

Goodland newspaper goes to twice-weekly publication

The Goodland Star-News debuts today as an all-local newspaper for Sherman County, replacing *The Goodland Daily News*. The paper changed to a twice-weekly publication, with a Midweek edition on Tuesdays and a Weekend edition on Fridays. Steve Haynes, president of the parent Nor West Newspapers, said that the decision is a matter of economics and focus. "With a declining population base and business base, the support no longer exists for a daily newspaper," Haynes said. "The business base, dozens of downtown merchants, that supported the *Goodland Daily* in 1932, no longer exists. There are no grocery stores left, and far fewer small merchants than there once were. "Even after the merger with the *Sherman County Star*, we have lost

money as a daily and this seemed to be the best way to continue to provide a quality newspaper in Goodland." While the paper has been successful in delivering a quality product, winning 53 state and national awards in the last five years, it has lost money every year since the Gibsons Discount Store and Jubilee Foods closed, Mr. Haynes said. The *Star-News* will include improvements which he said he believes will be positive for the newspaper and the town, including more local news, a better television guide, same-day delivery all over the county, a copy of *The Country Advocate* and *American Profile* magazine for all local subscribers, and new lower subscription rates. Gone will be the Associated Press report, most of the comics and

features and all national commentary. There will be a renewed emphasis on Goodland and Sherman County, Haynes said, and there will be more of it in every paper. Main local news space will increase from one full page per issue to two. Another change is that the newspapers will no longer be delivered by carriers, but will be delivered in the mail on the day the paper is published. The Midweek edition will be delivered in Tuesday's mail to every subscriber's mail box, city or rural, and the Weekend edition will be delivered to everyone in the county on Friday. The newspaper's single-copy price will increase to 75 cents, but the annual subscription rate will be less. Editor Tom Betz said rates have been cut to reflect the change in publication days.

Local ranch does well at stock show

Camp 1A Ranch exhibited two Red Angus heifers at the National Western Stock Show in Denver on Jan. 13. Camp 1A Crystal Canyon was first in class and went on to be named Reserve Champion Junior Heifer. Camp 1A Grand Crystal, a full sister to Crystal Canyon, was first in a tough class of March yearling heifers. Grand Crystal went on to be shown at the Fort Worth Exposition and Livestock show in Texas and again was first in class. Camp 1A ranch is a partnership of Troy Faulkender, Oakley, and Mike Bandel, St. Francis. "We were very fortunate and excited with how the heifers did at the show," they said. "We were most pleased that we were able to do so well with the kind of cattle we want to raise." When forming the partnerships several years ago, they choose Red Angus as they felt that they had the most to offer in terms of consistency, mothering ability, growth and carcass quality. "Our emphasis has been on moderate framed, easy fleshing, high performing cattle. Our two heifers were far from the biggest framed animals there, probably closer to the smaller end," they said. "They're the middle of the road in terms of frame. "So far in our showing, when we've been beaten we feel it has been when a judge is picking cattle that are too large framed for commercial use. We were fortunate to have a judge picking cattle that have practical use."



TONY HOWARD helps remove snow after the storm. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien



LESLIE HOOK hangs up a gate at the Jackson Street Mercantile. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Antique and collectible mall open in St. Francis

By Karen Krien
The Jackson Street Mercantile, an antique and collectible mall, opened on Feb. 3 at Quincy and Jackson streets. Last year, the location was known as Bandel Home Center and was owned and operated by Eric and Leslie Hook. Today, it is still owned and operated by the Hooks who took their existing building and made a place for several businesses including the mall. The mall is a fascinating place which will carry many, many different items, mostly brought in by consignors. There are a variety of booth sizes ranging from 25- to 99-square feet and consignors rent the booths. Each booth is framed and there is chicken wire, boards and lattice on which consignors can hang items. Each booth has access to electricity in case there is an item which will need it. As of Monday, there were collectibles and antiques ranging from soda bottles, milk bottle caps and crocks to old hubcaps to a chair and larger furniture. The consignor is responsible for bringing in the items, arranging and marking them and the Hooks will take care of the sale and collecting the money. There are also cases which are kept locked for those valuables that cannot be left just hanging around. People are urged to come in weekly, if not daily, as there will be new items being brought in all the time. In fact, the Hooks said they are willing to work with everybody's schedules and will open after hours. Their regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Mrs. Hook reported that all of the consignors are local and there are still a few booths available. Right now, there are no craft items — just

people's collectibles and treasures that they are willing to part with. For those people who are always looking for certain items which they collect or want, the Hooks will keep a list. They are in contact with a number of other collectors and also go to and conduct auctions. "Just let us know what you want," Mrs. Hook said. "We will try to find it." In the future, they plan to put out a brochure which will include other antique and collectible dealers telling travelers as well as those coming to St. Francis and Bird City for community and family functions about the antique stores in St. Francis. They plan in the future to hold flea markets and antique sales in the large sale building located to the south of the Jackson Street Mercantile. There will be advertising in advance so everyone will know the dates of the next event.

