

# about our friends

## calendar

**Cancer Seminar** — A free cancer seminar will be held at 7 p.m. tonight in the conference room of the Howard Johnson Hotel in Goodland. This seminar will inform you about what you can do to help protect yourself and your family from cancer. For information, call (800) 349-9863.

**Money Grab** — The Family, Careers, and Community Leaders of America club will have a scholarship money grab during half-time of the boy's varsity basketball game on **Friday night** at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. You can get tickets from a member or at the game.

**Groundhog Dinner** — The annual groundhog dinner will be held from **11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday** at the First Christian Church, Eighth and Arcade, Goodland. Enjoy a feast of biscuits and gravy, cabbage and pie. Money goes towards the Christian Youth Fellowship group activities and annual retreat.

**Weed School** — The Sherman County Extension Office will hold an in-depth weed management school on **Monday** at the Goodland Elks Lodge. Registration will begin at 8:45 a.m. and the first workshop will start at 9 a.m. The school is for anyone who wants to take an in-depth look at weed management and is designed to promote effective, economical and environmentally sound weed management for Kansas field crops. Several topics will be covered. Certified crop advisor credits will be available and a three-ring binder containing related materials will be provided for participants. The cost is less if you **pre-register by Friday**. For information or to pre-register, call the extension office at 899-4880.

**Archery Meeting** — The Smokey Gardens Archery Club will have a meeting and membership drive at **7 p.m. Tuesday** in the 4-H Building at the Sherman County fairgrounds.

**Singles Group** — The Thursday Night Together Christian singles group will meet at **6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22**, at Marie Edwards hall. Bring finger food. For questions, call 899-2733.

**Rummage Sale** — P.E.O. Chapter Z will have a rummage sale from **10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24**, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland. Items for sale include baby clothes, housewares, plants, games, hats, gloves, scarves, pocketbooks, luggage and jewelry.

## 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-

## Giant salamanders found in Japan

SASAYAMA, Japan (AP) — It's big and slimy, with bulbous fingertips and a fat, flipper-like tail. It hides under rocks during the day and comes out to feed at night, sucking anything that passes into its wide, wart-studded mouth.

Lurking in the shallows of its river habitat, the giant salamander looks like something that slithered out of a science fiction movie. But this beast is a survivor from an ancient era, one of the world's largest amphibians at up to 5 feet long and a sovereign predator in the Asian waterways where it spends its entire life.

"It's a real relic," said Masafumi Matsui, a professor and amphibian expert at Japan's Kyoto University. "This animal has hardly changed for the past 20 or 30 million years."

For scientists, this primitive salamander found only in Japan and China, with a close but smaller relative in North America, is a key to understanding the roots of the Earth's biodiversity.

Even though it is protected from hunting and capture by Japanese law, the giant salamander's days may be numbered — experts say the damming of many Japanese rivers has destroyed the rocky caverns and burrows where this salamander lays its strings of translucent eggs.

Fishermen in one of the salamander's last remaining habitats recently made headlines with complaints that the

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 Eddythe 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.

## books available

The 1901 "Life in Sherman County" books printed by the Sherman County Historical Society can be purchased at Knott Just Books or the High Plains Museum in Goodland.

## alumni deadline

The deadline for alumni address labels to be turned in is **Monday**. 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.

## animal's unfettered breeding is cutting into the local population of sweetfish, a small fish prized by both people and salamanders.

"We see the sweetfish get eaten by the giant salamander, so we know there's damage being done," said Takuharu Maeda, chairman of a fishing association here.

Local officials haven't measured the size of the sweetfish population, he added, "but we know our catch is getting smaller."

Scientists question the validity of these claims.

Takeyoshi Tochimoto, director of the Himeji City Aquarium and an internationally recognized authority on giant salamanders, said the animals do eat sweetfish but probably not enough to disrupt the population.

The Japanese giant salamander was put under protection in 1951, after its population was threatened by mountain people who ate it as a source of protein. Today, it's no longer part of the Japanese diet and its population has grown, but conservationists warn that without continued protection of its breeding grounds, it could easily slip into extinction.

Tochimoto admits much about the salamander's life is unknown. With government permission, he's begun inserting tiny microchips into the shoulders of giant salamanders to help researchers monitor the elusive creature.

## 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.

## driving course

A 55-Alive and Mature Driving safety course will be held from **6-10 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 28, and Thursday, March 1**, at Marie Edwards' studio at 2431 Walnut in the Armstrong Addition. The course is for eight hours. The only cost is for course materials. For details and to register, call Chet Ross at 899-5982. The course is sponsored locally the Kansas Farm Bureau.

## school menu

**Friday** — Soup, sandwiches, crackers, relish tray, Sunshine bar and milk.

## hospital report

**Goodland Regional Medical Center Admitted on Wednesday:** Flo Hinger, Paul Schippert and Ruth Ward, all of Goodland.

**Dismissed on Wednesday:** none.

**Transferred:** none.

**Specialists for Friday:** Dr. John Faul, psychiatrist; Dr. Steven Gulevich, neurologist; Dr. David Pffof, ophthalmologist.

**Hospital weekly volunteer schedule — Friday** — 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.

## today in history

**Feb. 15, 1901** — The Rock Island Railroad has an "instruction car" to illustrate the working of air brakes, engine and other machinery located at Goodland.

*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.

**La Leche League** — The La Leche League of Northwest Kansas will have an informal meeting called "How Tos and the Early Weeks" from **2-4 p.m., Central Time, Sunday** at the home of Sharon Shirley, 1820 W. Fifth, Colby. Mothers and their nursing babies, fathers, expectant mothers and any women wishing to learn more about breast-feeding are welcome to attend. For information, breast-feeding help or breast pump rental, call Connie Davis at (785) 462-7188.

