

about our friends

calendar

Blood Drive — The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from **noon-5:15 p.m. Thursday** at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland. Blood donors must be at 17, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Bring photo identification. For information or to make an appointment, call Dolly Irvin at 899-2111 or Martha Gunderson at 899-5933.

Health Screening — Cholesterol screening and education will be given on **Thursday** and **Friday** at the office of the Sherman County Health Department, 1622 Broadway. For information, call 899-4888.

Senior Dinner — Holiday entertainment and a dinner for senior citizens of Sherman County will begin at **11 a.m. Friday** at Goodland High School. Please **RSVP by Wednesday** by calling 899-5656 or 899-2397. If needed, meals can be delivered to a seniors' homes by calling either of these numbers.

SHARE — The pickup of low cost food in exchange for volunteer work for this month will be from **9-10 a.m. Saturday** at 824 Main in Goodland.

Free Matinee — In order to allow time for parents to shop for the upcoming holidays, free movies will be shown the next two weekends in Goodland. This weekend's matinee, **Snow Day**, which is rated PG, will be shown at **1:30 p.m. Saturday** and **Sunday** at The Sherman Theatre and is sponsored by the theater.

Band Concert — Goodland's fifth grade, sixth grade, junior high and high school bands will give a Christmas concert at **7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18**, in the Goodland High School auditorium. The concert will be co-directed by band instructors Paul Garrison and Tom Miles.

Singles Group — The Thursday Night Together Christian singles group will have a party at **6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28**, at the Edwards Hall in the Armstrong Addition. All singles are invited to attend. For questions, call 899-2733.

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 Imel. For questions, call 899-7242.

Carnegie Arts Center — The arts center is open from **10 a.m.-5 p.m.**

Leaves not fallen in eastern Kansas

Traveling across Kansas this year you may have seen many trees that have not lost their leaves. In our area we see scattered trees still holding on to their leaves, but not like east of us.

Wind action, for us, removes most of even the strongly attached leaves here. Across the state the trees holding onto their leaves, have experienced a "marcescent" autumn. Marcescent means "to wither without falling off." A new term for me, but it is something I have wondered about while traveling.

A tree usually prepares for winter by breaking down the chlorophyll in the leaves, reabsorbing nitrogen and other nutrients, and developing an abscission layer at the base of the petiole. The reabsorbing process is important to conserve nutrients, while the abscission layer (a layer of cells with weakened cell walls) allows the leaf to detach easily. A tree without leaves is much less likely to suffer branch breakage and other damage from ice glazing or a heavy, wet snow.

Tuesday through Friday and from **1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday**.

Library Closings — The Goodland Public Library will be closed **Monday, Dec. 25 and Tuesday, Dec. 26** for Christmas and on **Monday, Jan. 1** for New Year's Day. It will be open regular hours for the rest of December. The library board and staff wishes all of the library's patrons a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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.

food for fines

The Goodland Public Library will again offer its "Food for Fines" program **during December**. Patrons with outstanding fines or overdue library materials may bring in a food item for Genesis, a local food bank, in exchange for the fine. Food items needed by Genesis include peanut butter, cereal, pancake mix, cake mixes, Jell-o, pudding, or any canned goods.

card shower

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nagel Jr. of Kanorado will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on Dec. 19. Their children are requesting a card shower in honor of their special day. Cards may be sent to them at 5270 Road 3, Kanorado, Kan. 67741.

teddy bear project

The Goodland Elks Lodge and Kickers Restaurant and Lounge are sponsoring a teddy bear project for this Christmas season. Bring a new teddy bear to the lodge and it will be displayed under their tree until after Christmas. The bears will then be given to the Northwest Kansas ambulance crew for them to give out to sick or injured kids or adults throughout next year.

photos needed

Photos are needed for a 2001 alumni reunion display to be put up next year at the High Plains Museum in Goodland. Any photos of Goodland classes or individuals will work and are needed, as soon as possible, so that work can begin on the display. For questions, stop by the museum or call 899-4595.

society donations

The Sherman County Historical Society has received positive response to the proposed purchase of the Edythe Handy house. Your continued support is critical to the award of the grant re-

quest that is currently in progress. Tax-free pledges or donations for this year or 2001 may be made to the historical society at P.O. Box 684, Goodland, Kan. 67735 or by calling 899-6773.

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.

school menu

Thursday — Cheeseburger, french fries, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, choice of fruit and milk.

Friday — Cooks' choice.

hospital report

Goodland Regional Medical Center **Admitted on Tuesday:** Lola Marrs, Brewster.

