

# about our friends

## calendar

**Kanorado Octoberfest** — Kanorado will hold its Octoberfest on **Saturday**. Lots of activities are planned with booths to open at 9 a.m. and a concert at 7:30 p.m. to finish off the day.

**4-H Open House** — There will be a come-and-go 4-H open house for boys and girls ages 7 to 19 and their parents from **2-4 p.m. Sunday** in the 4-H Building at the fairgrounds. This will be a time to ask questions of Sherman County 4-H club and project leaders and have them explain the program to you.

**Bike-A-Thon** — The St. Jude Bike-A-Thon to raise money for cancer research will be held from **9 a.m.-noon Saturday** on the north side of West School. Riders are able to collect until Tuesday, Oct. 31. For questions, call Aletha or Kendall Morris at 899-3830.

**Memorial Gymkhana** — The eighth-annual Kara Bentzinger Memorial Gymkhana will be held this **Saturday** at the Sherman County Fairgrounds. Adults and children may participate. **Registration** will be at **9 a.m.** and the gymkhana will start at **10 a.m.**

**Craft Sale and Lunch** — A craft and bake sale will be held from **10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday** in the First Christian Church at Eighth and Arcade in Goodland. A homemade soup and pie lunch will also be offered from **11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.** The meal will include your choice of chili, vegetable or chicken noodle soup, along with relishes, pie and coffee or tea.

**Dinner Party** — The Goodland After-5 Club will have a “Going, Going, Gone” dinner party from **6:30-9 p.m. Monday** at the Butterfly Cafe. The speaker will be Betty Fouty of Wichita, the special feature will be a silent auction and music will be provided by Freda Ruch. For reservations, call Lori at 899-3828 or Barb at 899-5580.

**Dinner Theater** — “Mark Twain in the Garden of Eden” will be presented during a dinner theater at **6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14**, and a dessert bar matinee at **2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15**, at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Goodland. Tickets may be purchased at Aten’s or Mr. Jim’s or by calling 899-3631.

**Alcohol Education Class** — “Prime for Life: Under 21,” an alcohol education class for minors who have been charged with minor in consumption, minor in possession or transporting an open container, will be offered from **3:45-5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 17, Tuesday, Oct. 24, Wednesday, Oct. 25, and Monday, Oct. 30** at the Regional Prevention Center, 1701 Main, Goodland. The fee is \$50 per person. For questions or to sign-up, call Chris Lovington at (785) 899-3848.

## activities

**TOPS Meeting** — Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at **5:30 p.m. 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** — An exhibit of jewelry, ceramics, furniture, metalsmithing and textiles will be on display through **Friday, Nov. 3** at the Carnegie Arts Center in Goodland. The show will include 33 works done by 17 artists, 10 of which live and work in Kansas. The pieces are a cross between art and craft as they show ways that contemporary craft relates to social, political and personal issues. Group tours and after-hours meetings are welcome. If interested, call the center at 899-6442. The exhibit is sponsored by Western State Bank and Wal-Mart. Gallery hours are 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.

## 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.

## 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 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.

## school menu

**Friday** — Cheeseburger, french fries, lettuce, tomato, onion, Jell-o with fruit and milk.

## hospital report

**Goodland Regional Medical Center**

**Admitted: Wednesday**, none.  
**Dismissed: Wednesday**, none.  
**Transferred:** none.  
**Specialists for Friday**, Dr. John Paul, psychiatry; Dr. David Proff, ophthalmology; Dr. Gerald Poticha, endocrinology.

**Hospital weekly volunteer schedule** — **Friday** — none.

## 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.

## today in history

In 1937, rabbit drives were being held across the county in an attempt to control the jack rabbits that were destroying what little crops could be grown during the “Dirty Thirties.”

*From the Sherman County Historical Society calendar*

## animal shelter

Have you lost a pet? Call the Goodland Police Department at 899-4570.

Are you interested in adopting a pet? Call the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter at 899-6464.

## area events

**Immunization Clinic** — Area veterans can obtain free immunizations at a clinic to be held from **6:30-8:30 p.m., Central Time, Tuesday** at the American Legion Club at 1850 W. Fourth in Colby. No appointments are necessary. The Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System is holding the clinic. Information on veterans’ benefits will also be available. For information, call Mary Velehradsky, public affairs officer, at (402) 346-8800, ext. 3775, or Eddy Miller at (785) 462-3530.

**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 tobacco is urged to attend. For information, call (785) 462-8152.

# the goodland gazette

**By Jan Zwetzig**

*Goodland Correspondent*

Well, I got to the canyon on Friday amid rain, drizzle, fog and just plain yukky weather. It spit all night long and was cold all day. It was 30 degrees Saturday morning and was doing the same stuff as it did on Friday. I didn’t get to do the things I wanted to do outside due to the wet weather and cold temperature.

It never got above 35 degrees all day long. I was invited for the evening meal at 6 p.m. with my friend Dolly. I normally take my flashlight and just hike up the hill to her house. It’s a walk I enjoy doing, but when I got ready to leave, I noticed it was raining harder and some of the rain drops were beginning to look a little heavy. So I drove up the hill instead.

