

about our friends

calendar

Motivational Speaker — Carl Boyd, a motivational speaker from Arizona who is called “The Advice Teacher,” will speak to parents and others at **7 p.m. tonight** in the Goodland High School auditorium.

Dinner Party — The Goodland After-5 Club will have a “There’s No Business Like Snow Business” dinner party for women from **7-8:30 p.m. tonight** at the Butterfly Cafe. The speaker will be Paula Holladay of Wichita and the feature will be “Snowmen” presented by Susie Johnson. For reservations, call Barb at 899-5580 or Lori at 899-3828.

Card Party — If you’re single and would like to play pitch or pinochle, then you’re invited to attend an evening of fun to be held at **6:30 p.m. Thursday** at Edwards’ Hall in the Armstrong Addition. For information, call 899-3323 or 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. Tuesday through Friday** and from **1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday**.

Basketball Camp — Applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. Boys, ages 8-19, and girls, ages 10-19, can apply. Players are selected by invitation only. The Kansas camp location is in Atchison. College basketball scholarships are possible for players named to the All-American Team. For an evaluation form, call (704) 568-6801, anytime.

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 environmen-

Sexual assault is crime surrounded by myth

Sexual assault is a crime surrounded by myth. Long believed to be an act of “passion,” sexual assault is, in truth, a life threatening crime of violence in which the offender attempts to control and degrade the victim.

Sexual assault includes rape, oral sodomy, sodomy, child sexual abuse, incest and sexual battery. A person can be assaulted when overcome by force or fear when the victim is unconscious or physically powerless, or when the victim is incapable of giving consent because of mental deficiency, disease or incapacitation due to alcohol or drugs.

If you have been sexually assaulted:

- * First you must remember that the assault was not your fault. No one asks to be assaulted. No one agrees to sexual assault. The responsibility for the crime rests only with the offender.

- * It is important that you seek medical attention immediately, whether you plan to report the assault to law enforcement officials or not. Medical care can be helpful for detecting and treating injuries, for collecting evidence to be used against the offender and for providing treatment for some sexually transmitted diseases.

- * Consider reporting the assault to law enforcement officials. They are there to provide you with safety and information. Reporting the crime is the

California’s electric bills are subject of debate

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The battle over who should foot California’s staggering electricity bill is becoming a political showdown pitting Wall Street financiers against Main Street consumers.

The tensions are likely to be reflected in Gov. Gray Davis’s State of the State address Monday night as he seeks to send a reassuring message to the financial community without incensing the public.

“We are redoubling our efforts to approve a significant amount of new (power) generation,” Davis said in a statement Sunday.

California’s Independent System Operator and two major utilities reported no significant power problems over the weekend.

Southern California Edison and Pacific Gas & Electric officials are looking to Davis, state lawmakers and the federal government to provide long-term assistance to the companies and their customers this week.

tal concerns, call the Sherman County Health Department at (785) 899-4888.

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 request 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.

card shower

Fred and Lenna Studer will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on **Sunday, Jan. 14**. Their children would like to honor them with a card shower. Send cards to them at 1612 Center, 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.

school menu

Tuesday — Hamburgers, french fries, lettuce, tomatoes, onion, pickles, ice cream and milk.

Wednesday — Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, Jell-o with fruit and milk.

Thursday — Frito chili pie, lettuce, cheese, potato square, pudding and milk.

Friday — Sandwiches, tater tots, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onion, fruit shape-up and milk.

hospital report

Goodland Regional Medical Center Admitted on Friday: Clarence Howard Sr., Goodland; Brenda Cunningham, Sharon Springs; and Eileen Smith, Weskan. **Saturday:** Roselyn Clair, Dorothy Heiny and Grace Jensen, all of Goodland. **Sun-**

day: none.

Dismissed on Friday: Myrna Carson and Gloria Kibel, both of Goodland; and Tonia Vallejo, Sharon Springs. **Saturday:** Kenneth Yoke, Goodland. **Sunday:** none.

Transferred: none.

Specialists for Tuesday: Dr. William Inkret, gynecologist; Dr. Martin Rubinowitz, oncologist/hematologist; Dr. Darrell Werth, urologist.

Hospital weekly volunteer schedule — Tuesday — Bonnie Daily, a.m.; Beulah McClung, p.m. **Wednesday** — Irene Kehlbeck, courtesy; Helen Armstrong, a.m. **Thursday** — Jessie Owens, a.m.; Berna Biem, p.m. **Friday** — Ruth Morton, courtesy; Fern Hawks, a.m.

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: Male black Labrador mix at 12th and Syracuse; and young female Rottweiler mix at 19th and Commerce.

today in history

In 1901, Dr. Thomas identified that it was a human foot carried by a dog up the stairway to the Sharp building, although it remains a mystery where it came from.

