

# As requested, 'Of cars and weddings part 2'

If I ever doubt anyone reads things I write for the paper, someone comes along to prove me wrong. After attending the Thetis Club's music recital, I visited with piano teacher Nancy Shores, who said she was waiting for part 2 of my saga about my car trouble in January.

She wanted to know if my friend's wedding had taken place and how things were going with the car. I've had a lot of questions about both subjects, so maybe it is time for part 2.

I told Nancy I was going to wait until the whole thing is solved, but by then, I will probably have enough for part 3, so to answer the burning questions....

First, the wedding. It was planned for Saturday, June 23. It won't be happening that way. Thursday, March 1, I was up to my ears and beyond in putting pages together for Friday's paper, when my e-mail bell dinged. I looked to see if it was im-



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• just for fun

portant and noticed a message from my friend with the subject line, "I'm sorry for what I have done."

"What has she done?" I wondered.

I opened it immediately and gasped so loud everyone in the office asked what happened.

"She eloped," I said.

Apparently, her mother was so mad she laid on a huge guilt trip. My friend was convinced I would be so mad we couldn't be friends anymore. She begged me to forgive her someday, years from now. But I wasn't mad, just surprised.

I had already begged off from being a bridesmaid, concerned about how I could afford the deposit

on the dress with my bills and car trouble and everything. The bride was able to trade my deposit with someone else and send me the other girl's money.

Now I won't have to worry about the trip to the wedding, either. Her friends in Sterling, Colo., are having a reception for her this weekend. I would love to go, but I'm scheduled to work and don't have a weekend available to trade with someone. I already mailed their gift. I figured they would need all the help they could get with her family so mad.

I don't actually know when they went or where they married. I'll have to ask about that. Life has been so chaotic we haven't gotten around to talking about much, other than her Mom's reaction.

Now, the car. After discovering the engine had burned up, I asked

several friends for help and suggestions on where to get an engine, who to have fix it, how much it should cost and the like. I had all kinds of suggestions, but it all came down to what the bank would agree to because I had to borrow money.

A friend was sure he could get me an engine and find someone to work on the car for under \$1,500, so I applied with the bank that had a lien on the car. They approved a loan for me to fix it but only if a certified mechanic was working on the car.

I had an estimate from Finley Motors for \$2,300, and Herl Chevrolet said they'd probably charge the same. I asked about the auto tech department at the tech college. The bank said they would probably work with them, and one of the instructors said he'd love to have his class work on my car.

The problem? He wasn't sure they could start before May 1, and it would take about three weeks to do the job. He said he'd work it in

sooner if he could, but I needed more of a guarantee if I was going to wait. So I called Finley's and said I had the loan approved and needed to make arrangements to fix the car. The shop manager said he'd talk to the bank and call me back. He didn't, but a salesman did.

I had taken a test drive a couple of weeks before, considering buying a car instead of fixing that one, but I thought they wanted too much. By the time I was ready to fix the broken one, he had another car.

I made an appointment to test drive it after I was past my deadlines at work, and in the meantime heard from Herl's, where I had also asked about buying. He was going to have a car from their Burlington lot ready for me to drive in the morning.

So I drove the car at Finley's and said I'd think about it, which I did all evening. Then I drove the car at Herl's, all the while comparing features and prices in my head with the other.

I dropped it off and said I needed

to think about it. I called Finley's and said I wanted that one, thinking they had a loan already approved like Herl's did. Nope, and while I was waiting for that to be straightened out, I got a call from Herl's. The salesman wanted to know what I was thinking and tried to persuade me I was making a mistake buying the other car. I know that's his job, but I didn't need any more confusion.

It all worked out that day, though, and I bought a 2001 Buick LeSabre from Finley's. The salesman at Herl's was good to work with; I just picked what I thought was a better car for my needs since either way, I would be spending a lot of money for my budget and will be making payments for quite a while.

What isn't finished? I am driving with a temporary tag because the previous owner lost the title, and we're still waiting for a new one from the state so I can get the tag transferred. It's always something, isn't it?

# Time for spring cleaning; church to have bake sale Saturday

People have been busy doing their spring yard clean-up, and I'm sure spring house cleaning too. There's not much news this week.

The Brewster Community Church had their annual bake sale Saturday. The proceeds go to their mission funds. I understand they did quite well this year.

Last Tuesdays' overnight guests of Warren and Bonnie Reid were John and Laurie Jones, Mallory and Julie of Kismet, and Ryan and Amanda Kisner and Elijah of Goodwell, Okla. Nate and Judy



## betty jo baird

• brewster news

Reid visited in the evening.

Don't forget to get out and vote Tuesday. Your vote does count and is important on the college issue.

Brewster Grocery Inc. are having their Grand Opening Friday and

Saturday, April 13 and 14. Friday they will have store specials, and Saturday they will be serving sloppy joes from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. along

with store specials. There will be drawings for \$100, \$75 and \$50 gift certificates for groceries. Saturday they will be open from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

The Retired and Senior Volunteer

Program banquet and dance will be Wednesday, April 18, at the American Legion in Colby. Registration is at 4 p.m. with dinner served at 5 p.m., followed by awards.

The dance will be from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Let Laura in Colby know by Monday, April 9, if you plan to attend. The Brewster Senior Center will be taking our bus down if you need a ride.

If you are ending a relationship, be careful not to make food your substitute lover. Eating is an unconscious response that fills the emp-

iness we feel. We look for something to fill the void and ease the pain.

Food always seems to fit the bill. It is painless. It is available. It usually looks, smells and feels good. Food won't argue with you. It won't take anything from you. It is something you can snuggle up with and settle down with.

Food always seems to be there when you need it, but don't let food

fool you. It will leave you in much worse shape than your exiting lover.

Instead of a sandwich, ice cream or pie, try running, dancing or screaming. If none of that works, find a nice quiet place to cry and pray. God does listen. You may not feel good when you are doing it, but you will get more out of it than calories, inches and a body to feel bad about.

See you next week.

# matters of record

## Goodland Police

The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

**March 16** — 11:31 p.m., 509 Caldwell, Felicia McGrath reported a theft.

**March 17** — 8:16 p.m., 307 W. Ninth, arrested Wendy Sue Hunter for driving under the influence. Case referred to city attorney.

**March 18** — 1:30 a.m., 624 E. Second, arrested Nathan Allen Simmons, James William Armstrong and Kyle K.C. Hansen, criminal damage to property, minor in consumption of alcohol and obstruction of legal process. Victim was Jeffrey Dinkel and City of Goodland. Case referred to city attorney.

11:58 a.m., 521 E. Business U.S. 24, Orscheln Farm and Home Sup-

ply reported a theft. 2:45 p.m., 1209 Harrison, Brian A. Moore, reported a burglary and theft.

**March 19** — 9:58 a.m., 110 Clark, report of indecent liberties with a child.

10:46 a.m., 216 Walnut, Robert Benavidez reported criminal damage to property.

6:46 p.m., 2520 Commerce, ar-

rested Lorenzo Richard Hernandez, driving while suspended. Case referred to city attorney.

**March 20** — 1:45 a.m., 2218 Commerce, arrested Linda Pera Swan, battery, battery of law enforcement officer, obstructing legal process and disorderly conduct. Victims were Joni Showalter, J.L. Wilson, Damion Johnson and Brian Dietz. Case referred to county attorney.

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