

Miss Molly grates lye soap to put in her wash water at a Kansas Day skit put on by High Plains Museum Director Linda Holton. Museum employee Glenda Parks (above) showed Goodland fourth graders

how to put the needle on a cylinder on a victrola.

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Students, museum observe Kansas Day

High Plains Museum Director Linda Holton and Glenda Parks gave talks and a small skit to Goodland elementary school kids on Thursday and Friday in observance of Kansas Day Friday.

Holton as Miss Molly came walking in carrying two make believe buckets of water so she could do her family's laundry. Holton talked about life in Kansas 100 years ago

and how many things have changed. She talked about gathering cow chips to use for fuel for a stove to heat water. The settlers used cow chips because of the shortage of wood. All water was hauled from a creek or river.

Heated water was put in a wash tub and lye soap bars were grated into the water. Clothes were added and a stomper, a stick with a big

plug on the end, was used to get the clothes wet. Then they were scrubbed on a scrub board. The clothes were rinsed in more water and then hung on a clothes line to dry. During the winter clothes finished drying in front of the stove or other heat source.

Holton explained to the students that fabrics were heavy and were quite wrinkled after washing. To

iron the clothes a sad iron or a heavy metal iron was heated on the stove and then used on the clothes to get rid of wrinkles. She talked about how people didn't wear different clothes every day because for one they didn't have many clothes and hand washing them was very tedious.

The students asked if girls always wore dresses and she said yes. The

men always dressed in suits when they went to town, she said.

She explained that the kids walked or were given a ride to school. Some kids walked miles to go to school.

On bath day she said everyone used the same water so the first one was reminded not to use a lot of soap.

Parks talked about construction of sod houses and how people used

dug out before that. She also had a victrola that used cylinders like records for music that she played for kids.

After the skit the fourth graders got to look at the other exhibits at the museum.

The museum was visited by about 80 fourth graders on Thursday and about 80 second graders on Friday.

New nursing home director introduces herself

By Tom Betz

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The Sherman County Good Samaritan Society has a new director and Friday she met with the Sherman County commissioners to talk about her first week on the job.

Pam Black, told the commissioners she grew up in Kansas and has moved from Junction City where she had been working for Good Samaritan Society.

She has an associates degree from Colby and two degrees from Kansas State University. She is married and

has a step-daughter who is 24.

She said she started as a Certified Nurses Aid at 16, and worked up to get a degree. She said she has been in Goodland for eight days, and her family will be moving here next week.

She said the Sherman County Good Samaritan has 49 residents with 12 in a special care unit. She said with the present staff there are about 12 residents per staff member.

Commissioner Chuck Thomas asked if Black had any issues.

Commissioner Max Linin asked if Black could add any staff.

She said she could add staff, but does have to stay within a budget.

Thomas said he felt there were good people on the staff.

"I think the number of staff is not a big problem," she said, "as getting things done that need to be done. There are some problems with having the staff available at specific times."

Linin asked if the facility has a drug and alcohol testing program and if Black determines when that

happens.

Black said people are tested when they are hired and then headquarters determines when the random testing is done. She said if she suspects something testing can be done at any time.

Linin said he had a call that one of the staff was at work drunk earlier that week.

"She was not drunk," Black said, "but I know what you are talking about. We are trying to check on those types of issues."

Thomas asked if Black had

worked with other nursing homes with an advisory council.

Black said she has not met with the advisory council, but expected that would take place soon.

Black said the nursing director and other department supervisors are under her supervision. She said she expects to be pretty active in working with the staff.

Thomas said it was a different type of operation in Sherman County having Wheat Ridge versus Good Samaritan.

Black said she has not looked

closely at the facility, and wants to see if the model is where it is needed for staffing.

Thomas said each home is different in needs.

Black said that is true and one of the things she is going to focus on.

Thomas thanked Black for coming in to meet with the commissioners and encouraged her to come back if she has any needs for the nursing home.

Six injured in rollover at county line Friday

Six people were injured and two flown to Denver after a clubcab pickup missed turning at a "T" intersection and went into the north ditch rolling onto its top.

State trooper Minh Huynh reported the accident happened about 7:10 p.m. on Friday when the 1996 Chevrolet Clubcab pickup was driv-

ing north on Sherman County Road 21, approached a "T" intersection with Cheyenne County Road A.

The driver, Austin L. Sramek, 24, of Max, Neb., missed the turn and drove into the north ditch with the pickup rolling and coming to rest on its top facing south.

The driver and passengers were

injured and ambulances from Goodland and St. Francis responded to the scene with four of the people being brought to Goodland Regional Medical Center and two taken to Cheyenne County Hospital in St. Francis.

Passengers Mandy S. Sramek, 17, and Maria Sramek, 15, both of Max,

Neb., were taken to the Goodland hospital and then flown to Swedish Medical Center in Denver.

Passenger Pat Michael Keehn, 29, of McCook, Neb., and the driver, Austin Sramek, were also taken to the Goodland hospital.

Passengers Laryssa K. Eckoff, 17, of Trenton, Neb., and Joshua

John Garner of Bird City, were transported to the Cheyenne County Hospital.

Trooper Huynh reported none of the passengers or driver were wearing seat belts.

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Accidents

The following accidents were investigated by the Goodland Police Department.

Jan. 19 — 10:42 a.m., 2160 Commerce Rd., a 2004 Dodge driven by Michael L. Ravenstein was parked and the driver was getting out of his car when a 2005 Mercury driven by Raymond Palkowitsh was pull-

ing into a parking space. Neither driver saw the other's action and the driver's door of the Dodge came in contact with the right front quarter panel of the Mercury

Jan. 20 — 10:49 a.m., 1100 W. 16th, a 2010 GMC driven by Danny Donovan was driving southeast out of the parking lot when the vehicle hit a utility pole.

7:30 a.m., 1200 Cherry Ave., a 2001 Ford owned by Rhonda Rice was legally parked and a 1980 Ford driven by Tyler Jones pulled in and was too close to the other Ford. Jones was backing out and hit Rice's Ford.

District Traffic

The following fines have been paid in the Sherman County District

Court.

February 3, 1984: Jerome F. Hempe, Jr., speeding, \$152.

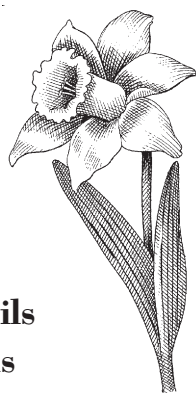
July 6, 2008: James S. Cooper, speeding, \$175.

February 17, 2009: Mitchell Castillo, driving with suspended license, \$1,075; speeding, \$30.

March 22: Pedro Soto, speeding, \$212.

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