From The Goodland Republic/Information provided by The Sherman County Historical Society

area events

Tobacco Support Group — A tobacco quitters support group meets from **7-8 p.m., Central Time, every Wednesday** in the cafeteria of Citizens’ Medical Center in Colby. Anyone who has a desire to stop smoking is urged to attend. For information, call (785) 462-8152.

Head Injury Support Group — The next meeting of the Head Injury Support Group will be at **7 p.m., Central Time, Thursday** at the LINK office at 1204 Canterbury in Hays.

crimestoppers

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. You could be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000.

who have been assaulted have different needs and ways of coping. Whether the assault occurred recently or many years ago, you may still be experiencing the emotional trauma

from the assault. Regardless of when the assault occurred, support is available.

Sexual assault also affects the friends and family of the victim, therefore support and assistance is available. It is important for friends and family to seek answers to their questions from advocate agencies and other professionals. You will be a better support person for the victim if you get support yourself.

You can bring awareness to our communities by supporting sexual assault prevention efforts in the community, such as the Northwest Kansas Family Shelter, Community Partnerships in Prevention/Education and of course, the Regional Prevention Center.

Don’t be afraid to talk about sexual assault. Thousands of people are sexually assaulted each year. Help break the silence. You may call the Shelter at (785) 899-2582 or on their toll free number at (800) 794-4624. Or if you are interested in supporting prevention efforts, call (785) 899-3848.

obituaries

Louise M. Fixsen

Louise May Fixsen, 85, a former first grade teacher at Goodland, died Friday, Jan. 5, 2001, at the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

She was born June 15, 1915, the daughter of homesteading pioneers Ricka (Brandt) and Henry C. Tagtmeyer. She grew up on the family farm northwest of Goodland.

She attended school at District No. 18 Star Elementary School and graduated from Sherman County High School at Goodland. While in high school, she completed normal training to become a teacher.

She attended Fort Hays State University and the Black Hills of South Dakota College. She earned a bachelor’s degree in education from Denver University.

She taught school for 48 years. The first 11 years were in Sherman and Cheyenne counties and at Ruleton. In 1945, she began teaching first grade at Goodland.

She and Merle D. Fixsen were married in 1948.

In 1953, she became the first special education teacher in Sherman County and stayed in this field until she retired.

She was a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Delta Kappa Gamma, Sherman County Historical Society, Century Families, Round Table and Retired Teachers Association.

For the last several years, she worked at the Goodland Senior Center.

She will be remembered for her sense of humor.

She enjoyed reading and language and doing art and needlework.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Goodland with Pastor Scott Grimshaw officiating. Burial will follow in the Goodland Cemetery.

Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Koons Chapel in Goodland or before the service Thursday at the church.

Survivors include a son, John Fixsen of Sharon Springs; a daughter, Delores Depe of Colby; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous

nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1975; her parents; five brothers, Edmund, Arthur, Henry Jr., Jeff and Herman “Tiny” Tagtmeyer; five sisters, Regina Tagtmeyer, Josephine Pizel, Lena Fixsen, Catherine Ochsner and Freda Darnauer.

Memorials may be given to the church, the Sherman County Historical Society, Delta Kappa Gamma or the Goodland Senior Center and may be left at Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

Jimmie D. Hicks

Jimmie Duane Hicks, 53, Syracuse, a former Goodland resident, died Saturday, Jan. 6, 2001, at the Geary Community Hospital in Junction City.

He was born Jan. 19, 1947, at Dodge City, to Catherine (Pittman) and Truman Hicks.

He graduated in 1966 from high school at Lamar, Colo., and in 1973 from the Northwest Kansas Technical School at Goodland as an auto mechanic.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1971 and was stationed in Vietnam and Germany.

He and Susan Marie Rempe were married June 19, 1972, in Goodland. In 1973, they moved from Goodland to Syracuse.

He worked for the Kansas Department of Transportation as an equipment mechanic. He took early retirement in 1998.

He enjoyed working with cars, drawing pictures and fishing.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. today at the Syracuse Cemetery with a family dinner to follow at the St. Raphael Catholic Church in Syracuse.

Visitation was held from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday and from 8 to 9:30 a.m. today at the Green-Fellers Funeral Home in Syracuse.

Survivors include his wife of Syracuse; two sons, Thomas S. Hicks of Overland Park and Timothy Hicks of Derby; his parents of Goodland; four brothers, Galen Hicks of Hays, Doug Hicks of Pueblo, Colo., and Mike Hicks and Dave Hicks of Loveland, Colo.; and

two sisters, Mary Hicks of Norton and Sherri Lee of Osborne.

Memorials may be given to the Hamilton County Library in Syracuse in care of Greene-Fellers Funeral Home and Monuments, P.O. Box 1253, Syracuse, Kan. 67878.