Mrs. Hook reported that she began going to auctions with her mother Florice when she was just a little girl and she has grown up with an appreciation and knowledge of antiques. She is always on the lookout for items that came from Grandpa Bud Carpenter's store. Mr. Hook's father, Bill Hook, has been in the auctioneering business for years and he has a good knowledge of what people like and collect. The auctions will be conducted by the Hooks as well as by Eric's father Bill and Leslie's brother Jeff Raile, both auctioneers. It is a family business which will benefit the community and surrounding communities and lots of people in many ways. For more information on how to consign, to find certain items or to see what is located at the mall, contact the Hooks at 785-332-3341 or just stop by and check out the mall yourself.

USDA holds briefing on available programs

The United States Department of Agriculture will hold an informational briefing Feb. 22, in Lincoln, Neb., to acquaint farmers, ranchers and other constituents with a wide array of agency services and to highlight changes and new provisions in the 2002 Farm Bill. "This session is an important part of our ongoing implementation of the 2002 Farm Bill and commitment to reach as many people as possible about United States Department of Agriculture programs," said Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman. "Stakeholders will have the opportunity to hear from department experts on the many programs available to them." The briefing will be held Feb. 22, at the Holiday Inn-Downtown in Lincoln from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The session, organized by the department's Forest Service and the Office of Outreach, will feature presentations on a broad array of topics including conservation programs, insurance and drought relief programs, food and nutrition programs and rural utilities, rural business and rural housing programs. Other meetings are being considered and will be announced when details are available. United States Department of Agriculture

"We are committed to reaching out to the full spectrum of United States Department of Agriculture customers, including under-served customers, minorities and women, to ensure they benefit from the department's programs and services," said Assistant Secretary for Administration Lou Gallegos. For information about the briefing, please visit USDA's Farm Bill website at "http://www.usda.gov", "http://www.usda.gov" or call (202) 720-6350 or toll free 1-800-880-4183.

Boys 11-year old division: Trent Raile, shot 17-of-25. Girls 11-year old division: Sidnee Crabtree, shot 15-of-25. The Regional competition will be at 1 p.m. at the high school in Oakley on Feb. 16. The Knights of Columbus appreciate the competitors and their parents making it to the Regional competition.

Student News

Pittsburg State University
Pittsburg State University has announced scholastic honors for the fall semester, 2002. Among those named was Shanda Henderson of St. Francis, a senior majoring in communication graphics. She was named to the All-A list.



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St. Francis City Budget				
Balance 2001	Expenditures	Receipts	Balance 2002	
General	\$ 89,121.14	\$ 474,969.66	\$ 465,046.95	\$ 79,196.43
Library	4,366.07	31,136.55	29,996.97	3,226.49
Special Highways	84,369.73	74,213.90	44,367.81	54,523.64
Special Parks & Rec.	2,414.61	479.89	786.88	2,720.60
Utilities	616,806.51	1,530,838.31	1,343,000.62	430,869.12
Refuse	60,351.16	126,836.86	126,912.30	60,464.60
Capital Improvement	481,112.30	181,187.27	104,221.27	404,146.30
Equipment Reserve	48,179.45	186,591.14	142,130.94	1,719.25
Employ Benefits	52,891.16	243,340.54	199,738.72	9,960.34
Sewer	24,709.04	47,937.31	65,063.17	41,834.90
Water Users Fee	457.88	4,779.95	5,583.92	1,261.85
Sales Tax	2,742.09	43,824.07	42,326.65	1,444.67
Tenant Deposit	38,193.65	5,788.73	8,975.00	41,381.93
Theater	926.17	12,057.78	12,980.36	1,848.75
Housing Authority	126.03	147.19	21.16	0.00
NOW Accounts	38,319.39	37,898.06	13,478.51	12,999.84
Totals	\$1,544,926.49	\$3,003,736.21	\$2,904,632.43	\$1,145,822.71
Cash	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00
petty Cash	1,000.00			1,000.00
1st National Bank	125,101.81			127,262.03
1st National Collections	76,945.36			79,493.52
Bankwest	724,779.32			320,977.16
Certificate of Deposit	617,000.00			617,000.00
	\$1,544,926.49			\$1,145,822.71

I, Connie J. Weems, do hereby certify that the above statement is correct.
Signed: *Connie J. Weems*, CITY TREASURER, CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, STATE OF KANSAS, CHEYENNE COUNTY. Be it here remembered that on the 31 day of Feb. 2003 before me a Notary Public in and for the above-mentioned State and County, came Corbie J. Weems, Treasurer of the City of St. Francis, Ks. who is personally known to be the same person who executed the above instrument of writing, and he acknowledged to me that he is the said person, I hereby set my seal.
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