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calendar

Musical Concert — There will be a “Seven Red” concert at **7 p.m. Friday** in the Goodland High School auditorium.

Hepatitis B Shots — Children ages 10 through 17 can get free hepatitis B shots at a walk-in clinic to be held from **3:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday** at the Sherman County Health Department office. For information, call the health department at 899-4888.

Singles Group — The Thursday Night Together singles group will meet at **6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 22**, at Marie Edwards’ Hall in the Armstrong Addition. Bring finger food. For information, call 899-2733.

Free Tax Assistance — Volunteers trained by the Internal Revenue Service will provide free income tax assistance from **1-4 p.m. each Friday through April 13** at the Goodland Public Library and the Goodland Senior Center. Bring all current income tax papers and a copy of last year’s return.

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.

Youth and Adult Hunts — The High Plains Roosters Chapter of Pheasants Forever will hold a youth fun hunt and an adult team quail hunt at **8 a.m., Central Time, Saturday** at Rex and Sandy Murray’s home, 2098 Road 80, Goodland. Youth 15 and under with a hunter’s safety card are eligible to participate, but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The adult hunt will consist of one dog and two hunters with a 40-minute time limit to hunt 10 bird and cash prizes will be given for first, second and third places. There is an entry fee for both hunts and participants must **pre-register by Friday**. For information or to register, call Rex Murray at (785) 899-5882.

Conductor works with students

Roger Sebby, a retired U.S. Air Force band conductor, was in Goodland for a couple of days to work with Grant Junior High and Goodland High School band students. Sebby lives in Colorado Springs and was formerly the Commander Conductor of the U.S. Air Force Band of Europe. He was the first American to conduct a Christmas concert in Moscow.

While in Goodland, Sebby was to critique the junior high vocal solo and ensemble performances. He will also be guest conductor at a band concert to be held at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Goodland High School auditorium. The junior high and Goodland High School bands will perform, along with the junior high choir.

3-on-3 Basketball — A 3-on-3 basketball tournament will be held on **Saturday** in Goodland. Boys and girls in grades first through twelfth grades are invited to participate. You can get registration information from local schools or by calling Debbie Martin at (785) 899-2000 (days) or (785) 899-6439 (evenings).

Basketball Tournament — Boys and girls in first through twelfth grades are invited to participate in a 3-on-3 basketball tournament to be held **Saturday, April 7**, in Goodland. You can get registration information from local schools or by calling Deneyce Bahe at (785) 899-3183 (evenings).

Carnegie Arts Center — Sixty pieces of artwork from the 20th Annual 1st District Congressional Art competition, “Celebrating Creativity on the High Plains,” are on display through **Saturday, March 31**, at the Carnegie Arts Center in Goodland. The event is sponsored by Bankwest of Kansas and Sunwest Banks of Colorado. 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.

senior center menu

Friday — Parmesan baked fish fillets, cheesy hash browns, winter mix vegetables, bread and peach cup.

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.

photos needed

The High Plains Museum in Goodland will have a large display of alumni photos during this summer’s school reunion. Pictures of class members or school days are still needed from the ’50s, ’60s, ’70s, ’80s and ’90s. Photos will be scanned and promptly returned. A 1970s exhibit is also planned, but the museum doesn’t have items from that time period. So, if you have something you would be willing to loan to the museum, it would be appreciated. Please bring photos and items to the museum as soon as possible, so they can be prepared. You may call the museum at 899-4595 or stop by.

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.

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 — Cheese pizza, lettuce salad, St. Patrick’s Day dessert and milk.

hospital report

Goodland Regional Medical Center Admitted on Wednesday: Andrea Burnside, Tamara Black and Amy West, all of Goodland.

Dismissed on Wednesday: Bernice DeFries and Sheila Smith, both of Goodland.

Transferred: none.

Specialists for Friday: Dr. Alfred Carr, ears, nose and throat; Dr. John Faul, psychiatrist; Dr. David Pfoff, ophthalmologist.

Hospital weekly volunteer sched-

ule — 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

March 15, 1901 — “The interest on the railway bonds are delinquent about a year and a half. Ultimately, the city will be obliged to confess judgment. A special levy will have to be made to pay the arrears of interest.”

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 “Avoiding Difficulties” 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 breastfeeding are invited to attend. For information, breastfeeding help or breast pump rental, call Connie Davis at (785) 462-7188.

China Painting — The Kansas Federation of China Decorators 35th Annual Convention will be held **April 5-7** at the Airport Hilton in Wichita. Admission is free to the convention floor. There will be displays of painted china, white china, porcelain bisque and supplies. For information, call (316) 687-6283.

