## about our friends

#### calendar

Star Party - The Northwest Kansas Astronomical Society will have a star party, an educational family event, on Saturday, Aug. 26 and Sunday, Aug. 27 at Ron and Bonnie Thompson's farm.

There is a registration fee, but you don't need a telHelweg ran thell the Thompsons at 899-2053. Deadline for sign-up is Aug. 19.

**SHARE** — The last day to sign-up for low cost food in exchange for volunteer work for July will be from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday at 824 Main in Goodland

#### activities

Tops Meeting — 5:30 p.m. on Mondays at North School, weigh-in is at 5 p.m

Aerobics Classes — Morning aerobics classes are available at **5:30 a.m.** with Tina Tompkins, and at 8 a.m. with Marilyn Imel, Monday, Wednesday, and **Friday** at the Goodland Activities Center. A senior aerobics class for those who desire a less strenuous workout will be at 8 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday with Marilyn Imel. For questions, call 899-7242.

Carnegie Arts Center — Ed Fenendael of Kansas City, Mo. will have his watercolor paintings on display at the center through July 1. Currently, there are 34 paintings hanging at the center, ranging in subject matter from brilliant yellow and red sunflowers to rolling Tuscan hills of Italy. He works in several types of media, but is focused on watercolor. His exhibit is sponsored by Aten Department Store. The arts center is open from **10 a.m.-5** p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Water Testing — A representative of the Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group will be available

testing well water for bacteria and nitrates. If you would like to schedule an Health Department at (785) 899-4888.

#### card shower

Roger and Melinda Blume will celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary on June 28. Cards to congratulate them may be sent to: 1323 Harrison, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

#### reunion notice

The USS Long Beach CGN-9Association will have a reunion Sept. 12-17 in Denver. It will be held at the Embassy Suites South, 10250 E. Costilla Ave., Englewood, Colo. To make reservations, call (800) 654-4810. Be sure to ask for the association rate. For information, contact Don Shade at 299 Kaintone Road, Jamestown, N.Y. 14701-9370 or (716) 569-2314. His fax number is (716) 569-6135 or e-mail him at president@usslongbeachassoc.org or LBCGN9@aol.com.

#### looking for workers

Green Thumb Inc., a national nonprofit employment and training agency, is looking for mature workers in Sherman County.

If you are 55 or older and are living on a limited income, you may qualify for the program, which is funded through the U.S. Department of Labor. For information, call Shirley Taylor at (785) 493-0410.

#### donations needed

pool in Goodland may be left at the Goodland city office or Chamber of Commerce office. Checks should be made out to Steever Water Park.

Also, donations for the Van Gogh board member of the Sunflowers USA

for a free well evaluation including Association or at the Goodland Cham- Denver, Colo. 80205. ber of Commerce office.

Donations for the new baseball field evaluation or have other environmen- may be sent to Scott Weber, president tal concerns, call the Sherman County of the Goodland Baseball Commission, at 202 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735, or left at the Sherman County Star or the Goodland Chamber of Commerce office.

### hospital report

**Goodland Regional Medical Center** Admitted: Monday, none.

Dismissed: Monday, none. Transferred: none. Specialists for Wednesday: Dr.

Barry Smith, cardiologist; Dr. Michael Zyzda, podiatrist.

Hospital weekly volunteer schedule — Wednesday — Opal Callahan, courtesy; Helen Armstrong, a.m.; Roger Collins, p.m. Thursday -Loretta Hayden, a.m. **Friday** — Bonnie Daily, a.m.; Harriette Smith, p.m. Sunday — Jessie Owens, courtesy; Betty Saint, p.m.

#### birth

Alexandra Nicole Hazuka was born June 8, 2000, in Colby, She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce, and measured 19 3/4 inches long.

Her parents are Dale and Stacey Hazuka of Goodland. She has a brother, Connor, 4.

Maternal grandparents are Charles and Barbara Merklin of Bird City.

Paternal grandparents are Dale and Avis Hazuka of McDonald. Paternal great-grandmother is Myrtle Hazuka, also of McDonald.

#### Donations for the new swimming patient update

Craig Mann, Goodland, is now an outpatient in Denver. He will have to remain there a couple of months for treatments.

Mail may be sent to him and his wife, sunflower project may be left with any Julie, at Park Avenue Towers, Mann Apt. #1206, 100 Park Avenue West,

### **Tobacco company to acquire Nabisco**

year after getting out of the cigarette business, the nation's No. 1 cookie and cracker maker is back with Big Tobacco.

Philip Morris Companies Inc., the world's largest tobacco firm and parent company of Kraft Foods, said Sunday it has reached an agreement to purchase Nabisco Holdings Corp. for \$14.9 billion plus the assumption of \$4 billion in debt.

Philip Morris chairman and chief executive Geoffrey C. Bible said in a statement that the purchase at \$55 a share will greatly expand the company's food offerings.

"The combination of Kraft and Nabisco will create the most dynamic company in the food industry, both in terms of absolute earnings levels and revenue and earnings growth rates."

Kraft and Nabisco together produced isting 55 brands. revenue of \$34.9 billion last year, Philip Morris said. The combined food company is expected to be second in the world only to Nestle of Switzerland, which has annual sales in excess of \$35 billion. Nabisco Holdings, which makes Ritz crackers, Snackwell's snacks, Oreo cookies and Life Savers candy, is 80.6 percent owned by Nabisco Group of Parsippany, N.J.

NEW YORK (AP) — A little over a shedding the Nabisco Holdings unit, Schweppes PLC. what remained of the group - essentially its cash from the Nabisco sale would be sold to R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. for \$9.8 billion.

