

about our friends

calendar

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.

Project Graduation 2002 — A Project Graduation 2002 meeting will be held at **7:30 p.m. Wednesday** in the Goodland High School cafeteria. It will concern the upcoming 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

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

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

Rummage Sale — P.E.O. Chapter Z will have a rummage sale from **10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday** 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.

Women's Conference — Any women who are interested in register-

ing for tickets to the Women of Faith conference to be held Aug. 24 and 25 in Denver may do so by **March 15**. The Goodland area women will be ordering the first group tickets then. Group transportation and lodging will be available. For information or to register, call Marilyn Hefner at 899-5584 or Donna Terry at 899-7242.

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 — Artwork by Goodland elementary students will be on exhibit through **Friday** 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.

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 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.

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.

announcements in

Balfour graduation announcements and jewelry for senior students have arrived at Goodland High School. They can be picked up after school from Mary Porterfield in Room 240.

school menu

Tuesday — Country fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, hot roll, fruit crisp and milk.

Wednesday — Hot dog on bun, tater tots, pickle spear, grapes and milk.

Thursday — Burrito with chili, shredded cheese and lettuce, french fries, cherry kolache and milk.

Friday — Ham, scalloped potatoes, broccoli Normandy, hot roll, Jell-o and milk.

hospital report

Goodland Regional Medical Center Admitted on Friday: Ruby Fuentes, Goodland; and Russell Childers, Bird City. **Saturday:** Mary Boaz, Goodland. **Sunday:** Patsy Arndt, Sharon Springs.

Dismissed on Friday: Etha Brethouwer, Opal Cogdill and Karen Snider, all of Goodland. **Saturday:** Mary Flo Hinger, Goodland. **Sunday:** Ruby Fuentes, Goodland; and Russell Childers, Bird City.

Transferred: none.

Specialists for Tuesday: Dr. Darrell Werth, urologist.

Hospital weekly volunteer schedule — **Tuesday** — Bonnie Daily, a.m.; Beulah McClung, p.m. **Wednesday** — Marj Crabb, courtesy; Hazel Tracy, a.m.; Chet Ross, p.m. **Thursday** — Fern Heckman, p.m. **Friday** — Anne Mann, p.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. 19, 1901 — Dr. Richards has opened an office over Thorson's store. Goodland now has five doctors.

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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.

crimestoppers

If you have any information about any crime, call the Goodland Area Crime Stoppers "Look Line" at 899-5665.

Gardeners can prune certain shrubs this time of year

This is the time of year when gardeners are eager to get out and do something in the landscape. One chore that can be taken care of now is pruning certain shrubs. Often, gardeners approach pruning with trepidation, but it is not as difficult as it may seem. Remember, not all shrubs need to be pruned such as Witch hazel, and certain shrubs should not be pruned at this time of year. Shrubs are pruned to maintain or reduce size, rejuvenate growth or to remove diseased, dead or damaged branches.

Deciduous shrubs are those that lose their leaves each winter. Evergreen shrubs maintain foliage all year and include yews and junipers. Deciduous shrubs are placed into three groups:

- Those that flower in the spring on



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Examples include Rose-of-Sharon, Bumald Spirea and Japanese Spirea.

Pruning during the spring allows wounds to heal quickly without threat from insects or disease. There is no need to treat pruning cuts with paints or sealers. In fact, some of these products may retard healing.

There are three basic methods used in pruning shrubs. They are thinning, heading back and rejuvenating.

Thinning is used to thin out branches from a shrub that is too dense. It is accomplished by removing most of the inward growing twigs by either cutting them back to a larger branch or cutting them back to just above an outward facing bud. On multi-stemmed shrubs, the oldest canes may be completely removed.

Heading back is removing the end of a branch by cutting it back to a bud and is used for either reducing height or keeping a shrub compact. Branches are not cut back to a uni-

form height because this results in a "witches-broom" effect.

Rejuvenation is the most severe type of pruning and may be used on multi-stem shrubs that have become too large with too many old branches to justify saving the younger canes. All stems are cut back to 3- to 5-inch stubs. This works well for spirea, forsythia, pyracantha, ninebark, Russian almond, little leaf mock orange, shrub roses and flowering quince.

And while we are talking about pruning, master gardener Christy Rasure will be hosting a tree pruning work shop on Monday, March 5. The demonstration will start at 1 p.m. at Kevin and Christy Rasure's place which is three miles west of Goodland on the Eighth Street road. For information on this or to get a complete agenda, please call the Sherman County Extension Office at 899-4880.

obituary

Willis R. Buskirk

Willis R. "Bill" Buskirk, 76, Goodland, died Sunday, Feb. 18, 2001, at the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

He was born April 20, 1924, at Colon, Neb., the son of Lucy E. (Sparks) and Archibald Buskirk.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He and Sandra Quakenbush were married in 1974 at Emporia.

They moved to Goodland four years ago from Phoenix.

He was a former co-owner of Logan Avenue Children's Center at Emporia and co-owner of Learning Tree Daycare in Goodland.

He enjoyed rocking babies to sleep in

his arms and gardening.

His graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Goodland Cemetery with the Rev. Aubrey Cowan officiating.

Survivors include his wife of Goodland; three sons, Jeremy Buskirk of Colorado Springs, Willis E. Buskirk of Trinity, N.C., and Kevin Looker of Concord, Calif.; three daughters, Kris Cowan of Goodland, Kelly Riley of Ponca City, Okla., and Lavera Walker of Citrus Heights, Calif.; and 14 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials may be given to the Bill Buskirk Memorial Fund and left at Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

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