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Cole Carson Richardson was born Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2003, at McAlester, Okla., weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and at 20 inches long. Aaron and Jodi (Miller) Richardson of Wilburton, Okla., are his parents.

Chip and Kathy Miller of Goodland and Bea and the late Jerry Richardson of Lakin are his grandparents. Delores and Howard Peter of Neiderwald, Texas, and Patty and Burl Norrell are his great-grandparents.

activities

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

“Prairie Past Times,” a photographic history of entertainment in Sherman County is on **display from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday** at the museum, 1717 Cherry Ave.

The **Carnegie Arts Center** is open from **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday** and from **1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday**. Silk paintings by Diane Lawrence will be displayed through Friday, Oct. 31.

The **Goodland Public Library** will have **story time** for 4 and 5-year-olds from **10-10:45 a.m. Wednesdays** and from **11-11:45 a.m. Thursdays**. Story time for 3-year-olds will be from **10-10:45 a.m. Thursdays**. **Born to Read** for children birth to age 3 will be at **10 a.m. Fridays**.

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

Century Families, for people whose family came to Sherman County more than 100 years ago, meets at **7 p.m. the second Monday** of the month at the Senior Center. For information, call 899-2835.

Aerobics Classes - 7:30 a.m. aerobics classes are offered daily at the Goodland Activities Center. Tena Tompkins leads a step aerobics class at **5:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. On Tuesday and Thursday, a less intense class is offered. Call 890-7242.

TOPS Meetings - Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at **5:30 p.m. Mondays** at the Good Samaritan Center. Enter the east door on Center Ave. Weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Sherman County is seeking mentors and children to mentor. Call 899-3665.

Alcoholics Anonymous S.O.S. Group meets at **noon Tuesday and**

the calendar

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A **star party** will begin **two hours before dusk today and Saturday** at 1620 Rd. 67, Goodland. Bring telescope and food for barbecue. Children welcome. Can camp out overnight. No fees but donations would be accepted for educational materials from the astronomical society. Call Ron Thompson at 899-2053.

The **First Christian Church**, Eighth and Arcade, is having its annual Harvest Sale **craft and bake sale at 10 a.m. Saturday**. A soup and pie lunch will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

SHARE sign up for the November distribution of food will be until **Monday, Nov. 10**, at the Sherman County Health Department, Harvest America, the Regional Prevention Center or the Kanorado Senior Center. **Pickup** will be **Saturday** for the October distribution.

The **Goodland Senior Center**, 208 W. 15th., is having an **open house from 1:30-4 p.m. Sunday** to celebrate the center's 20th anniversary.

All **Girl Scouts** are invited to a **birthday celebration** for the organization's founder, Juliette Low, from **6-7:30 p.m. Thursday** at the Methodist Church.

Thursday at 8 p.m. Wednesday and at 7 p.m. Friday at the First Christian Church, Eighth and Arcade. The group also meets at **7 p.m. Monday** in the cafeteria in the basement at the Kit Carson County Hospital in Burlington. Call Pamela at 719-346-7711, Laura at 785-890-5417 or Dave at 890-2858.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at **8 p.m. Monday-Thursday and Saturday** at 1013 Center. Saturday is an open meeting with Al-Anon, families of alcoholics, meeting in the same room. **Al-Anon also meets at 8 p.m. on Monday** in a different room. For Alcoholics Anonymous, call Rob at 890-3023 or Linda at 399-2353. For Al-Anon, call Cheryl at 890-3023.

Fibromyalgia and Chronic Myofascial Pain Support Group meets from **6:30-8:30 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

The fourth annual Northwest

A **fall festival and turkey dinner** will be held from **4-6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2**, at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 13th and Sherman.

A **community farewell for Pastor Bud and Lois Chester** will be from **2-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8**, at the Rockhouse.

school activities

Friday: Gold day. ITBS make-up testing. Varsity football vs. Colby 6:30 p.m. here, senior parent night. Last day of the first nine weeks.

Saturday: ACT test 8 a.m. here. Regional cross country at Larned. Sub-state volleyball at Colby.

Monday: No school — teacher training and work day. AFS social 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. Student of the week — business.

Tuesday: Gold day. Seminar — DECA. Scholar's bowl 3 p.m. at Oakley, dismiss 1:45 p.m., depart 2. Parent/teacher conferences 4-8 p.m. in the high school gym.

Wednesday: Black day. City/county recreation sports 7:30 p.m. in the Max Jones Fieldhouse and junior high gym.

Thursday: Gold day. Seminar — STUCO. Varsity Football 6:30 p.m. at Scott City, dismiss 1:55,

depart 2:20. Cheerleaders to Scott City, dismiss 2:30, depart 3.

Friday, Oct. 31: No school — parent/teacher conferences 8 a.m.-noon. State volleyball.

