

about our friends

calendar

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

Project Graduation 2002 — A Project Graduation 2002 meeting will be held at **7 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.

Politicians Visit — Senator Stan Clark and Representatives Jim Morrison and Ralph Ostmeyer will visit local communities to seek input from residents on issues being addressed in this year's state legislature. They will speak from **2:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday** at Ray's Cafe in Goodland. Everyone is invited to attend.

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 registering 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 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** 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.

theatre tryouts

Cast tryouts for a Mother's Day dinner theatre will be held at **7 p.m. Thursday, March 8**, at the Carnegie Arts Center in Goodland. A production crew is also needed. For information or to RSVP for tryouts, call the arts center at 899-6442.

volunteers needed

There are openings for volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels during the week of March 26-30. You would need to be at the Goodland hospital by 11:15 a.m. and would probably be done delivering meals by noon. If you are interested in helping, call Ruth Soward at 899-2095.

money available

The High Plains Roosters chapter of Pheasants Forever has cost share money available for pheasant habitat restoration, food plots and windbreak trees. Call Steve Duell at (785) 899-5888.

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 notice

The letters and labels for alumni secretaries will be ready for pickup at **7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27**, at Peggy Bahe's home at 225 Sycamore. These letters will need to be sent out in March. If you need to make other arrangements, call 899-5433.

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 by 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

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 Monday: none.
Dismissed on Monday: Paul Schippert, Goodland.
Transferred: none.
Specialists for Wednesday: Dr. Michael Barber, cardiologist; Dr. Eric Ouder Kirk, podiatrist; Dr. Allen Wicks, pulmonologist.

Hospital weekly volunteer schedule — **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. 20, 1901 — During his sermon at Muldrow, the circuit minister stated that he believed the end result of Mrs. Carrie Nation's crusade would be the closing of every "joint" in Kansas, except those in Goodland.

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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. 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.

obituaries

Mary Petrachich

Mary Petrachich, 94, Goodland, a longtime Wallace and Sherman County resident, died Monday, Feb. 19, 2001, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

She was born March 17, 1906, in Sharon, Pa., the daughter of Kathrine (Lepowic') and Frank Belcic'.

When she was an infant, the family moved to Yugoslavia. Then as a young woman, she moved back to the United States to live with relatives in Sharon.

She and Frank Petrachich were married June 26, 1921, at Canton, Ohio.

They had lived in Wallace and Sherman counties since 1927. They left in 1962 and returned in 1973.

Her funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Koons Chapel in Goodland with Father Daryl Olmstead officiating. Burial will follow in the Goodland Cemetery.

Friends may call from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the chapel.

Survivors include three sons, John W. Petrachich, Sr. and Jim Petrachich, both of Goodland, and Joe Page of Marshfield, Mo.; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Frank Petrachich, Jr.; a daughter-in-law, Norma Petrachich; a great-granddaughter, Kara Bentzinger; and her parents.

Memorials may be given to Tender Love Home Care and left at Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

Charles Rex Tipton

Charles Rex Tipton, 72, Goodland, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2001, at the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

He had been a resident of the Sherman County Good Samaritan Center in Goodland for the past five years.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Bateman Funeral Home in

Goodland.

A complete obituary will follow.

Leora A. Johnson

Leora Adelia Johnson, 78, Colby, grandmother of Goodland resident Aaron Johnson, died Feb. 5, 2001, at her home.

She was born Sept. 15, 1922, on a farm northeast of Brewster, the daughter of Mary Ethel (Tubbs) and Abe Carpenter.

The family moved to a farm northwest of Levant in 1924.

She attended school in Levant.

She and Walfred Hayes Johnson were married Sept. 14, 1941.

They lived in Levant until he left for the service on Feb. 9, 1942. Then she stayed with her parents until she was able to join him in Riverside, Calif.

During the war, she worked as a secretary in a tank factory and for Western Union near Riverside.

The couple lived in California until 1951, when they moved to the Carpenter farm at Levant.

They retired from farming and moved to Colby in 1988.

She was proud that her sons were the fourth generation to operate the family farm.

She was a member of Eastern Star and Royal Neighbors.

Her funeral services were held at 11:30 a.m., Central Time, on Feb. 12 at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby with Fred Miller officiating. Burial was in Beulah Cemetery at Colby.

Survivors include two sons, John Johnson and Dean Johnson, both of Brewster; a brother, Elmer Carpenter of Colby; and three other grandsons.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1993, and her parents.

A memorial fund to benefit the Senior Progress Center of Thomas County has been set up and contributions may be left at any Colby bank.

Sponsors and students attend smoke-free rally in Colby

On Feb. 7, I attended the Smoke-free Teens Are Rising (STAR) Rally in Colby along with five students from the freshman class at Goodland High School and another adult sponsor.

This of course was new to all of us because this was the first time the rally has been offered in rural Kansas communities. We weren't sure what to expect other than discussing the dangers and risks for youth regarding tobacco and meeting other students and sponsors.

As we arrived for registration, each student received a STAR Rally T-shirt and a package of tobacco-free gear. Then each sponsor received a sponsor shirt and a package of information to share.

About 100 other students attended. The kids were divided into groups and attended different workshops. Lunch was served and door prizes were given out. There was also a panel of news people to answer questions about how to get attention for their cause.

The students enjoyed this, but the biggest impact came from speaker Don Young, a survivor of throat cancer who uses an electro-larynx to speak. He shared his experiences since discovery of his cancer. He spoke about what it did, not only to him, but to his family and friends.

As I watched, there really wasn't much reaction from the students, who were sitting or lying on the floor. That is until Young shared his slides which he has collected over the years of himself and his friends who had similar cancer.

I say "had" because his friends have since died. All of the students suddenly had different expressions of "awes" and "oh, my gosh!" and those laying down began sitting up. The pictures were pretty graphic. He didn't use scare tactics on them or tell them not to smoke, but he did share in hopes of making a difference even if in only a few of those young people, so that they may think twice before starting to smoke or maybe even stop now before they end up in the same place



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he has.

Another issue he spoke about was regarding the tobacco companies and how they use maneuvers of advertising their products to sell to the young population. He was very clear about how these companies don't care about what happens to anyone's health, only that they make more and more money.

Our group hopes to begin using the information and knowledge gathered to encourage smoke-free students in all our schools.

Our Goodland students were Crisy Hernandez, Jared Doke, Janae McKee,

Efrain Aguirre and Andrew Lovington. These kids carried themselves like young ladies and gentlemen and we are very proud of them. They did a great job representing Goodland. So, if you know any of these kids, please give them a pat on the back! The following are only a few facts regarding tobacco.

- More than 3,000 kids become regular smokers each day.
- The nicotine found in cigarettes and other tobacco products is an addictive drug, which is why it is so hard for people

to quit using tobacco once they start. Nicotine is also a deadly poison used in many bug sprays. It is so potent that one drop (70mg) in its liquid form will kill an average adult.

- Evidence shows that tobacco companies manipulate the nicotine level in cigarettes to hook smokers.
- The tobacco industry spends almost \$7 billion a year, over \$18 million a day, on advertising and marketing to attract new smokers and to keep people puffing away.
- As I mentioned these are only a few facts, if you would like information on this subject or would like a presentation for your youth group or organization, call Crisy Lovington at (785) 899-3848.

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