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

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**Real Estate Transfers**

Jerry E. and Betty L. Oharah to Robert W. and Connie Jo Johnson, Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Block 6 to the Subdivision of the Original Town of Goodland.

LeRoy and Terri Mace to Terry L. Selbe and Pamela J. Mendenhall, a tract in the SW 1/4 of Sec. 20, T8S, R39W, except two tracts.

Inez A. Bennett and the trustees of the Inez A. Bennett Revocable Trust to TeHe Enterprises Inc., the east half of Lot 16, all of Lots 17-23, in Block 54, of the Original Town of Goodland.

# Brewster residents return from trip

Don and Donna Farley returned to Brewster this weekend, following an extended visit to Arizona and California. They enjoyed many sights and different areas.

Nancy and Gene Hawkins returned on Feb. 6 from a tour of the Southwest, also. While they were gone, they were able to visit with Lawrence and Lila Mayer in Escondido, Calif. Lawrence was still recuperating from triple bypass heart surgery, but Nancy said he was doing very good. After visiting the Mayers, they returned to Arizona and enjoyed more sightseeing. It is good to have them and the Farleys all back.

It is really good to see Nettie Mills back home again, also. She had spent several weeks in Texas with her son, Jack, and his family at Dallas and with her sister, Ruth, at Decatur. She is feeling good and it seems so natural to have her sweet smile lighting up the Brewster Senior Center again.

I just scanned the Northwest Journal and was pleased to see all the local talent on the conservation posters. Also, seen that our little friend, Jill Withington, Laura's daughter, had a nice poster. It's good to see the ideas and talent this program encourages.

Friday rolled around and so did a snowstorm. There was no school in



## sally michael

• brewster beacon

Brewster on Thursday or Friday, so that meant there was no basketball game Friday night. The teams have been busy with makeup games and it looks like it will remain that way. The boys team is having an excellent season and is rated No. 1, so it looks like they might be headed for the state playoffs. That'll keep the adrenaline worked up.

Several folks are having some health problems and would appreciate a prayer and a kind thought. Brewster school personnel seem to be having more than their share of ailments. Sherry Harris and Norman Whittaker are beginning treatments and Rosa Garcia is continuing with hers, so we hope these folks will get to feeling better and better. Willard Moore said that Maxine is feeling better and talking more, but their daughter, Sharon Graham from Denver, has had a setback in her remission and he would appreciate any prayers for her.

The weather continues to be the most changeable thing in our lives. It's been

a few years since we've had a harsh winter and frankly, I could have waited a few more years.

Since the weather has been a little inclement, there hasn't been much going on. We still will have a pickup box for clean, old sheets or similar material for the rag rugs for veterans. This is a Beta Club project, so check out your linen closets for old sheets that need replaced.

On Valentine's Day, we're going to have turkey for our potluck, thanks to the Brian Eicher family. I hope haven't forgotten how to cook a turkey. It's been a few years.

And on Thursday, we will have our foot clinic, so don't let those toenails get too long. On Tuesday, Feb. 20, the health nurse will be here from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Central Time, so come in and have your blood pressure taken. Winter can be hard on us as we get older, so it's a good idea to keep things checked.

Have a good week and a Happy Valentine's Day. I hope you husbands don't forget to remind your sweetheart of a wife that she's still No. 1. And wives, don't forget to let that special guy know how great he is! See you all next time.

# Prosecutor launches case against Clinton

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal prosecutor has cranked up the heat on former President Clinton, launching a criminal investigation to determine if money played a role in the last-minute pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich.

U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White, in a brief statement issued Thursday, confirmed her office and the FBI "have opened an investigation to determine whether there have been any violations of federal law" in the pardons of Rich and his partner, Pincus Green. It did not elaborate.

White's probe is expected to examine bank and telephone records and other documents for evidence of illegal conduct, according to a source with knowledge of the investigation.

"She is trying to determine if there was a transfer of money to buy the pardon," the source told The Associated Press on

Wednesday, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

The move comes after Senate and House committees launched similar probes of the Rich pardon, one of 141 granted by Clinton on Jan. 20, his final day in office.

White, who was appointed to her post by Clinton in 1993, has said the pardon was granted without consultation with her office, which indicted Rich in 1983.

Critics have noted that Rich's ex-wife Denise contributed an estimated \$450,000 to the Clinton Presidential Library Fund, more than \$1.1 million to the Democratic Party and at least \$109,000 to Hillary Rodham Clinton's Senate campaign.

According to the source, the White investigation will try to determine if there

was any link between the contributions and the Clinton decision. Under the U.S. Constitution, presidents have an absolute right to issue pardons that are not subject to review by any other government entity. The federal probe would focus instead on possible criminal wrongdoing stemming from the contributions.

In a statement issued through transition office spokeswoman Julia Payne late Wednesday, Clinton again denied any wrongdoing.

"As I have said repeatedly, I made the decision to pardon Marc Rich based on what I thought was the right thing to do," he said. "Any suggestion that improper factors, including fund raising for the (Democratic National Committee) or my library, had anything to do with the decision are absolutely false. I look forward to cooperating with any appropriate inquiry."

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**Monday** — A.T. Clifton, 61, Tyler, Texas, failing to maintain single lane, \$74.

James N. Holland, Jr., 37, Lawrence, speeding 91/70, \$87.

Linda T. McCoy, 44, Brandon, Miss., speeding 94/70, \$96.

## Goodland Elks member chosen to be state ruler

Walter B. Linthacum of Goodland was appointed special deputy grand exalted ruler for Kansas for this year at the mid-winter meeting of the Kansas Elks Association on Feb. 4 at Wichita.

Linthacum, along with his wife, Linda, and Dale and Zona Price, representatives of the Goodland Elks Lodge, attended the meeting.



Linthacum

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