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 twiceweekly 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 be the best way to continue to pro- tary. vide 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.

provements which he said he believes will be positive for the news- ery subscriber's mail box, city or paper and the town, including more rural, and the Weekend edition will local news, a better television guide, same-day delivery all over county on Friday. the county, a copy of The Country Advocate and American Profile magazine for all local subscribers, the annual subscription rate will be and new lower subscription rates.

Press report, most of the comics and in publication days.

money as a daily and this seemed to features and all national commen-

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 pub-The *Star-News* will include im- lished. The Midweek edition will be delivered in Tuesday's mail to evbe delivered to everyone in the

The newspaper's single-copy price will increase to 75 cents, but less. Editor Tom Betz said rates Gone will be the Associated have been cut to reflect the change

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LESLIE HOOK hangs up a gate at the Jackson Street Mercantile.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Mrs. Hook reported that she be-

gan 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 look-

out for items that came from

been in the auctioneering business for

years and he has a good knowledge

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 fam-

ily business which will benefit the

community and surrounding com-

of what people like and collect.

Mr. Hook's father, Bill Hook, has

Grandpa Bud Carpenter's store.

Local ranch doeswellat 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." Not only were the men happy with the quality of the heifers, they were also excited by the fact that Crystal Canyon was the lowest birth-weight heifer in the show with the lowest Birth EPD. Both heifers have excelled EPD's across the board. "It's exciting to do well with cattle that have real world qualities of our ongoing implementation of and we appreciated all those who supported and helped out."



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

USDA holds briefing on available programs

Antique and collectible mall open inSt. 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 99square 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 just stop by and check out the mall dates of the next event.

munities and lots of people in many wavs. 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 yourself.

Eight local kids attend competiton

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.



The United States Department of highlight changes and new provisions in the 2002 Farm Bill.

"This session is an important part Administration Lou Gallegos. the 2002 Farm Bill and commit- ing, please visit USDA's Farm Bill ment to reach as many people as possible about United States Department of Agriculture programs," said Agriculture Secretary Ann M. 880-4183. Veneman. "Stakeholders will have the opportunity to hear from department experts on the many programs available to them."

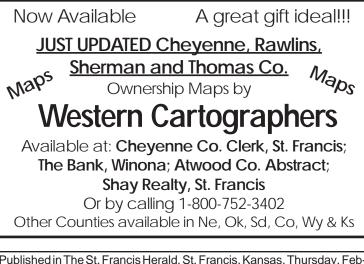
The briefing will be held Feb. 22, at the Holiday Inn-Downtown in Lincoln from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The session, organized by the department's Forest Service and the Office of Outreach, will feature presentations on a broad array of topics including conservation programs, insurance and drought relief 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

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department's programs and services," said Assistant Secretary for

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General	\$ 89,121.14 4,366.07	31,136.55	29,998.97	3,228.49
Library	4,369.73	74,213.90	44.367.81	54,523.64
Special Highways		479.89	785.88	2.720.60
Special Parks & Rec.	2,414.61	1.530.938.31	1.343.000.82	430,869,12
Utilities	618,806.61		126,912.30	60,464.60
Refuse	60,391.16	126,838.86	104,221.27	404,146.30
Capital Improvement	481,112.30	181,187.27		1.719.25
Equipment Reserve	48,179.45	188,591.14	142,130.94	9,080.34
Employ Benefits	52,691.16	243,349.54	199,738.72	41,834.90
Sewer	24,709.04	47,937.31	65,063.17	1,261.85
Water Users Fee	457.88	4,779.95	5,583.92	1,201.00
Sales Tax	2,742.09	43,624.07	42,326.65	41,381.93
Tenant Deposit	38,193.66	5,786.73	8,975.00	41,361.93
Theater	926.17	12,057.78	12,980.36	1,040.75
Housing Authority	126.03	147.19	21.16	12.099.84
NOW Accounts	36,319.39	37,698.06	13,478.51	
Totals	\$1,544,926.49	\$ 3,003,736.21	\$2,604,632.43	\$ 1,145,822.71
Cash	s 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			79,483.52
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Certificate of Deposit	617.000.00			617,000.00
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ission expires: 11/23/06

Eight local competitors attended the Knights of Columbus District Raile, shot 17-of-25. free-throw competition on Feb. 2 in Goodland.

Winners are as follows:

Raile, shot 16-of-25 and then was involved in three ties. He was the final winner with 4-of-5.

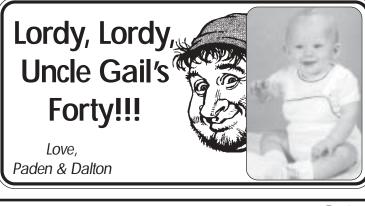
Girls 10-year old division: entsmaking it to the Regional com-Lauren Ross, shot 13-of-25, then 2of-5 to break a tie.

Boys 11-year old division: Trent

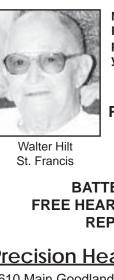
Girls 11-year old division: Sidnee Crabtree, shot 15-of-25.

The Regional competition will be Boys 10-year old division: Matt at 1 p.m. at the high school in Oakley on Feb. 16.

The Knights of Columbus appreciate the competitors and their parpetition.



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