses in Brewster and Goodland, plus



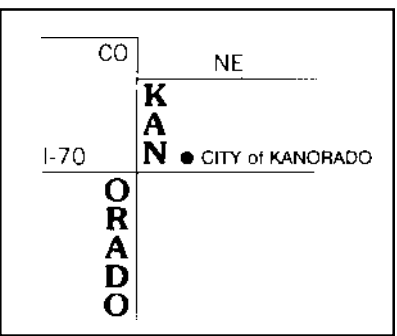
The new 2001 Kanorado Senior Citizens van was delivered Friday. There to see it were were (from left) Edna Bishop, Rose Williams, Lois Cossman, Stella Austin, Janice Hooker, Darlene Walter, President Betty Jensen, Tammy Colby and Jake Fritz.

individuals donated their money to this goal of getting a new van for Kanorado.

But one evening at a soup and sandwich supper a lady by the name of Lois Cossman showed up for dinner with her husband Bob. After asking about their struggles for getting a new van she put them on to Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development of which Lois was a board member at the time.

These people graciously sent out Duane Cheney and he set about trying to get a grant for the senior center. It finally came through with Keith Corbett of Colby, who represented the USDA Rural Development, attending the big day. They gave a grant of \$13,000 with a loan of \$7,000.

It was wonderful for president Betty Jensen to stand there and hand Jeff Raile a check for the full amount of the van with Goodland’s Rusty Renner of the local TV station in there to record it all. So many thanks to all the people and businesses we have not named and for the hard work of several board



members. Happy trails to the Kanorado Senior Center! These people are more grateful than you will ever know.

Things my mother taught me: My mother taught me about stamina-“You’ll sit there until all that spinach is finished.”

Joseph (Joe) Lopez, 12, youngest son of Margie and Santos Lopez broke his leg last week during physical education period at school. His parents took him to Denver where his leg was set and cast at Children’s Hospital. Joe, you get well soon and invite everyone

over to sign that cast! We all can at least give you the most awesome “artisan cast” around!

New words for the next century: Chainsaw consultant-An outside expert brought in to reduce the employee headcount, leaving the top brass with clean hands.

October things to do in the garden: Protect hybrid roses by mounding soil around the base of the plant to a depth of 12 inches. Cover the canes with leaves and prevent the leaves from blowing away. Winterize your water garden, bring in tender plants and put in an aquarium, move hardy plants to the lowest part of the garden for survival.

Plant new trees and shrubs and aerate your lawn. Wrap trunks of young trees to protect against sun scald. Trunks should be covered from ground level all the way up to the lowest branches. If your ground allows it, till the garden to destroy over wintering insects and it will save you work next spring.

shortage of hay for livestock.

In Glacier County, where drought has visited for the past three years, livestock already have grazed on much of the small grains that weren’t salvageable, extension agent Darren Crawford said.

“It’s really tough on people who have started in the last few years, generally because of their debt load,” he said. “Some guys who went in without a debt load probably have some now.”

What to do with leaves?

Yes, it’s that wonderful time of year when our deciduous trees decide they’ve had it for the year and are dropping their leaves en masse, usually on our lawn areas. While not a lot of fun, removing leaves can be an important part of a fall lawn care program, especially if turf was planted in early fall.

Fallen leaves are not an appreciable source of nutrients for turf and are not toxic. They can be a valuable source of organic matter, a benefit to soil quality. The problem with leaves is that they create shade. Cool-season turf grass plants are now experiencing optimal growth conditions. Excessive shade from a layer of fallen tree leaves diminishes the chance for turf to take advantage of them. This is not to say that leaves need to be removed immediately. But leaving a thick layer of leaves on a lawn for more than 3-4 days can reduce potential growth and, in extreme cases, cause turf grass plants to lose some green color due to lack of sunlight. In that case, leaf removal will help turf bounce back fairly quickly. Young turf plants, with less than fully expanded leaf blades and immature root systems, are particularly sensitive



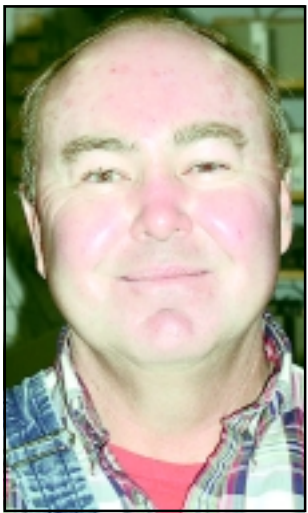
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to shade stress and leaves should be removed more frequently than from established turf.

Disposal of leaves can involve raking and bagging, composting or mulching back into the turf. When raking leaves, be extra careful with new turf. Aggressive raking may pull young plants out of the ground. Composting can be effective but is facilitated if the leaves are tilled or mulched to break them up. Use of a mulching mower to return leaf material to the ground is not detrimental to established turf, provided the mulched leaves aren’t so thick that the turf gets limited sunlight. Be more careful with mower mulching leaves on new turf as the seedlings are more sensitive to mechanical stress. Once you’ve mowed a new or renovated lawn at least once, mulching leaves with your rotary mower should not harm the turf. By keeping fallen leaves from hampering turf grass growth, we can maximize the benefit of fall growth.

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Bad drought year to be followed by cut in payments

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Gary Gollehon hasn’t scratched a profit from his farm in years. Last spring, he gambled again, planting much of his farm near Brady in high-quality malting barley, only to see it wither in the powder-dry soil and be sold instead as cheaper livestock feed.

Coming off one of the worst droughts, a bad crop and the knowledge that his federal farm payments are getting cut again, Gollehon isn’t optimistic things will turn around anytime soon.

“There have been too many dry years,” said Gollehon, who farms with his son-in-law in west-central Montana. “We’re hoping for a good year, but hope’s running out here.”

Farmers who had difficulty turning a profit during the drought — and that was most of them in Montana — are facing another whammy next year: continued withering federal aid.

Payments to farmers with production flexibility contracts will be 20 percent less than they were this year, when high fuel and fertilizer costs only added to the drought, said Bruce Nelson, state executive director of the federal Farm Service Agency for Montana.

It is the single largest drop under the seven-year schedule of declining payments set out in the 1996 farm law, Nelson said.

The law was designed to ease farmers’ long-term dependence on the government by ending a decades-old system of production controls and lowering federal price supports. In turn, farmers were guaranteed continued — but diminishing — payments through 2002. They also would be able to plant whatever they liked, without the risk of losing government subsidies.

Supporters called the program “Freedom to Farm.” Opponents dubbed it a

more ominous nickname — “Freedom to Fail” — and they say it has unfortunately proven more accurate.

The expected rise in commodity prices after the adoption of the farm legislation never happened. Meanwhile, farm payments, which did not allow adjustments for the low market, continued to fall.

In Montana, the payments will drop from about \$117.5 million this year to about \$95 million next year, said Bill Flanigan, the agency’s program specialist. In Wyoming, payments will fall from \$7.5 million to about \$6 million.

Producers in Montana, Wyoming and other states have received emergency federal assistance to try to tide them over. But experts admit it’s no solution.

In Montana, millions of dollars have been paid to help farmers get water to their livestock. And land in the Conservation Reserve Program was opened to haying and grazing to help relieve the

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