

about our friends

calendar

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 Colby office any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at (785) 462-3572.

Star Party — The Northwest Kansas Astronomical Society will have a star party, an educational family event, on **Friday and Saturday** 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.

Railroad Reunion — The 23rd Annual Rock Island Railroad Reunion will begin with a potluck dinner at **noon Sunday** at the Senior Adult Center, 208 W. 15th, Goodland. All former Rock Island employees, families and guests are invited and encouraged to attend. Please bring a covered dish and table service. Feel free to bring any Rock Island memorabilia you may want to display and enjoy an afternoon of renewing friendships and recalling times gone by.

Bike-A-Thon — The St. Jude Bike-A-Thon to raise money for cancer research will be held either from **1-4 p.m. on Sunday or from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Oct. 7**, in Goodland, due to a Special Olympics event going on Saturday in Colby. There will also be a donation and information table set up at the Flatlander's Festival on Saturday, Sept. 30. For questions, call Aletha or Kendall Morris at 899-3830.

Nurse Aide Class — A Nurse Aide class will begin **Tuesday, Sept. 26**, at the Good Samaritan Center in Goodland. The class will be taught by Shirley Pearson and is worth five college credits. It is offered by Colby Community College. For information or to enroll, call Mary Herbal at (785) 462-3984, ext. 286.

Singles Group — The Thursday Night Together Christian singles group will meet at **6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28** at the Weather Service Office, 920 E. Armory Road, Goodland. Anyone who is interested may attend. For questions, call 899-2733.

activities

Carnegie Arts Center — Forty-five photos from this year's "A Day in the Life of Sherman County," photography contests will be on display at the Carnegie Arts Center through **Sunday, Oct. 1**. The photos are of a variety of people at work or play and of buildings, landmarks and landscapes in Sherman County. Don't miss this display of local talent. 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**.

support group

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group of Burlington, Colo., would like to help. The group meets at **9:30 a.m. on the second Saturday** of each month. For questions or personal support, call Della Helzer at 899-2585.

books for sale

The High Plains Museum in Goodland has received Sherman County Marriage Record books compiled and donated by Marguerite Dupsky. They contain all the marriages of the first six books on file at the courthouse plus some on record in the county clerk's office and the city office. The books cover the years from 1886 to 1923. They can be bought at the museum.

school menu

Tuesday — Ham and cheese sandwich, chips, lettuce, tomato, pickle, peaches and milk.

Wednesday — Spaghetti, lettuce salad, garlic bread, 1/2 apple and milk.

Thursday — Nacho supreme, refried beans, corn, brownie and milk.

Friday — Corn dogs, french fries, relish tray, strawberries and bananas and milk.

hospital report

Goodland Regional Medical Center
Admitted: Friday, Myrna Carson and Geraldine Saunders, both of Goodland; and Pius Heier, Oakley.

Saturday, Lucille Blackwood, Goodland. **Sunday**, Sucana Bussone, Goodland.
Dismissed: Friday, Vera Daise and Lacey Potterf, both of Goodland; Kathryn Norton, Brewster; and Paul Walker, Sharon Springs. **Saturday**, Scarlet Austin, Goodland; and Sandee Langdon, Sharon Springs. **Sunday**, Geraldine Saunders, Goodland.

Transferred: none.
Specialists for Tuesday: Dr. Kevin McDonald, urology.

Hospital weekly volunteer schedule — **Tuesday** — Sharon Jensen, courtesy; Bonnie Daily, a.m.; Beulah McClung, p.m. **Wednesday** — Marj Crabb, courtesy; Hazel Tracy, a.m.; Chet Ross, p.m. **Thursday** — Martha Gunderson, courtesy; Betty Saint, a.m.; Velma Holste, p.m. **Friday** — Anne Mann, p.m.

patient updates

Larry Bohl, Goodland, is in a hospital in Texas for extensive medical treatment. Cards can be sent to: Larry Bohl, c/o M.D. Anderson, P.O. Box 300206, 1515 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, Texas 77230-4095.

Leo Hatcher, Goodland, has been transferred to Denver. He will be there for several weeks. He and Connie would appreciate your prayers. Cards can be sent to: Porter Adventist Hospital, 2525 S. Downing Street, Denver,

Colo. 80210.

Isabelle Hellerud, Goodland, is a patient in Hays where she is recovering from a hip fracture. She will be there for about five days. Mail can be sent to her at Hays Medical Center, Room 234, 201 E. Seventh, Hays, Kan. 67601.

today in history

In 1869, scouts going to Fort Wallace to get help for soldiers trapped at Beecher Island probably used the highest point in Sherman County to check for hostile Indians.

From the Sherman County Historical Society calendar

area events

Tobacco 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 to-

Hackberry leaves get bumps

It is rare to find a hackberry tree without round growths on the underside of the leaves. These bumps, or galls, are the result of a tiny insect known as the hackberry psyllid. The hackberry tree is the only known host of this pest. Though infestations are extremely common, these galls do not seriously affect the vitality of the tree, although heavily infested leaves may drop prematurely.

Nipple galls, as the name implies, are medium-sized (quarter-inch) nipple-shaped galls on the undersides of leaves. When a gall is split open, a yellow to orange nymph is visible. Leaves may be disfigured when infestations are heavy.