Saturday, Nov. 1: State volleyball. State cross country.

school menu

Monday: No school. Teacher training and work day. **Tuesday:** Pigs-n-blanket, tator square, green beans, frosted banana and milk. **Wednesday:** Chili, crackers, pickle spear, cinnamon roll, peaches and milk. **Thursday:** Cheeseburger, french fries, lettuce, pickle, tomato, ice cream and milk. **Friday:** No school. Parent/teacher conferences.

senior center menu

Monday: Hot dog, macaroni and cheese, winter mix vegetables, bun and rosy applesauce. **Tuesday:** Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrot/raisin salad, bread and pears. **Wednesday:** Swiss steak, potato casserole, green beans, dinner roll and ice cream with strawberries. **Thursday:** Ham and beans, sunshine salad, orange juice, cornbread and pudding. **Friday:** Cook's choice entree, creamed potatoes and peas, pasta salad, bread and mandarin oranges.

Monday-Friday and 1-5 p.m. Saturday.

health department

The Sherman County Health Department at 1622 Broadway is open from 8 a.m.- noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Monday: WIC in Atwood. Scheduled appointments. Voucher pickup 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **Tuesday:** Scheduled appointments. **Wednesday:** Blood pressures 9:30-11:30 p.m. at the Goodland Senior Center. **Thursday:** WIC in Colby. Scheduled appointments. Open clinic for flu shots 4-6 p.m. **Friday:** Scheduled appointments.

The next cholesterol clinic will be Friday, Nov. 21. Call 899-4888 for an appointment.

Infants' and children's immunizations, physicals, fasting blood sugar, cholesterol and hemoglobin, family planning and toenail clipping available by appointment. Sharps containers are available free of charge. Call 899-4888.

If you have questions, concerns or complaints about child care, call

the health department.

Water Testing — The Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group does free well evaluations, including testing for bacteria and nitrates. To schedule an evaluation or discuss environmental concerns, call the Health Department at 899-4888.

hospital volunteers

Monday: Helen Hughes, courtesy, and N. Finley, a.m. **Tuesday:** Anita Coleman, a.m., and Beulah McClung, p.m.

ruleton alumni

Ruleton Alumni is needing information on classes from 1960-69 for a book. If the alumni dinner for Reunion 2006 is held, volunteers will be needed. Call Lois Sieck at 899-2733 or Arbutus Topliff at 899-2625.

alateen

A former Alateen member and an Al-Anon member have formed an Alateen support group that will meet from 6-7 p.m. on Mondays at 1275 W. Sixth in Colby. The group is for relatives and friends of alcoholics and is open to anyone 19 years old or under. Call 785-462-8152 or 462-6101.

tiny-k

The Early Intervention Networks has a new name, Tiny-k Early Intervention Services. The program promotes development among infants and toddlers with special needs. The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center in Oakley provides these services free of charge to children in this area.

Services include speech, developmental, vision and hearing screenings to all children and physical/occupational therapy and developmental training to children who qualify. Call 785-672-3125, ext. 115.

preschool

Sherman County Head Start is a free preschool for eligible three and four year olds. The preschool is accepting applications for the 2003-04 school year. The federally funded program is targeted to families who meet certain economic guidelines and provides hearing, vision, dental and educational screenings. Nutritious meals are served, and parents are encouraged to get involved in their children's education

Families interested in having their child in the program should call Julie Dautel or Carrie Starns at 899-2552 or go to Sherman County Head Start, 823 W. 11th.

obituary

Thelma Felzien

Thelma May (Elliott) Felzien, 82, an Edson native, died Sunday, Oct. 19, 2003, in Wichita.

She was born Sept. 9, 1921, at Edson, the daughter of Bert and Nettie Elliott.

Preceding her in death were her parents and brothers, Charles, Elmer and Edgar Elliott.

Survivors include her husband of 63 years, Jalmer H. Felzien; a daughter, Patricia Ann (Fred) Maurer of Wichita; a son, Gerald L. (Joyce) Felzien of Rochester Hills, Mich.; two sisters, Rhea Elliott of Temple, Texas, and Betty Wright of Goodland; four brothers, Leonard and Henry Elliott of Goodland and Eugene and John Elliott of Edson; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, 2003, at Resthaven Mortuary and Cemetery in Wichita.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Care of Kansas in care of the funeral home at 11800 W. Hwy. 54, Wichita, Kan. 67209.

Legion needs 19 members to meet goal

Goodland's American Legion post needs just 19 more members to pay their 2004 dues to meet its membership goal of 90 for next year.

A membership goal is established each year for each post in the state by the Legion's Kansas Department. For Goodland, the goal established was one member more than its 2003 strength of 89.

Post Commander Ken Baum urged all members who have not paid their 2004 dues to do so as soon as possible. As of Monday, 71 of the 91 members on the roster had paid up.

Claude Schmatjen transferred his Legion membership to Goodland at Monday night's meeting. Schmatjen recently returned to Goodland after living in Texas for the past five years.

