

about our friends

calendar

Garage Sale — The Goodland Knights of Columbus will have a garage sale from **8 a.m.-noon Saturday** in the Knights of Columbus Hall at Seventh and Caldwell. Proceeds will go towards scholarships given out by the organization. If people would like to donate items for the sale, they may call Rob Wurtz at 899-3047, Gene Becker at 899-3580, Roger Ridder at 899-2547 or the hall at 899-3843 (evenings).

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

Singers To Perform — The Front-line Singers from Riverview Christian School in Brush, Colo., will perform at **11 a.m. Sunday** at the Goodland Bible Church, 109 Willow Road. The group will be directed by Terri (Purvis) Tedford, a former Goodland resident. The public is invited.

Singles Group — The Thursday Night Together Christian singles group will have a "Crazy Hat Party" at **6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 26**, at Marie Edwards' dance hall. For questions, call 899-2733.

activities

TOPS Meetings — Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at **5:30 p.m. Mondays** in the small board room at the Goodland Regional Medical Center. Weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

Aerobics Classes — Morning aerobics classes are available at **5:30 a.m.** with Tina Tompkins, and at **7:45 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 **7:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday** with Imel. For questions, call 899-7242.

Carnegie Arts Center — The work of 15 members of Wichita Women Artists will be on display at the Carnegie Arts Center through **Sunday, April 29**. One of the exhibitors will be Wilma Wethington who had her artwork on display in November. The exhibit will include oil, watercolor and pastel paintings and two sculptures. It is sponsored by Western Insurance Agency. 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**.

T-Ball Registration — Registration for summer T-Ball is taking place at the Goodland Activities Center through **5 p.m. on Sunday, April 29**. Children who will be old enough to attend kindergarten this fall or who were in kindergarten this school year are eligible to play. Games will be held on Tuesday evenings starting June 5. For information, call the activities center at 899-7242.

Adult Softball — Registration for adult softball has begun. Registration forms can be picked up and fees paid at the city office, 204 W. 11th. The deadline for registration and payment of fees is **Friday, May 11**.

Star Party — The Northwest Kansas Astronomical Society will have a "High Plains Star Party" at **dusk on Saturday, April 28**, at Ron and Bonnie Thompson's farm north of Goodland. The event is being sponsored by Sky Publishing Co. of Cambridge, Mass., and "Astronomy" magazine from Waukesha, Wisc. All age groups are invited to attend. Liability release forms will need to be

signed. The registration fee will include membership in the society and a free quarterly magazine called "The Reflector." Door prizes and giveaways will be offered. For details or to register, call the Thompsons at (785) 899-2053.

Youth Basketball — Boys and girls in fourth through 12th grades are invited to register to play Mid-America Youth Basketball. There will be 110 tournaments available in 16 states. The registration deadline is **Tuesday, May 1**. For information, call (316) 284-0354 or send an e-mail message to busy@southwind.net.

card shower

Betty A. Berg, a former longtime Goodland resident who now lives in Mississippi, will celebrate her 80th birthday on **April 26**. As a birthday surprise, a family member is requesting a card shower for her. Her Goodland friends may send greetings to her at 311 Cypress Creek Road, Brandon, Miss. 39042.

senior center menu

Friday — Egg bake, hash browns, citrus salad, bread and coffee cake.

paintings needed

The Goodland Arts Council would like to borrow any Sherman County historical paintings done by Edna Sexson for a three-day exhibit to run **May 4-6** in conjunction with the celebration of Goodland's Settlement Day, which is May 10. If you have any paintings by Sexson that you would lend to the arts council, contact Rebecca Downs at the Carnegie Arts Center at 899-6442.

school menu

Friday — Cooks' choice.

hospital report

Goodland Regional Medical Center Admitted on Wednesday: Twila Bishop and Leonard Peter, both of Goodland.

Dismissed on Wednesday: Clara Scheopner, Goodland.