Dismissed on Tuesday: Phyllis Long, Tonya Medina and Forest Reed, all of Goodland.

Transferred: none.

Specialists for Thursday: Dr. Brian Cole, cardiologist; Dr. Jeffrey Rumbyrt, allergist.

Hospital weekly volunteer schedule — **Thursday** — Jessie Owens, a.m.; Berna Biem, p.m. **Friday** — Helen Hughes, courtesy; Fern Hawks, a.m.; Harriette Smith, p.m.

today in history

In 1887, it was the climax of the county seat conflict when all the newly elected officials went to Eustis to demand the books of the respective county offices.

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.

Found: an older male brownish-red Dachshund around North School and a full-grown Brittany Spaniel at McB's Corner Garage. Call the animal shelter to claim.

area events

Benefit Soup Supper — A benefit soup supper to help with medical expenses for Rosa Garcia will be held from **5-6:45 p.m., Central Time, Monday** at the school in Brewster. The menu will include chili, chicken noodle soup, vegetable soup, cinnamon rolls, veggies and various desserts.

Music Program — Brewster School music students will present a Christmas music program "Season's Greetings" at **7 p.m., Central Time, Monday** in the south gym of the school. Everyone is invited to attend.

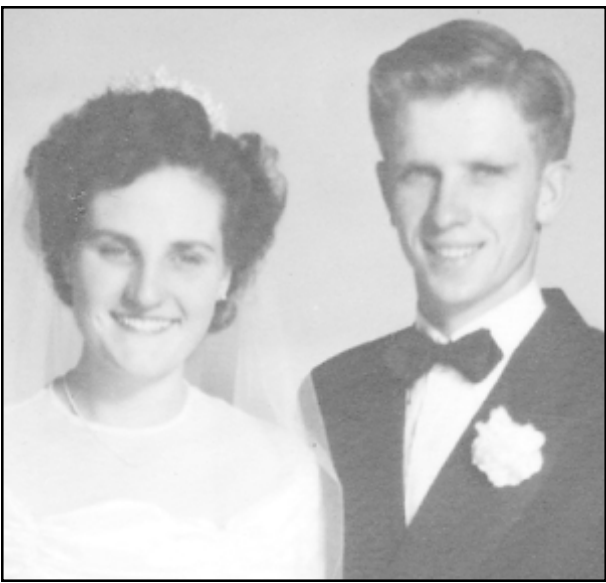
Child Care Training — A child care training session will be held in Colby this month. "Discoveries of Infancy" will be held from **7-9 p.m., Central Time, Monday** in the Gray Room of Ferguson Hall at Colby Community College.

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.

crimestoppers

Sometime between 3 p.m. on Dec. 1 and 10:10 a.m. on Dec. 4, someone drove a vehicle through a snow fence, post and chain at the Northwest Kansas Technical School in Goodland.

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



Bonnie and Ed Carleton in 1950



Ed and Bonnie Carleton now

Couple to celebrate 50th anniversary

Edwin and Bonnie Carleton of Goodland will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 20.

Edwin Carleton and Bonnie Walker were married on Dec. 20, 1950, at the United Methodist Church in Goodland.

A reception will be held for family

and friends on Jan. 20 at Lake Conroe, Texas. It will be hosted by the couple's daughters and their husbands, Marcia and Marc Budge and Mona and Larry Werner.

They have two grandchildren, Steven Budge and Tara Deegan; two step-grandchildren, Wesley Werner

and Wendy Winings; three great-grandchildren and five step great-grandchildren.

Ed worked for the Rock Island Railroad for 29 years and the Kyle Railroad for nine years before he retired in 1992. Bonnie retired from KN Energy in 1994.

kanorado chronology

By Dixie Hooker

Kanorado Correspondent

Useless facts: Electric Christmas tree lights were first used in 1895. The idea for using electric Christmas lights came from an American, Ralph E. Morris.

Okay all you ladies out there, I have found the perfect gift for that hard-to-buy-for guy. Most of you have probably heard of the Franklin Mint, the ones who sell scale model cars, coins, china, etc. Are you ready for this? This year they are offering The "Old Reliable."

Its scale is 1:24 (actual size is 8 inches long). A 1940 Ford Pickup with dents, dings, rust and grime on the model. It has one smashed headlight and stray wires dangling from underneath the dash. The windshield is cracked and the tailgate is missing. The tires are slicker than a baby's bottom and there are little pop cans on the floorboard and old out-of-date magazines on the front seat dodging the yanked out stuffing of the seat itself. And last but not least gals, it comes with packets of dust, mud, dirt and grime so your ole better half can personalize the pickup himself. I swear! 'Tis true! You can be billed one lump sum of \$105 or five easy monthly payments of \$21 each.