The post will have its next meeting concurrent with its November holiday dinner at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 17, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars dining room, 824 Main Ave.

The cost is \$3 per person or \$5 per couple. Reservations and payment must be received by Nov. 10 at Box 144, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

Prairie fire caused by Dewey employees destroyed miles of grass today in history

By Evelyn Ward

Sherman County Historical Society

October 24, 1903: Prairie Fire Destroys Range — Caused By Dewey Employees While Burning Fire Guards — Grass on a Stretch of Country Five Miles Long and Several Miles Wide Destroyed — The first prairie fire of the season, and one that burned over thousands of acres of buffalo grass, started on the ranch that McCluskey sold to Dewey in the northeast part of the county Monday about noon, sweeping southeast with the wind and burning over Ackerman's range and only stopped about five miles from where it started.

Employees of the Dewey Cattle company were burning fireguards around stacks of hay and burning the grass between when the fire leaped the insufficient furrows and was soon beyond control.

The wind was blowing from the northwest, and the fire easily made rapid progress in a southeasterly direction. It started on section 15-6-38, swept over the most of Ackerman's range 37 and 38, crossing the township line between 6 and 7, and burned off some of the grass on township 7, range 37.

The neighbors of Thaddeus McDaniels had a hard time to stop

the progress of the fire, and they succeeded only when it had advanced upon them within 30 feet of his granary.

The Dewey outfit consisted of three teams and five men. The stacks were located on ground where the grass was heavy, and as the plow turned the furrow, the long steams of dry grass stuck out from below which carried the blaze across the furrows.

The damage done to the range is considerable. The range of Mr. Ackerman, which had supported a large herd of cattle throughout the year, is now nothing but a black and charred stretch of territory. Tracts of land belonging to other parties suffered the same fate.

Whether or not there is foundation for their assertions, some of the people from the northeast part of the county say that it looks as though there was great carelessness on the part of the Dewey men or that they let the fire get away on purpose.

It is well known fact that Ackerman and some others in that part of the country have been a thorn in the flesh of the insatiable Dewey company, because they would not

capitulate their holdings at the price named by Dewey.

Ackerman is himself quoted as saying that Deweys had declared that he would be the next man that they would oust in some way from that corner of Sherman. Men who have been taught by experience to distrust the subtle operations of the Dewey company in this county believe that since the wind was just right to carry the fire over almost all of the Ackerman holdings and to practically burn the man out, while little damage was done to the place owned by the cattle company, that there might be something in the report after all.

The Dewey cattle company may have to face a damage suit, occasioned by this fire, as it hardly seems that the fire could have gotten away had proper precautions been taken.

October 25, 1903: S.A. Moulton,

a barber, was taken down a week ago with a disease resembling small pox, but Dr. Gulick, who has the case in charge, says it is Cuban itch. No official quarantine has been proclaimed, but Dr. Gulick, to suppress any probability of a scare, has practically laid a quarantine in the Moulton residence. The explanation of the contagion is that Moulton took the disease from shaving a railroad man who was broken out at the time.

October 26, 1903: Federal Grand Jury Indicts — C.P. and Chauncey Dewey and Employees Arrested — Warrants Charge Intimidation of Settlers and Fencing of Government Lands — Federal Authorities May Make Cattle Baron Much Trouble — Frank McGrath, deputy United States marshal, has warrants for the arrest of C.P. Dewey, Chauncey Dewey, William McBride, Louis McBride and W.J. Ratcliff, charging them with offenses for which the federal court may, at its November term,

land them in jail to serve long sentences. Probably the most important bit of work of the federal grand jury was the finding of indictments on charge of intimidation of settlers and fencing government land, against the five men. The names of 54 witnesses are endorsed upon the information upon which the defendants will be tried.

The five men are jointly charged in the indictments. C.P. Dewey is the owner of the Oak Ranch, and Chauncey Dewey is his son. W. McBride and his brother, Louis, are riders on the ranch, while W.J. Ratcliff is a land agent at Atwood and has been in the employ of the elder Dewey.

Seven counts were found against the men for intimidating settlers who desired to homestead government lands. The federal law covering this offense attaches a penalty of a fine not to exceed \$5,000 and imprisonment of not more than ten years. Seven counts have also been brought against the five men for

fencing government land. The penalty for this offense is \$1,000 fine with not more than one year imprisonment.

October 27, 1903: Returns have been made to the United States marshal's office in Topeka on the warrants that were issued for the arrest of the men for fencing government land and intimidating settlers.

C.P. and Chauncey Dewey and W.J. McBride were arrested and released on bonds of \$1,000 each. They were at the Dewey-owned Eureka Lake resort near Manhattan, where they have remained ever since the difficulties between the Dewey ranch and the Berry family early in June. The marshal did not find Louis McBride or W.J. Ratcliff, for whom warrants were issued.


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The MAS Youth Group and The American Legacy Foundation

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