

# about our friends

## calendar

**Tootsie Roll Drive** — Members of the Goodland Knights of Columbus will be handing out tootsie rolls for donations on **Saturday** at Alco, Wal-Mart and around Goodland. The money raised will be used to help mentally retarded citizens with 75 percent to be used locally and 25 percent to go towards the Special Olympics Basketball Tournament to be held in Hays.

**Dinner Theater** — “Mark Twain in the Garden of Eden” will be presented during a dinner theater at **6 p.m. Saturday** and a dessert bar matinee at **2 p.m. Sunday** 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.

**Leadership Reception** — A public reception will be held from **6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17** at Wheat Ridge Acres to honor those members selected to participate in the Leadership Sherman County program for 2000-2001. The leadership board invites the community to attend and meet the new class members.

**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 Cris Lovington at (785) 899-3848.

**Hunting Course** — A free three-day hunter education course will be held from **6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18 and Thursday, Oct. 19 and from 8 a.m.-? Saturday, Oct. 21** at the 4-H Building in Goodland. It is open to all Kansas residents, but students under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Participants need to pre-register at the Bullet Hole, 1402 Main, Goodland, and must attend all three days. For information, call Jim Robinson at 899-5199 or Troy Mannis at 899-3380.

**Gardening Program** — “Putting Your Beds to Bed” is the name of a lunch and learn program to be presented by Christy Rasure from **noon-1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19** in the assembly room at the Goodland courthouse. Bring a sack lunch and learn what you need to do in your garden this fall to help insure a successful one next spring. To register, call the extension office at 899-4880 by Oct. 16.

## 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.

**Museum Exhibit** — An unusual 75-piece coffee mug collection owned by Roxie Yonkey will be on temporary display at the High Plains Museum in Goodland. The museum’s hours are **from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday.**

**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.

## grants available

This fall the Topside of Kansas 24-Hour Relay Challenge will give \$2,500 in mini-grants to anyone in the northwest Kansas area who does preventative activities for youth.

Applications are available at the Goodland High School counseling office or if you need one sent to you, call Rhonda Williams at (785) 899-5656 or Charlotte Linsner at (785) 899-2582. Applications must be postmarked no later than **Friday, Oct. 20.**

Mail them to Topside of Kansas 24-Hour Relay Challenge Mini-Grant Program, c/o Charlotte Linsner, 214 E. 17th, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

## 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.

## 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** — Pizza, lettuce salad, watermelon and milk.

## hospital report

**Goodland Regional Medical Center**  
**Admitted:** **Wednesday**, Robert Cotton, Goodland; and Leonard Conaway, Sharon Springs.

**Dismissed:** **Wednesday**, Cade McLean, Goodland.

**Transferred:** none.

**Specialists for Friday:** Dr. Alfred Carr, ear, nose and throat; Dr. David Pfoff, ophthalmology.

**Hospital weekly volunteer schedule** — **Friday** — Ruth Morton, courtesy; Fern Hawks, a.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.

**Bob Simmons, Goodland**, is a patient in a Colorado hospital. Mail may be sent to him in care of Memorial Hospital, 1400 E. Boulder Street, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80909.

**Justin Selby**, formerly of Goodland and the son of Pat and Phil Willig, will undergo kidney transplant surgery on **Monday**. He will receive a kidney from his aunt, Jo Ann Scotton, formerly of Wray, Colo. Selby will be in the hospital for at least a week and would appreciate cards and phone calls after surgery. Flowers are not allowed in his room and will be forwarded to his home. Send mail to Justin Selby, St. Luke’s Hospital-North 3, 4401 Wornall Road, Kansas City, Mo. 64111 or call (816) 932-2082.

## today in history

In 1898, it was the first day of class at Itasca Township school district 21. Samuel P. Baker was the teacher and J. J. Warriner was director. The school term lasted until Feb. 24, 1899.

*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.

# the goodland gazette

In July 1994, a hot summer day as I recall, I got a phone call from Dixie Hooker of Kanorado. She was calling to ask me if I might know of someone who would like to write a column for a new weekly paper that was coming out.

She was working for them and thought I might be able to direct them to someone who could or would do this type of part-time item.

I gave her all my best ideas of the type of person I thought would make an ideal writer. I asked her if she had someone in mind and she casually said, “you.” Now I was just the opposite of what I had just gotten through telling her. Thus my venture into the field of working and writing for a newspaper began.

In February 1996, this paperwork was my salvation. As I fought the fight of losing my sister Dorothy. I could hear her telling me I could do it and would do a good job. For many, many weeks it was her words that came echoing back to me that kept me going and writing.

Now *the Star* is history, sadness to me that the dream of Eric and Roxie didn’t pan out. The news that Sept. 27 would be my last column got me to thinking back about all the times spent at the office and working to help make that dream come true. It was a time of mixed feelings.

Then came Friday, Sept. 29. I got the call to check with *The Goodland Daily News* as they were interested in my column. Over those last couple of days, I didn’t answer my phone. I tried to avoid people, as it made me very uncomfortable to hear them tell me how sad they were that I wouldn’t be rambling about things in the paper.

By 4 p.m., I was asked to be a part of the *Daily News*. I’ll not cover the hospital and school board meetings, as they have two doing those jobs. So here I sit at my old computer, putting my thoughts, once again, down on paper. I don’t really have much news as I had called my contact people and told them I was out. I’ve now contacted them so the notes will once again find their way to my desk and become a part of the column.

Thank you to all who were so supportive when they thought I was done as a writer. One of my friends told me



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that he was beginning to wonder if he’d have to have some form of fund-raiser to keep me going. No need now. I’m back and I’ll keep writing for who knows how long.

One good note, Leo and Connie Hatcher have returned home. I saw them Thursday evening just minutes after they arrived in Goodland. I put a casserole in the oven and went to their home to share it with them as a welcome home gift. Leo’s feeling pretty good, but he still has some work to do to get total usage back of his left hand, arm and leg. He’s walking, very slowly, with the help of a cane and Connie. Welcome back, Leo, and continue to regain the use of your left side.

I got a letter from a *Star* reader, Lucille Fixsen Bose, who lives with her husband and two sons in a small town in south central Nebraska called Orleans. She said the population is around 400. They farm and raise cattle.

She said she always read my column first and hopes I keep up the good work. She is the daughter of Ray and Clara Marie Fixsen of Goodland.

Ray and Albert worked together in the early days of Great Western Sugar, so I have known her for a good many years. I remember the first time Mom celebrated her birthday here in Goodland. We had the Fixsen family and our neighbors, Carl and Melba Kruse, over for cake and ice cream.

Mom always felt that Mrs. Fixsen was one of her better friends here. Now Mrs. Fixsen celebrated her 78th birthday on Oct. 2. Lucille went on to say that Ray will have a birthday in December and their 48th wedding anniversary in January. I’ll go into those when the time gets closer. Belated birthday greetings, Mrs. Fixsen, and many more.

She also sent me a clipping of a poem on the School Prayer, result of recent controversy about the presence of the Ten Commandments on government property and in schools. I’ll let the pa-

## Student takes engineering classes



Lisa Studer

Lisa Studer, a Goodland High School senior, is also a student in the engineering technology program at the Northwest Kansas Technical School in Goodland.

She acquired the necessary credits to receive a high school diploma at the completion of her junior year and enrolled in the “senior option” program between the two schools.

She is now attending the technical school to receive elective credits for her first year of engineering classes.

Studer is the daughter of Roger and Carmen Studer of Goodland and will graduate in May 2002 from the technical school.

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