Transferred: none.
Specialists for Friday: Dr. John Faul, psychiatrist; Dr. Pfoff, ophthalmologist; Dr. Gerald Poticha, endocrinologist.

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

April 19, 1901 — Funds for the new high school will be raised by a levy of not more than two mills on all taxable property in the county.

From The Goodland Republic/Information provided by The Sherman County Historical Society

area events

Adult Softball — The Colby Recreation Department announces sign-up for co-ed and men's softball. Co-ed teams will play Sunday and Monday nights. Men's teams will play Thursday nights. The sign-up **deadline is Thursday, May 31**. To register as a player or a team, call (785) 462-4440.

crimestoppers

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

Controlled burn gets out of control Tuesday

A controlled burn Tuesday morning on some Conservation Reserve Program ground south of Goodland got away, forcing Sherman County rural firefighters to the scene twice before it was put out.

The fire was on grass about 14 miles south of town owned by Rick Billinger.

"It got a little out of control," said Ken Griffith, rural fire chief.

Griffith said one fire engine and three firefighters went out around 10:30 a.m. to put out the fire, but at about 1:30 p.m. dispatch received another call of a fire on the same field.

This time it took three fire engines, a tanker loaded with water and eight firefighters to put it out.

When it was all over, the fire had burned about 60 acres of Conservation Reserve Program ground owned by Larry Morgan, about 10 acres of Morgan's pasture and a minimal amount of pasture ground owned by Tommy Tompkins, Griffith said.

Morgan's and Tompkins' pasture ground bordered Billinger's ground to the north, while Morgan's reserve ground was next to Billinger's on the east.

Griffith said the wind came up around noon on Tuesday and he estimated that it was blowing about 15 to 20 mph when the firemen were called for the second time. The wind was out of the southeast in the afternoon, he said, and carried the fire to the adjoining fields.

The fire was a ways off K-27 and the crew had to take a field trail to get to it, he said.

Griffith said the fire department was familiar with the area after fighting numerous lightning fires around there. The men and equipment got back to Goodland around 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, he said.

"The firemen did an excellent job getting it under control," Griffith said. "I'm real proud of them."

Pancakes anyone?



The Goodland Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star held a all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast Saturday at the Goodland Masonic Lodge. Eastern Star member Ila Lowe of Sharon Springs poured out pancake batter on an electric griddle during the noon hour Saturday.

Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

S&T Telephone to hold annual banquet and meeting

Next Tuesday and Wednesday will be busy days at the Brewster Senior Center. Tuesday will be our normal day for a visit from the Thomas County health nurse and the first day of the "55 and Alive" program. Wednesday will be the second day for "55 and Alive" and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Awards Banquet will be held also.

Thursday, April 19, is the day for the S&T Telephone Banquet and Annual Meeting. Then the next day, everyone will probably sleep in.

We had a surprise visit from Mr. and Mrs. Jones of Goodland on Friday morning. Which Jones', you say? Well, Don and Minnie Belle Imhof were married on April 5 in Colorado Springs. Their attendants were Frank and Adath Imhof and they are now at home in Goodland. They enjoyed sightseeing and touring in Colorado Springs and Denver before returning home on Thursday.

Minnie Belle also brought news of



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a new great-grandson, Aidan O'Malloran Jones. He is the son of Logan and Amy Jones. His grandparents are Diana Jones and Dave and Darlene Jones, all of Garden City. Great-grandmothers are Minnie Belle Jones of Goodland and Maxine Jones of Colby.

Frances Jones enjoyed having her granddaughter, Marta McClung, and her husband, Nathan, of Independence, Mo., spend Saturday night with her on their way to Colorado. They plan to stop again on Thursday on their return trip.

Barbara Springsteen was the winner of the Easter basket drawing through Mrs. Albers' class. It was a

beautiful basket of Easter surprises and treats. She said it would make a nice gift for her new great-granddaughter, Lexus LaShay Springsteen of Garden City. Lexus is the daughter of Barbara's grandson, Booth, and granddaughter of Greg and Marlis Springsteen. The stuffed animals were so precious for a little one.

