

Library will have water day

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ship to families and children. The City and County Recreation Department is taking the little league teams to Sharon Springs on July 16, said Rita Scheopner, but because of all the other activities going on this summer, there are no plans to take kids to any other swimming facility. The Goodland Public Library will be lengthening its summer program, which usually ends in early July, through the end of July to give the kids something to do, said Karen Gillihan, the children's librarian.

The library will also be holding a water day so that kids can come close to swimming. During water day, kids will get a chance to play in the sprinklers and other water activities.

The Best Western Buffalo Inn in past summers has allowed community members to swim in its pool but said that it would not be open this summer.

The public pool in St. Francis will allow people from Goodland to come and swim, said Daniel Krieth, a life-guard at the pool. They are open Tuesday through Saturday 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday 7 to 9 p.m. and Sunday 2 to 8 p.m. It costs \$1.25.

The public pool in Colby will also accept Goodland swimmers, said Stephanie Unruh. Their hours are 1 to 6 p.m. all week, and they are open until 8 p.m. on Thursday and Sunday. Costs are 75 cents for ages 5 to 17, \$1.50 for 18 and over, and kids 4 and under swim for free.

Activities replace pool for summer

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dergarten to 6th grade at 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Learn basic painting with watercolor. Fee \$8.

- Painting II July 24 to 27. 7th grade to adult at 6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. Learn exciting painting techniques using oils turpentine together with other materials. Fee \$25.

Register for all classes a week in advance.

City County Recreation

- Bowling: June 6 to July 20 on Tuesday and Thursday. Bowladium Lanes. Tuesdays 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursdays 1:30 to 3 p.m.
- Kansas Sunflower Games: July 21 to 23 and July 28 to 30 for all ages, and all skill levels in 27 sports.
- Sherman Theater Summer Movie Passes: Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. June 7 to August 16

Goodland Public Library

- Story and Craft Activity: ages 6 to 14. Journey through the summer with weekly "Edge of Adventure" sessions. Sessions will include stories, videos, and crafts. Each is limited to 25. Enroll a week prior to session.
- Story Hour: 4 and 5 year olds get ready to explore the world of reading with sessions on Wednesday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m. Each session limited to 20. Enroll a week in advance
- Who wants to be a Bookionaire? Thursdays 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. If you are between the ages of 8 and 14 come and travel to the "Edge of Adventure" by playing this library game show. No sign up is required.

Goodland Activities Center

- Three on three Basketball, Grades 2nd to 8th, Thursday afternoons at 1 p.m. Kids will be divided into teams according to ages and numbers each week. A mini-tournament will be held for each ages group. Pre-registration not required.
- British Challenger Soccer Camp: June 26 to 30 at North Elementary School for ages 4 to 14.

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As the new McDonald's sign went up, the old wind-damaged sign was on its way out. Commercial Sign of Colby put up a new 20-foot tall and 20-foot wide sign last week at the restaurant on K-27. The old sign was still sitting in the parking lot on Sunday.

Photo by Rachel Miscal/The Goodland Daily News

Businesses will be hurt by closing Exit 17

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the start of the tourist season and by closing the exit now, their businesses will be hurt, said Ron Harding, manager of the Goodland Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting was put together on Thursday night by the city so that the businesses effected could voice their opinions.

"They only invited the people that they thought would be affected by the closing," said Wilson, "which were the business on K-27, but this actually affects the whole city."

"The Kansas Department of Transportation is trying to be accommodat-ing," said state Rep. Jim Morrison, adding that he hopes that in the future the department will pay attention to the timing of projects.

"The meeting offered a chance for a meeting of minds," said Kristen Brands, spokesman for the departments district office in Norton. She asked businesses for patience.

"This is not going to be an easy time," she said.

Owners of businesses along K-27 said they were concerned because they had not seen any work done on the road

in the past couple of days, said City Manager Ron Pickman.

"This project could have been done before summer," said Wilson "The weather was nice since February, and that is our slow time."

The meeting was attended by many of the businesses on K-27 and K-24, as well as Morrison, Pickman, and representatives from the department and the engineering company.

"There was a good turnout," said Pickman. "The meeting was very in-formative."

There was some discussion about plans to close K-27 north from

Goodland up to St. Francis for nine months to a year next summer. Every-one was concerned about how this would affect them, said Morrison. He said he hopes that the project could be done without having to close K-27.

Meetings will be held Friday morning at McDonalds through the end of the project, the group decided, so the city and state can inform everyone on how the project is progressing. The east ramps on I-70 will have to be closed later for repaving that side of the road.

Investigators keying in on scientists with vault access

WASHINGTON (AP)—The investigation into the disappearance — and mysterious reappearance — of two computer hard drives holding nuclear secrets at the Los Alamos weapons laboratory is narrowing on several scientists who have given contradictory answers, government officials say.

The scientists being scrutinized most closely are among 26 people who had free access to a high-security vault in the New Mexico complex where the data storage disks vanished more than six weeks ago, only to be found under suspicious circumstances Friday.

Analysts hoped, possibly as early as Monday, to determine definitively whether the material on the two drives had been compromised, copied or in any way tampered with. The devices

were flown to Washington on Sunday for electronic analysis.

Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, while acknowledging the devices were found in a room already searched several times, said he had "no evidence that they ever left the X Division" — the high-security part of the lab where nuclear weapons designers work.

The discovery of the two hard drives — and Richardson's assurances that security is his top priority — did little to ease the criticism by congressional Republicans of the Clinton administration over security lapses in the nuclear weapons programs and elsewhere.

"They are worried more about political correctness," Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla., chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, said Sunday on

NBC's "Meet the Press." He cited not only the Los Alamos incident, but loss of a classified laptop computer at the State Department and disclosure that a former CIA director often took clas-sified information home and left it in his unsecured computer.

Poison ivy on the rise

JUNCTION CITY (AP)—Kansans could see a bumper crop of a certain ground cover plant this year, an agri-culture expert says — but they prob-ably won't like it.

Poison ivy authority Chuck Otte pre-dicts a possible record growth of the toxic vine this year, especially if weather predictions hold up for a drier-than-normal growing season.

"It's tough," Otte said. "It's adapt-able, and it's easily spread. I tell people it's the perfect ground cover. You know it grows well. It covers good and has good wildlife use."

"But people don't seem to want to plant it."

Not all householders are able to identify the noxious weed — and that includes many residents of the semi-rural neighborhoods that are springing up near the state's larger cities, said Otte, the Geary County Extension agent for Kansas State University.

"Expanding cities create a good en-vironment for poison ivy," Otte said, "including new habitats for birds and lots of partial shade that poison ivy likes, less sun than in open country."

Otte has been compiling research data since 1982 on the two major poi-son ivy varieties that are found in Kan-sas.

"During the past few years, I've been amazed by how uninformed people were about poison ivy," he said. "I've seen cases of people who had backyard fences with a well-manicured stand of vine all over it, not knowing the vine was poison ivy. But they liked the crim-son color in the fall."

Part of the problem in identifying the fast-growing weed is the chameleon-like adaptability of the plant itself. It can resemble common plants such as the wild plum.

"Poison ivy prefers damp, partial shade, often growing alongside other, nonpoisonous vines," Otte said. "However, it will also grow in full sun-light by itself."

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