

about our friends

calendar

Computer Class — A computer class will be held from **6:30-8:30 p.m. tonight** at the Goodland Public Library. The class is open to anyone and will focus on basic Internet and E-mail use. Instructors are JoAnn Wahrman and Jackie Elliott. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted. A sign-up sheet is available at the library, however walk-ins are welcome.

Pancake Feed — The Goodland Lions are to have a pancake feed and broom sale from **6 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday** at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Goodland. The meal is all-you-can-eat and will consist of pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice. Tickets are available at the door or from club members.

Project Graduation 2001 — Parents of students in the class of 2001 are encouraged to attend a meeting at **7 p.m. Tuesday** in the Goodland High School cafeteria to learn about financial details and committee needs for Project Graduation 2001. Please bring pictures of your child as a senior, as a baby or preschooler and in groups with classmates, plus a couple of your child's favorite recipes.

Card Party — The Thursday Night Together singles group will meet at **6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8**, at Marie Edwards' dance hall in the Armstrong Addition. The group will play cards. Bring finger food. 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 work-

out will be at **8 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday** with Imel. For questions, call 899-7242.

Carnegie Arts Center — Artwork by Goodland elementary students will be on exhibit through **Friday, Feb. 23**, at the Carnegie Arts Center in Goodland. One piece of artwork from each child in pre-kindergarten through sixth grade will be shown. The exhibit is sponsored by Doug and Jeanne Irvin and Brady and Jane Philbrick. 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 environmental 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 may be made to the historical society at P.O. Box 684, Goodland, Kan. 67735 or by calling 899-6773.

alumni deadline

The deadline for alumni address labels to be turned in is **Monday, Feb. 19**. Alumni secretaries are asked to turn in updates by this date. The final deadline for the alumni directory will be Sunday, April 15. If you have questions, call Peggy Bahe at 899-5433.

support group

Anyone interested in forming a bipolar disorder support group, should call Virginia Tucker at 899-5696. The support group would be for the family and friends of those with the disorder, as well as the patients.

school menu

Friday — Pizza, lettuce salad, Jell-o with fruit and milk.

hospital report

Goodland Regional Medical Center Admitted on Wednesday: Lydia Scott, Goodland.

Dismissed on Wednesday: Lester E. Lehman and Christina Schiefen, both of Goodland; and Ola Tupper, Weskan.

Transferred: none
Specialists for Friday: Dr. Steven Gulevich, neurologist; Dr. John Faul, psychiatrist.

Hospital weekly volunteer schedule — Friday — Carmelita Clark, courtesy; Harriette Smith, p.m.

patient update

Brenda Fisher of Goodland is recuperating at her home after ear surgery in Wichita. Cards may be sent to her at 1624 Texas, Goodland, Kan.

67735.

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; young female Rotweiler mix at 19th and Commerce.

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.

Livestock Workshop — A livestock and resource management workshop will be held from **8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Central Time, Thursday, Feb. 8**, at the Ramada Inn in Colby. Information will be given on nutritional needs of cattle, post drought range management, inventorying ranch resources and possible solutions for profitable management. The cost includes lunch. For information or to register, contact Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development at (785) 462-2602.

Head Injury Support — The next meeting of the Head Injury Support Group will be at **7 p.m., Central Time, Thursday, Feb. 8**, at the LINK office, 1204 Canterbury, 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. If the information you give results in the arrest and/or conviction of those persons involved, you could be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000.

Weatherman retires after 36 years of service

When George Lucas joined the U.S. Navy to see the world, he probably didn't expect to end up with a career watching weather and collecting data out on the rolling plains of the West.

Lucas, data acquisition program manager at the National Weather Service in Goodland, retired Wednesday after 36 years in weather work.

He grew up in the Hamptons of Long Island, N.Y., and graduated from high school in 1964. He joined the U.S. Navy to see the world, he said, serving four years as an aerographer's mate. He moved to the National Weather Service in January 1969 at Lubbock, Texas.

One memorable day there, he said, he was on duty when a tornado hit Lubbock on May 11, 1970.

He worked at weather service offices across the country, including Boston; Little Rock; Memphis; Apalachicola, Fla.; and Brownsville, Midland and Waco, Texas.

Lucas said he liked all of the places he worked and liked Texas, where he spent quite a bit of time, a lot.

"But for now, I'll be staying in Kansas," he said, adding that he plans to move to Garden City this weekend. "(I) hope to find a good, challenging job down there."

In addition, he plans to "dance his socks off" at all the area dance halls.

Lucas came to the Goodland office in December 1993 as data acquisition program manager. He said with modernization, the weather service thought they needed someone to supervise meteorologist technicians. He was re-

sponsible for training new employees on data acquisition procedures.