The adults of these insects are tiny and resemble miniature cicadas. They are dark reddish-brown with mottled wings. Most emerge from the galls during warm days in September and are very annoying as they gather



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around window screens seeking entry into the house. They are tiny enough to crawl through the openings in most screens.

In the spring, the adults become active about the time the leaf buds open. The female lays her eggs on the underside of the developing leaves. Egg hatch occurs in seven to 10 days, and the young nymphs begin to feed immediately. The leaf reacts to the feeding by producing a pouch or gall that entirely encloses the nymph.

Control is difficult. Adults that invade homes can be collected by using a vacuum sweeper, but the bag should be discarded or the adults will escape. Since these insects do not seriously affect the vitality of the hackberry tree, control is usually not recommended.

Farm agency seeks candidates

The Sherman Farm Service Agency is looking for candidates for the farmer-elected county committee election this fall.

The county committee is a part of the delivery of services to farmers from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The Sherman Farm Service Agency is seeking people who have not been active participants in the system in the past to be candidates. Those who are being sought as candidates are farmers in non-traditional operations and people whose livelihoods are made on farming. These could include begin-

ning farmers, specialty crop farmers, truck farmers, spouses or business partners — anyone who would be able to add a new or different experience to the Sherman County Committee and who would be able to serve.

The county committee needs everybody — from voters to active participants — as candidates for committee membership. One-third of the nationwide membership of county committees are up for election this fall.

For information about the Sherman Farm Service County Committee call 899-3070.

obituary

William Sherman Johnson

William Sherman "Sherm" Johnson, 83, a longtime Goodland resident, died Sunday, Sept. 17, 2000, at Lantern Park Nursing Home in Colby.

His funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the United Methodist Church in Goodland with Pastor Carol Moore Ramey officiating.

Burial will follow in the Goodland Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Koons Chapel in Goodland. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation and be left at or sent to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

A complete obituary will follow.

club news

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

The Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary met Aug. 24 with Mary Zimelman, junior vice president, presiding.

The treasurer's report was accepted. Bills were presented and paid.

Thank yous were read from a National Home graduate for the card sent for his graduation.

The rehabilitation committee sent four sympathy cards and two get well cards to members and their families.

The hospital chairman is looking for comfort items to send to the Veterans Administration. Please bring any you have to the stag on Sept. 21 or the meeting on Sept. 28.

The Howard Vander Clute, Jr. Memorial Ride to the national convention raised \$11,500 for National Home. Six members from Kansas participated in that motorcycle ride from Kansas City to Milwaukee. The district chairman will be collecting bears to put on a Christmas tree for National Home at the fall conference. Our auxiliary will receive recognition and get a bear on the tree for life memberships purchased by the auxiliary for Hazel Tracy and the ones purchased by individuals for Marlene Potter and Pam Augustine.

Since this is an election year, the legislative chairman reminded us to study the candidates' positions, to vote and to take someone with us to vote in November. She said to do this in honor of a veteran.

The charter was draped in memory of Lillie Hively who died July 28.

The sympathy club donated \$82 to the Hively family.

The auxiliary will purchase material to make the pony gift holders for Christmas for the Veterans Administration. If members would like to help make these, call Hazel Tracy for the pattern.

The meeting was closed until Sept. 28 when Connie Miller, Ninth District junior vice president, will do an inspection. There will be a potluck supper at 6 p.m. that evening. All members are invited to attend.

Floriene Whisnant, secretary protem.

Redwood FCE Club

Members of the Redwood Family and Community Education Club held two meetings to plan and carry out their Sherman County fair exhibit entitled

"The Sun is Hot, Protect Yourself."

Congratulations to Elaine Schwendener for her ideas. The exhibit took reserve champion honors.

Twelve members drove to the "Inn the Fields" establishment south of Brewster which is owned and operated by Linda Crumbaker. She led a tour and showed the group patchwork quilts, rustic furnishings, beautiful wall decorations, a unique tailgate headboard on a single bed, a rock fireplace and historic pictures of the area.

The business meeting was held in the "Common Room." President Lavaughn Glasco opened the meeting and roll call was answered by telling what we first thought of when we heard the word "character."

Edith Dye led the lesson, "Character Counts" and we learned one is never too old to work at developing personal character which involves honesty, ethics, morals and satisfaction with jobs well done.

She read a final note from the works of Norman Vincent Peale. He said, "Our happiness depends upon the habit of mind we culminate. So practice happy thinking every day. Cultivate the merry heart, develop the happiness habit and life will become a continual feast for us."

A thank you note from Hospice was read. Christmas party plans were announced that reminded the group it will cool off soon.

The officers for the coming year were announced by the nominating committee of Kathryn Kuhlman and Frances Jones. They are Arleta Musil, president; Gertrude Carroll, vice president; Helen Armstrong, secretary; and Loraine Fenner, public relations.

Twenty volunteer hours were reported for July. Plans for the September meeting are pending. Hostess Schwendener gave door prizes to Kuhlman and Jones.

Crumbaker served the group delicious refreshments. A vote of thanks goes to Ruth Morton who made all the arrangements for a fun day.

Loraine Fenner, public relations

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