Ironically, R.J. Reynolds Tobaccohad been a subsidiary of the group - previously known as RJR Nabisco — before holdings. it was spun off in March 1999 as a separate publicly traded entity. It makes Winston and Camel brand cigarettes.

Philip Morris, which produces Marlboro, Benson & Hedges and Parliament brand cigarettes, also owns Miller Brewing Co. and such brands as Jell-O, Maxwell House, Oscar Mayer and Post cereals. The purchase fills a gap in its fering of 15 percent of the stock in the food portfolio, which had not included newly combined food company. cookies and crackers.

Shares of Nabisco Holdings rose \$1.063

to \$52.688, on the New York Stock Ex-

change on Monday morning. Shares of

NabiscoGrouprose\$1.438to\$27,Philip

Morris rose \$3.313 to \$26.938 while R.J.

Reynolds rose \$3.125 to \$30, also on the

NYSE.

The Danone-Cadbury offer reportedly was for about \$50 a share. Danone, a leading manufacturer of cookies and crackers, had hoped for an American foothold with the deal, while Cadbury was more interested in Nabisco's candy

James M. Kilts, president and chief executive of Nabisco, said the transactions would fulfill management's pledge of last May to maximize its value to shareholders.

Philip Morris revealed that after the transaction is completed in October, it will begin work on an initial public of-

It said the IPO was expected in early

### today in history

In 1949, several buildings, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall and Garrett's Recreation on the west side of the 900 block of Main, were damaged or destroyed by fire.

From the Sherman County Historical Society calendar

#### animal shelter

Have you lost a pet? Call the Prairieland Animal Clinic at 899-6166. Are you interested in adopting a pet? Call the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter at 899-6464.

#### area events

Support Group - A tobacco quitters support group will meet from 7-8 p.m., Central Time, every Wednesday in the cafeteria of Citizens' Medical Center in Colby. Anyone who wants to quit or has quit using tobacco is urged to attend. For information, call (785) 462-8152.

**Rehabilitation Aide Class** — Colby Community College will offer a rehabilitation aide class worth two credit hours from 8 a.m.- 5 p.m., Central Time, Monday, July 24 through Thursday, July 27 on the college campus. For information, contact Mary Herbel at (785) 462-3984, ext. 286.

#### crimestoppers

If you have any information about any crime. call the Goodland Area Crime Stoppers "Look Line" at 899-5665.

Your call will be confidential and you will not be asked your name. If the information you give results in the arrest and/or conviction of those persons involved, you could be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000.

The Goodland Area Crime Stoppers is a nonprofit organization formed by citizens against crime.

### 4-h club news

#### **Ruleton Eager Beaver 4-H**

met at 7 a.m. Tuesday, June 13, at the

President Rebecca Gattshall called the meeting to order. Thirteen members and two leaders were present.

The club discussed having an overnight fishing party in July. The club members will meet at the Bill Gattshall farm at 3 p.m. on July 13, and travel cross country to Bonnie Dam, north of Burlington, Colo. This gathering will take the place of the regular July meeting.

The booth, parade float, and banner entries for the county fair were discussed.

There will be no July tour of fair

# Rolling, rolling, rolling



Ashley Cartwright (front) and Mikie Adams (back) rolled tires across the intersection of 11th and Broadway on Monday afternoon. Karen Cartwright pushed her half-sister, Christina Skinner, while she carried a tire on the back of the stroller. The children had been playing at Gulick Park, when Adams decided to see if he could find some old tires to make a tire swing. He got four tires from Jerry's Alignment on Main Street and they were headed home with them. They had to leave one on 10th Street because Karen couldn't carry it. Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News



### Couple to have **60th anniversary** card shower

their 60th Wedding Anniversary on June 28.

Their four children request a card The deal will add 18 brands to its ex- 2001, with proceeds used to retire some projects. The club will meet one shower for them and would like their mom and dad to hear from all their stay many friends. Their address is 316 E. Second, plan to retire here." Goodland, Kan. 67735.

## New assistant enjoys her job

#### **DIRECTOR**, from Page 1

She said it was great living in a place where everything was within reach, but she soon started yearning for the rural life

"It's just a slower pace of life," said Price, adding that after being in the newspaper business for almost a decade, she needs a break from stress.

Her new job, she said, is everything she ever loved about the newspaper business or other community activities she was involved in, without the stress.

"I love talking with people and working with other people," she said, "Everyone is just so nice here."

That's why Ron Harding, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, said he decided to hire Price.

"It was her marketing background," Les and LaVina Perry will celebrate he said, "the fact that she has worked with non-profit organizations, volunteers and community officials and her great personality."

She said she and her husband plan to

The Ruleton Eager Beaver 4-H Club Sherman County 4-H Building.

Nabisco Group said Sunday that after Danone SA and Britain's Cadbury through a \$13-a-share offer.

of the debt incurred in the Nabisco pur-Investors were pleased by the deals. chase.

Icahn, the biggest shareholder in Nabisco Group at 9.6 percent, disclosed Thursday in a federal filing he had offered \$28 a share for the whole company.

Icahn, who had made three failed efforts to replace the Nabisco Group board over the past few years, goaded the board The announcement of the sale ended to put Nabisco Group on the market abidding warthat had involved financier when he suggested in late March he Carl Icahn as well as a venture of France's wanted to increase his stake to 40 percent

evening during the fair and have each member show their completed and judged projects.

Each member received a new Ruleton Eager Beaver 4-H shirt to be worn at club events.

Then the members and their mothers served breakfast for the annual Sherman County Wheat Tour. The group had met to set up for the breakfast and prepare the casserole on the previous evening.

Lea Shores, reporter

Sherman www.goodlandnet.com/movies Jackie Chan • Owen Wilson Shanghai Noon (PG-13) 7:00 • Ends Thursday

"We bought a house," she said. "We



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