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.

obituary

J.L. Mendenhall

J.L. “Junior” Mendenhall, 78, Colby, father of Goodland resident Pam Mendenhall, died Wednesday, March 14, 2001, at Lantern Park Manor in Colby.

He was born March 28, 1922, on the family farm near Gove, the son of Ina (Mitchell) and Joseph Lauren Mendenhall.

He was a former longtime resident of Gove.

He graduated in 1941 from Gove High School.

He and Doreen Fink were married March 28, 1946, at Quinter.

He served in the Merchant Marine during World War II.

He was a farmer and stockman. He retired in 1999 and moved to Colby.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Gove, the Masonic Lodge in Quinter and a past school board

member for the Gove and Grainfield school district.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m., Central Time, Saturday at the United Methodist Church in Gove with the Rev. Paul Woodall officiating. Burial will be in the Quinter Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m., Central Time, Friday at Schmitt Funeral Home in Quinter.

Other survivors include his wife of the home; three other daughters, Cindy Rasmussen of Colby, Connie Guernsey of Parks, Neb., and Terri Kay Simon of Eureka Springs, Ark.; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Andy Mendenhall; and a sister, Catherine Riley.

Memorials may be made to the cancer center at Hays Medical Center and sent in care of Schmitt Funeral Home, 901 S. Main, Quinter, Kan. 67752.

School enrollment takes big plunge

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how much money each district receives by counting students on Sept. 20.

In the state’s eyes, not every student is a whole student, as some, such as kindergartners, are counted as half and others, such as at-risk students, count as more than one.

The state counted 1,137 students in the Goodland District this school year and 1,148 last year. Selby estimated the district will receive money for 1,100 students next year.

The superintendent said a hard part of losing students is that the district doesn’t receive as much money from the state, but still has to pay the same amount in salaries.

“The difficult thing,” he said, “is that we can’t reduce a teacher, we just reduce income.”

He said enrollment in one grade level would have to drop significantly before the district would let a teacher go.

In other business, the board:

- Put off a second reading of a revised district policy that allows religious groups to hold events on school property.
- Gave district employees permission to get prices on a used school bus, a suburban and a new sports utility vehicle for the superintendent to use. Selby said the 1997 Jimmy he drives now will be used as a driver education vehicle.
- Came out of a 19-minute closed ses-

sion to accept the resignation of Chris Guillot, who has been the high school’s wrestling coach for two years.

• Accepted a picture from the Goodland basketball cheerleaders as a thank you for support.

• Approved paying \$96,680 in bills for February.

• Heard reports from school principals.

Jerry Burkett, West Elementary School principal, said representatives from the Denver Museum of Natural History will be at the school this week to teach students about buffalo.

Sharon Gregory, Central Elementary School principal, said the school is offering students nutrition breaks this week to help them on state math assessments.

Harvey Swager, Goodland High School principal, said the school’s band members behaved well when their bus broke down on the way to the state tournament in Salina.

Jim Mull, Grant Junior High principal, and Steve Raymer, North Elementary School principal, said teachers are busy giving students state assessment tests.

Richard Liess, high school assistant principal, said the sub-state tournament Goodland hosted at the Max Jones Fieldhouse was well attended and administrators received many compliments.

• Approved the monthly Professional Development Council report.

Former associate of Clinton tours country

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n’t bring herself to drink it so she became dehydrated.

When the story came out in the news, she said, guards brought ice for the prisoners.

“You should have seen the rush to get just one chip of ice,” McDougal said.

She said many jails have policies that forbid physical contact between prisoners and loved ones.

“Why can’t mothers hold their babies?” she asked. “Most of these women have accepted responsibility, not only for their crimes, but for everything that has been done to them.”

McDougal said most women in prison were sexually abused before committing their first crime.

“When a basketball player doesn’t know the fundamentals,” she said, “you don’t demand he take responsi-

bility and send him back in. You teach him the fundamentals.”

That’s the problem with the prison system, she said, young women need to be taught life and job skills so they can become productive in society.

McDougal said prisons and jails need to be overhauled, ensuring proper heating and cooling plants, nutritious and plentiful food, clean water and opportunities for education.

The mentally ill need to be hospitalized, she said, not imprisoned.

“Many of the people in solitary confinement are mentally ill and cannot follow directions,” she said.

McDougal told the audience that change starts at home.

“Take your church or ladies group to your local jail and ask the sheriff about conditions,” she said.