After his retirement, his position will go with him, he said, since it is being done away with across the nation. His duties are being absorbed by other members of the staff.

Lucas said he has seen some changes since he came to Goodland. When he arrived, there was only one computer and now there are almost 30. He said there was a huge change when the mainframe computer was replaced three years ago. The old weather radar was changed to doppler radar in 1995 or 1996, adding greater accuracy to the station's capabilities.

He successfully transferred the Cooperative Observing Program from the state level to the local level. In Goodland, he managed the cooperative observer programs, where volunteers record precipitation and temperature in outlying towns. He traveled around the 19-county area, he said, and that was kind of the fun part — getting out and talking with people.

"I definitely will miss that," he said. Lucas had a cooperative weather station in the Paxton Addition from 1994-1999. Then when he moved into town in December 1999, it came with him, but since he is leaving Goodland, the station was moved to Dick Hayden's house at 15th and Caldwell in January.

A retirement dinner was held for Lucas on Friday at the Sugar Hills Country Club.

When asked if he was excited about retiring, Lucas said, "You bet. Thirty-six years is enough."



George Lucas

kanorado chronology

By Dixie Hooker

Kanorado Correspondent

Useless facts: 1961 was the most recent year that could be written both upside-down and right side-up and appear the same. The next year that this will be possible will be 6009.

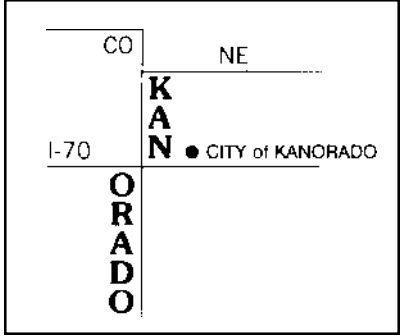
Getting to know Kanorado people, places and things.

PEOPLE: Introducing Edna Bishop, a Kanorado resident since 1966. Edna was born in Englewood, Colo., and

spent a good share of her early life kicking around in this area. As a kid she moved quite often, but one nice childhood memory she had was of living on a dairy farm in Monument, Colo. She said her dad used to cut blocks of ice on Monument Lake and then take them to the local icehouse. He always used mules for this task as she said mules would not get on ice that had a thickness of less than four inches. So her dad always knew he was safe. Edna said a horse would step out on the ice no matter the depth and go right through. She was the second to the oldest of three sisters and two brothers. Her oldest sister died at the age of 10 due to



Edna Bishop



appendicitis with complications. Edna had a brother who served in the Korean War and later drowned. She has two remaining sisters. One lives in Topeka and the other in Denver. Her younger brother lives in Denver, too.

In 1946, Edna was a young divorced mom trying to keep her oldest son and herself going. She worked at many jobs, two of which were Gus' Bakery and a nursing home. At that time she said she was paid \$104 a month at the nursing home. Later, she and her son moved in with her parents and Edna started working at a broom factory in Denver where she made \$16 a week.

Her job there was to cut off the ends of the straw brooms. Depending on the

coarseness of the straw the broom would be trimmed at different lengths. Finer straw was cut at one length for instance, as these would become house brooms and so on.

Edna then went on to explain that a certain type of corn, which was grown in Oklahoma, was used to make the brooms. A giant cutter (similar to the commercial paper cutters) was used to trim the brooms. She then would stack the brooms and alternate the handles with straw bottoms and laid them to rest in stacks till the broom straw was fully dried. Edna said all straw brooms are dyed yellow or they would be green.

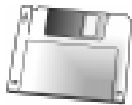
After the brooms had dried, she would glue a label on each handle, twist a dozen brooms together and use a special needle (which fit her hand) and whip large stitches to bind all the broom straw ends together. Then she would tie the handles together and box them so they could be shipped by truck to their destinations.

In 1953, Edna married Kenneth (Kenny) Bishop and his job brought

them to Kanorado. She said she didn't want to live here, as there was no housing to be bought or rented. They finally moved a trailer home in on a lot they purchased. Later, they had a son, who is named after his dad, Kenny Sr. He is also a Kanorado resident.

In the 70s, Edna and Kenny got involved with Helping Hands CB Club out of Burlington, Colo., and started a club in Kanorado. With their radio, they helped stranded motorists, truckers, farmers and area people. Whether the problems came from snowstorms, accidents or whatever, Edna and Kenny's club and its members were there to aid and assist in whatever capacity they could.

Kenny died in 1997, leaving Edna still going strong and still helping others in town. She is vice president of the Senior Citizens Board and drives the senior van on a volunteer basis. Edna is always on hand to make popcorn and be a caller on Thursday nights for weekly bingo at the senior center. Kanorado is a lot richer because of Edna's presence.



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