Dewey J. Council

Dewey J. Council, 76, Winona, a member of the Area Board of Control for the Northwest Kansas Technical School in Goodland, died Friday, Jan. 5, 2001, at Vencor Hospital in Denver.

He was born May 8, 1924, at Winona, the son of Vida Jessie (Waldmeier) and Admiral Dewey Council.

He and Phyllis L. Hosley were married Aug. 11, 1946, at Winona.

He was a farmer and rancher.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church and a past member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Lions Club, all at Winona.

He served for 36 years on the Area Board of Control and was board secretary for about 25 years.

His funeral will be at 2:30 p.m., Central Time, Wednesday at the Triplains High School gym in Winona with the Rev. H. Gene Shoemaker and the Rev. Barbara Patterson officiating. Burial will be in the Winona Cemetery with military rites performed.

Visitation will be from 4 to 9 p.m., Central Time, Tuesday at the church in Winona.

Survivors include his wife of Winona; a son, Terry R. Council of Broken Arrow, Okla.; a daughter, Sandra L. Hedgecock of Highlands Ranch, Colo.; two step-brothers, Roscoe Kahle of Winona and Clarence Kahle of Russell Springs; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his stepmother, Grace Council.

Memorials may be made to the Northwest Kansas Technical School Endowment Association Scholarship Fund and sent in care of Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, P.O. Box 221, Oakley, Kan. 67748.

Man kills driver while committing suicide

SALINA (AP) — A man who jumped from an overpass and crashed through the windshield of a truck, killing both himself and the driver, had a history of psychiatric problems, officials said.

Jim Burkhead, 33, of Wilson, was taken to the Salina Regional Medical Center on Wednesday by the Ellsworth County Sheriff’s Office, but later left the hospital.

Around 10:30 p.m. Thursday, Burkhead jumped from an overpass in Salina and landed on the truck driven by Lyndon Gurtner, who had just spent the evening delivering Schwan’s frozen-food products. Gurtner had turned 37 on New Year’s Day.

Police have determined that Gurtner’s death was second-degree murder although Burkhead might not have intended to kill Gurtner. It ap-

peared that Burkhead, who weighed 300 pounds, timed his jump to land on the truck, officials said.

“His act was the direct cause of Mr. Gurtner’s death,” Police Chief Jim Hill said Friday. “This tragic loss of life was no accident.”

Both men apparently died on impact. The truck swerved into an embankment and then veered back across the road into a muddy median, Lt. Mike Sweeney said.

No other injuries were reported.

Officers were called to the scene when a motorist reported a smoking truck in the median. No witnesses reported seeing Burkhead jump.

Burkhead, who was single and had no children, was a truck driver who recently lost his job, said his sister-in-law, Jill Burkhead.

Burkhead was charged in 1987 with

stabbing his brother several times. He pleaded guilty to lesser charges and was given probation, Wilson Police Chief Tim Heard said.

Years later, he rammed his pickup into a wall in Lorraine, apparently in an effort to kill himself. He then agreed to psychiatric treatment at the medical center in Salina, Heard said.

After a short time at the hospital, Burkhead left the Salina facility, Heard said.

When Burkhead was found, he had a sack of dead cats. He was recently convicted of cruelty to animals, Heard said.

He was then taken to another psychiatric ward, but walked away again.

Jill Burkhead said her brother-in-law recently had slipped into deep depression, and “when he lost his job this last time it got worse.”

AgraSafe Program Farm Safety Demonstration

“First on the Scene”

Sherman County 4-H Building
Tuesday, January 16, 2001, 5:00-8:30 p.m.

Contact Person:

Dana Belshe, K-State Research and Extension/Sherman County
(785) 899-4880
Valarie Kaup, Sherman County Farm Bureau, County Coordinator
(785) 899-2378

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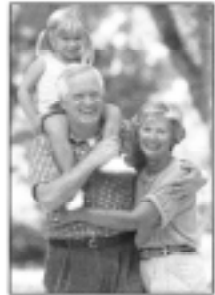
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only way that the offender may be prosecuted for the assault. By reporting an incident to the law, you may also be eligible for Crime Victim’s Compensation.

- * Seek emotional support through your friends or family or by contacting a local advocate agency. It is important to seek support from others because every victim of sexual assault will experience the injuries of the crime. In some cases, those injuries are obvious physical wounds. In every case, the victim will suffer from emotional trauma that will take even longer to heal. Many advocate agencies can provide you with support in the form of a 24-hour hotline, one-on-one crisis counseling, support groups and advocacy. You may just need someone to listen, or someone to assist you with the medical, legal or court process. If you are under the age of 18, in some cases the professional you talk to may be required to report the assault to law enforcement officials.

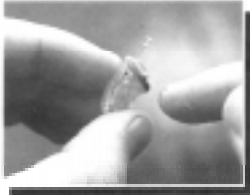
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