Asked why the president didn’t pardon her sooner, McDougal said, “I would love to know that!”

Pianist to perform in Oberlin

Concert pianist Rosalee Walker will present a program at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday at The Gateway in Oberlin, sponsored by Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission.

She will also present a master class for pianists at 1 p.m. on Saturday at The Gateway.

Her program will feature a dynamic mix of classical and novelty music. She is director of keyboard activities at Westark Community College in Fort Smith, Ark., having moved there in 1990 after teaching in Kansas City.

Ms. Walker holds a bachelor’s degree in music from Baylor University, and Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees with piano performance from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music.

This is a Heartland Arts Fund Program with support from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Kansas Arts Commission. Admission is by season tickets or \$8 for adults and \$4 for students.

For details, call Idella Frickey at (785) 475-2473 or Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557.

matters of record

Real Estate Transfers

Michael P. and Tiffany M. Boettcher to Jarod R. Smades, Lots 26 through 30 in Block 10 of the CK&N Addition to Goodland.

Brent and Debra G. Cook to The Hengist Corp., all of Sec. 4, T7S, R37W.

Co-trustees of the Hazel M. Austin Revocable Trust to Eric A. and Heather N. Thomas, the north 90 feet of Lots 19

through 24 in Block 34 of the First Addition to Goodland.

Executor of the last will and testament of Edythe the Handy to the Sherman County Historical Society, Lots 22, 23 and 24 in Block 72 of the Original Town of Goodland.

Lance L. Smith to Kassy and M. Dustin Parrett, the north 60 feet of Lot 1 in Block 3 of the Kohler Addition to Goodland.



Roger Sebby, a retired U.S. Air Force band conductor from Colorado Springs, conducted practice for the seventh grade band at Grant Junior High on Wednesday. Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Commissioners pick mowing contractor, approve lease

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

The Sherman County Commissioners on Tuesday discussed weed mowing on county roads, but decided the county could not do it this year and returned to the mowing contract bids.

The commissioners reviewed figures from Curt Way, superintendent of the road and bridge department, and Commissioner Kevin Rasure, which showed it would cost \$150,000 a year if county employees and equipment were used to mow along county roads.

Previously, the commissioners had put off discussion of a mowing contract, for which there were two bidders, Ron Lucas and Darrel Schrader.

The commissioners decided it was too large a project for the county to handle, so they decided to award the contract.

“Before you go further I want to let you know I am withdrawing my proposal for this year,” said Lucas.

Lucas gave no explanation for taking his bid out of consideration and there was stunned silence from the commissioners.

“What about you?” Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld asked Schrader. “I’m in it for the duration,” Schrader said. “I’ll work with you guys to get it done.”

Frankenfeld made a motion to ac-

cept the mowing bid from Schrader for \$26 a swath mile. Commissioner Mitch Tiede seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Schrader asked about extra mowing on local access roads, which will be used as local traffic detours when K-27 is closed for the next eight months.

Way said they may do extra spraying, but if they need extra mowing he will call Schrader or have county employees do it for less money.

The commissioners talked to County Treasurer Shelby Miller about the employee evaluation process and her department budget.

Miller, who just returned to work after knee surgery, said every time there are raises given, her employees complain that they don’t get enough.

“When I do evaluations I don’t always give fives (the top rating level),” she said. “If they have all fives, there is no goal to work for. When I start the evaluations my office thinks they are being picked on.

“I think the solution is to have cost of living raises each year so everyone gets something,” Miller said. “Then when someone does a good job we could do an evaluation and talk to the commissioners about a raise. It is tough to do merit raises in my office because the employees all do the same job.”

“I don’t see where there is any incen-

tive if they are going to get a raise in January,” Tiede said. “If they are evaluated they have a reason to improve.”

Miller agreed a quarterly budget meeting with the department heads would be helpful to keep the lines of communication open about raises and evaluations.

She said the state is considering setting up a way for drivers to renew their driver’s and vehicle licenses over the Internet and if that happens she may not need as many employees.

She said there may be more information available about this after the county treasurer’s meeting in May.

In other business the commissioners:

- Told County Attorney Bonnie Selby to handle problems with the courthouse elevator repairs. The cost of the repairs is about \$500 and the commissioners had been told that Mike Miller, the project contractor, had suggested he and architect Blaine Davis split the cost. They were also told Davis had rejected the proposal. Selby said the problem was that the wrong specifications were used in developing the project and that it should be the architect’s responsibility.
- Approved the cash basis farm lease with Barry Guyer for \$20 per acre for the two areas of county land he has