

about our friends

calendar

Sunflower Royalty Contest — A princess and queen will be chosen for the 2000 Sunflower Festival in Goodland. To enter, girls ages 2-5 and 6-10 need to complete and turn in registration forms to the Goodland Chamber of Commerce, 104 W. 11th, by **Tuesday**. Forms may be picked up at the Chamber office, McDonald's, and Wal-Mart. The crowning will take place at **3:30 p.m. Saturday** at Chambers Park. For information, call the Chamber office at 899-7130.

Fair Parade Entries — The 4-H Ambassadors will sponsor the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair Parade to be held at **6 p.m. Saturday** and are seeking entries for it. Categories are individual, float, other and sunflower awards.

The Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce will give the sunflower awards in celebration of the Sunflower Festival. Entries will be judged during the parade with the winners to be announced at the fairgrounds immediately afterwards. Entry forms are available at local banks, the Chamber of Commerce office and the Extension Office and need to be turned in by **Thursday**.

Veterans' Affairs — Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be available to assist veterans and their dependents with claims work from **1-2:15 p.m. Thursday** in the assembly room on the third floor of the Goodland courthouse. If you miss her, you may call the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at (785) 462-3572.

Volunteers Needed — Volunteers are needed from **9-11 a.m. Friday** to set up quilts for display in the Sunflower Quilt Show 2000. If you would like to help, call Esther Splattstoesser at (785) 899-5355 or the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce Office at (785) 899-7130.

Talent Show — There will be a talent show held during the Sunflower Festival in Goodland. The age groups are 7-12, 13-18, and 19 and above. Talent judging will begin at **11:30 a.m. Saturday** and continue through the afternoon. To enter, contact Sabrina Twombly at 899-5637 or Tim Renner at 899-2038.

Quilt Show — The Sunflower Quilt

Show 2000 will be held from **9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday** and from **1-4 p.m. Sunday** in the gym at Central School, 1311 Main. If you have a quilt you would like to enter, call the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce Office at (785) 899-7130 for a registration form or pick one up at 104 W. 11th.

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 telescope to attend. To sign up, call the Thompsons at 899-2053. **Deadline for sign-up is Aug. 19.**

activities

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.

Golf Tournament — The Northwest Kansas Shrine Club will have a benefit golf tournament **Sunday** at the Sugar Hills Country Club in Goodland. It will begin with **registration at 7 a.m.** and a shotgun tee-off will be at **8 a.m.** Teams will be made up of three persons to play 18 holes of golf. To sign up, call the club at (785) 899-2785.

Carnegie Arts Center — 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 for a free well evaluation including testing well water for bacteria and nitrates. If you would like to schedule an evaluation or have other environmental concerns, call the Sherman County Health Department at (785) 899-4888.

donations needed

Donations for the new swimming 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 sunflower project may be left with any board member of the Sunflowers USA Association or at the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce office.

Donations for the new baseball field may be sent to Scott Weber, president 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: Friday, Opal Cogdill, Goodland. **Saturday**, none. **Sunday**, Betty Rust, Goodland.

Dismissed: Friday, Patricia Harrington, Mary Flo Hinger, and Lela Walters, all of Goodland. **Saturday**, Elmer Jacobs, Goodland. **Sunday**, none.

Transferred: none.

Specialists for Tuesday: Dr. Martin Rubinowitz, hematology/oncology.

Hospital weekly volunteer schedule — **Tuesday** — Marj Crabb, a.m.; Beulah McClung, p.m. **Wednesday** — Opal Callahan, courtesy; Margie Richards, p.m. **Thursday** — Patty Gensil, courtesy; Mary Lou Franklin, a.m.; Harriette Smith, p.m. **Friday** — Harriette Smith, p.m. **Sunday** — Jessie Owens, courtesy; Betty Saint, p.m.

today in history

In 1886, the Sunday School at Sherman Center bought an organ for \$65. The note was paid off Dec. 28, 1886.

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.

obituary

Rex B. Tovrea

Rex Binning Tovrea, 86, Brewster, died Friday, July 28, 2000, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

He was born Aug. 8, 1913, on the family homestead in northeast Sherman County, the son of Alma (Binning) and Bart Tovrea. He graduated in 1932 from



Rex Tovrea

Long Beach Polly High School, Los Angeles.

He and Marie Bear were married Aug. 8, 1933, at St. Francis.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Brewster.

He enjoyed all kinds of fishing and traveling.

His funeral was at 1 p.m. today at Koons Funeral Chapel with Dr. Chet Ross officiating.

Burial followed in the Goodland Cemetery.

Visitation was held from 3 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the chapel.

Survivors include his wife, who lives at Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby; a son, Stanley Tovrea of Mesquite, Nev.; two daughters, Joan Bishop of Brewster and Carolyn Dunlap of Cabot, Ark.; 13 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death was a son, Leonard B. Tovrea in 1966; and a brother, Rollo Tovrea in 1978.

Memorials may be given to the Brewster Heritage Center and left at Brewster Grocery or Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

People dislike Bermuda grass characteristics

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- ag notebook



Bermuda grass can make a nice lawn if you don't mind its invasiveness and short growing season. But many people dislike both these characteristics.

Bermuda has a short growing season because it is a warm-season grass. Warm-season grasses such as Bermuda grass, zoysia grass and buffalo grass green up later than the cool-season grasses such as tall fescue and Kentucky bluegrass. They also go dormant earlier in the fall.

This can make a lawn unattractive if Bermuda invades a cool-season lawn. The Bermuda will be brown during much of the spring and fall while the

rest of the lawn is green.

Also, Bermuda is much more drought and heat resistant than cool-season grasses so it will take over a cool-season lawn during the summer months if it is in full sun.

The question then becomes, how to get rid of Bermuda that has invaded a cool-season lawn?

The only way I know of getting rid of it is to kill out the portion of lawn that it has invaded and reseed to a cool sea-

Fan firm close to outliving namesake

ANDOVER (AP) — The upscale fan manufacturer named after a Wichita firm of the 1940s and 1950s is close to outliving its namesake.

Vornado Air Circulation Systems Inc. has survived for a dozen years by learning from the past and from its own experience. And with \$25 million in annual sales, Vornado certainly has — well, fans.

"People seem to like us," says Mike Coup, the company's founder and owner. "We're still in business."

That business includes more than a passing nod to the industry's history.

The reception area is home to the Museum of the American Fan Collec-

tors Association, the world's largest single public collection of vintage fans. The museum displays about 350 electric fans dating to 1886.

Some are valued at more than \$10,000. Some come from Coup's own collection. All of them serve as inspirations.

"Here's an attempt to beautify a fan," Coup said, walking through the museum. "It's got claw feet. You don't see many of those." The fan is more than 100 years old.

"That one came out of (Wichita's) Allis Hotel," he said, pointing at a 1920s model. "And that one's off the Queen Mary."

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