We had our evening meal and then spent a couple of hours just visiting, watching TV and listening to her pager crackle with reports of accidents. One was about 38 miles up the canyon and they were trying to get the upper canyon responders to answer. The report came over two or three times until the team from Walden, Colo., said they were on their way to the scene. About 8:30 p.m. I decided to head down the hill for home.

Dolly turned on the yard light and there was about 3-4 inches of the white stuff on my car. When I got home, the lights showed that my usual parking space beneath a couple of trees, wasn’t the best choice.

The trees were beginning to look like two umbrellas. I finally parked on the lawn south of the house where I would be headed out for a fast get-away if needed. At about 2 a.m. I heard a loud thump. Oh, oh, I thought, there goes one of the trees. I looked out, but they were still umbrellas, so I wasn’t sure where the thump had come from.

About 5:30 a.m. a louder thump woke me up. I was sure it was one of the trees,

but they still looked like umbrellas lying on the ground. When it got light enough I saw where the thumps had come from. Two trees on the north side of the house had large branches broken that were down, but not on the house. But the car looked like a big lump of snow. I got dressed and stepped out on the porch and sunk down in a pile of snow. I hadn’t taken any snow boots with me, so I had to make do with the best I had.

I heard my neighbor Aaron outside, so I went over, up to my knees in snow, to get a shovel. I couldn’t get the garage open due to the snow depth which was about 12 inches. He and his brother, Mike, came over. They cleaned off the porch and steps. Then they made a path to the car and helped me uncover it. While we brushed off the snow, Mike had to remove the snow we brushed off. Aaron said he and Laura were going to leave for Missouri about noon and wondered what the roads were like.

I found out in a hurry! I tried to get out of the yard and had to kick the car into four-wheel drive to get out of the yard, on to the road, up the hill and finally to the highway. There were a couple of tracks, but still plenty of snow. I went about three blocks, turned into the little community, turned east and headed back to the house. A couple of cars had tried to get out and were stuck. I made a trail in front of them and they were able to push themselves into my tracks and get out. I got to finish the closing and get the car packed as Aaron wanted me to lead the way out as they didn’t have four-wheel drive.

By almost noon, the road was just slushy and wet and I didn’t need the four-wheel drive anymore. The further down the mountain we came the less snow there was and the roads were just steaming. I stopped at my sister’s house for a few minutes and then got going again.

The further east I drove the less snow I saw and when I got east of Greeley, Colo., there was none to be seen. I did drive in drizzle and fog. It was just a miserable drive all the way home. The temperature never did get above 40 degrees. Earlier, I had called Gary and asked him to go and turn on the furnace, so I got home late Sunday evening to a warm house. I’ll now have to make a trip back to see the tree damage and get someone to do the necessary trimming. So much for my 2000 canyon-cabin season.

I didn’t get to see a couple of friends I had intended to visit due to the storm. Guess I will have to call them.

I went to the school board meeting Monday evening and I have the hospital board meeting on Tuesday night. With those minutes and my column to do, I’m getting an early start on the column. I’ve also got some extra work to do before Saturday. It’s the job of baking some quick breads for the church’s food booth for the Flatlander Festival on Sept. 30. There’s a football game on Friday night, so I’ll be busy all week.

I will close for tonight as I want to visit Isabelle Hellerud in the hospital for a short time before going to the hospital board meeting.

I’ve no birthdays or anniversaries to announce, but I do know there must be some. Best wishes to all on their special days.

The families of Dolorus Cooper, Warren Gienger, Bud Mather, Calvert McCurry and Thelma Samler are mourning their passing. Sincere sympathy to all of their family and friends. Well, I guess I’ll close this final column.

As most will know by now, the Star has been sold to the group that owns several newspapers in northwest Kansas. It has been over six years I’ve been doing this weekly thing. There were times I thought about stopping, but I always enjoyed the contact I had with people. So for now, I’ve enjoyed your compliments on my column and probably will miss the weekly obligation to do this. (Jan has agreed to continue doing her column for *The Goodland Daily News*, and will be a regular contributor.)

“Till I see you each personally, thanks for the memories and I wish the rest of the crew the best in whatever they wind up doing. Georgia, Pat, Eric, Roxie, Merlyn, Ruth Ann, Sally and the others that helped to put out the Star. See you around.

# obituary

## Velma N. Stephens

Velma N. Stephens, 65, Sharon Springs, died Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2000, at her home.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Wesleyan Church in Sharon Springs with Pastor Paul McNall and Pastor Dustin Ives officiating. Burial will be in the Sharon Springs Cemetery.

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Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Bateman Funeral Home in Sharon Springs and before services Saturday at the church.

Memorials may be left at or sent to Bateman Funeral Home, P.O. Box 336, Sharon Springs, Kan. 67758.

A full obituary will follow.



# Hog farm to monitor air quality

WICHITA (AP) — In a first for Kansas, environmental regulators have approved a permit for the state’s largest corporate hog farm with the stipulation that it monitor air quality for a test project on public health.

In the announcement Wednesday, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment said it was the first time it has required an air quality monitoring plan for a confined animal feeding operation.

Maple Creek Farm’s Bergkamp facility, an 86,400-hog operation under contract with corporate hog giant Seaboard Farms, will be the largest yet for Kansas, more than two and a half times bigger than any hog facility now in place.

“Air monitoring at this facility will assist our state in identifying future needs for air quality assessments at such facilities,” said KDHE Secretary Clyde Graeber.



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