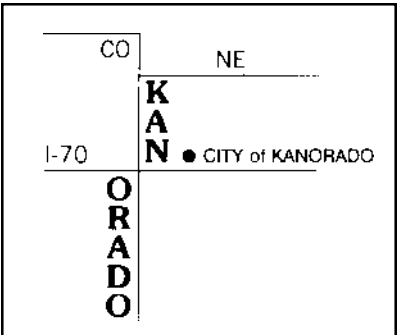
Now just think, we are here in Kansas and you would be able to save your little packet of dust for something else 'cause we have plenty of our own! See how handy that would be? Now that mud packet has me wondering, it must be in a foil packet huh? Now come on, get it for that guy! Just think if he drops it, sits on it, kicks it across the room, who will know if you have to send it back? How can they tell it was used or abused? I ask you, what better present?

Hey now the doors do open and it has a fully functional suspension. The motor is completely intact. Trust me gals, it is even authorized by the Ford Motor Company. But you must act fast as you only have 'till Dec. 31 and this hot little item is gone or trashed.

The following wit struck me as hilarious and just in time for Christmas. Little Leroy asked his mother for a bike for Christmas. As Leroy had given her a bit of a hard time this year, she thought maybe she could get him to behave better and told him maybe he should write God about the bike.

He wrote, "Dear God, I have been a very good boy this year and I would like a bike for my Christmas. I want a red one. Your friend, Leroy." Leroy knew that this wasn't true. He had not been a very good boy this year, so he tore up the letter and started over.

Letter No. 2: "Dear God, This is your friend Leroy. I have been a good boy this year and I would like a red bike



for Christmas. Thank you. Your friend, Leroy." Leroy knew that this wasn't true either. So he tore up the letter and started again.

Letter No. 3: "Dear God, I have been an "OK" boy this year. I still would really like a bike for Christmas. Leroy." Leroy knew he could not send this letter to God either. So, Leroy wrote a fourth letter.

Letter No. 4: "God, I know I haven't been a good boy this year. I am very sorry. I will be a good boy if you just send me a bike for Christmas. PLEASE!!! Thank you, Leroy." Leroy knew, even if it were true, this letter was not going to get him a bike.

Now, Leroy was very upset. He went downstairs and told his mom that he wanted to go to church. Leroy's mother

thought her plan had worked, as Leroy looked very sad. "Just be home in time for dinner," Leroy's mother told him.

Leroy walked down the street to the church on the corner. Little Leroy went into the church and up to the altar. He looked around to see if anyone was there. Leroy bent down and picked up a statue of the Virgin Mary. He slipped it under his shirt and ran out of the church, down the street, into the house, and up to his room. He shut the door to his room and sat down with a piece of paper and a pen. Leroy began to write his letter to God.

Letter No. 5: "GOD, I'VE GOT YOUR MOTHER. IF YOU WANT TO SEE HER AGAIN, SEND THE BIKE! Signed, YOU KNOW WHO." A caroling party is being planned for Dec. 23. Anyone interested in going should meet down at the Kanorado Senior Center around 5:30 p.m.

Jingle Bells was actually written as a song for Thanksgiving. It was originally called One Horse Open Sleigh. Now whoever has the power to change these things is beyond me, but we must find them, as they might be able to put a stop to this election thing and then we could find out who our next president is. So folks, if the president calls, get his name!

Cheerleading sponsor speaks

Kimberly Schields of Goodland was a speaker at the Kansas State High School Activities Association Sportsmanship Summit held Nov. 6 at Hays. The theme was "TEAM: Together Everyone Achieves More."

There were 40 Kansas high schools of all classifications present at the summit, each represented by a team of students, school administrators, coaches, sponsors, and booster club and school board members.

Schields, cheerleading sponsor for Goodland High School, was a speaker for one of seven small-group sessions led by individuals involved in school activity programs across the state. Her session was on "The Cheerleader's Role in Sportsmanship."

The meeting was an opportunity for teams to gain new ideas for promoting sportsmanship and share programs used in their schools.

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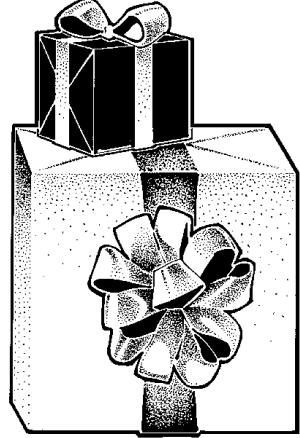
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