The wind was certainly fierce last Wednesday afternoon and evening, but I haven't heard of any damage around here like Colby had. We sure were hoping the Rath's fared all right in Plainville. I haven't hear anything, so I assume "no news is good news."

Unfortunately, that wasn't the case this week when news came about Lore Depe having a broken leg. She was sent to Denver for treatment and will be a patient at Citizens Medical Center in Colby for further treatment

and therapy. I am sure Lore would appreciate cards of encouragement, as it sounds like it might take awhile for her to get back on her feet.

There were quite a few people at the senior center on Friday afternoon for the egg hunt. Many were gone for family gatherings, so each egg hunter was able to find several. I think it was warmer at the football field on Friday morning than it was for the egg hunt. But, I'll bet those kids had a very good time. We had a special treat at the senior center after the hunt, when Tod and Bryn Quenzer's children gave us a "songfest" by singing "Jesus Loves Me" and other delightful Christian songs.

That's it for this week. Hope you all had a wonderful "Resurrection Sunday." See you next time.

P.S. We are thrilled and thankful that the military personnel who were being held in China are all coming home and that the Vignerys had a wonderful reunion for Easter.

District wants to offer signing bonus to new teachers

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payment on a house or for moving expenses.

Porterfield said teachers have suggested the district offer new teachers laptop computers or cell phones instead, or pay actual moving expenses.

Selby and Russell said the team had discussed other options, but felt they wouldn't be enough of an incentive to convince a teacher to sign.

"A laptop can't pay a first month's rent deposit," Russell said. "We thought the \$2,000 figure had a little weight to it."

Porterfield asked if the team had

talked about offering staff incentives to stay once they have taken the job. Russell said the board has worked to make the district appealing to new and old teachers and gives raises each year. "Short of bringing the city to Goodland," Russell said, "I don't know what else we can do."

While the teachers aren't proposing anything, Porterfield said, they want to talk about ways to make schools safer for students and teachers. Among other things, she said, the district could train teachers on how to deal with unruly students, appoint student hall monitors, videotape school entrances and set guidelines for how administrators

should handle the press in a crisis.

Russell suggested that making schools safer be the topic of a teacher training day — when the staff spends the school day listening to a speaker or doing workshops on education-related topics.

Porterfield said many teachers think the district's policy requiring teachers to spend 7 hours and 40 minutes each year learning about new technology — computers or software — is inconvenient because the classes are offered at difficult times.

Karla Murray, the district's technology coordinator, teaches technology classes throughout the year and in August. But, Porterfield said, the classes

are scheduled at times coaches can't attend, there is a five-teacher minimum or the session is canceled and many teachers are forced to learn about subjects they won't use in the classroom.

She suggested teachers be allowed to earn technology hours in other ways, such as working with other teachers, and the classes be offered at more convenient times. Porterfield said the teachers are surveying staff members to find solutions.

The negotiators tentatively agreed teachers will be paid \$40 for up to three unused personal days each year, to eliminate the 15-year maximum on the number of years of experience new teachers are paid for, to delete words that imply a teacher can use another teacher's sick leave and to add words saying staff must take bereavement leave immediately after a death.

They have not agreed on proposals to pay teachers \$70 for each unused sick day — the current rate is \$30 per day — to have the district pay for dental insurance or to have the board automatically accept insurance committee recommendations.

The teams plan to meet again at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 30, and will discuss teacher salaries if the Legislature has decided on a school finance bill.

'Life after 40'



Happy Birthday

Schools, businesses to help with ceremony

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president, to be the master of ceremonies.

The group has discussed asking city police to attend for security and designating an area for cameras and reporters. Schools, clubs and organizations have volunteered to help make signs, hang ribbons and clean up. The American Legion plans to offer Jeff a free membership. Bankwest, where

Hayden and Cara Daise, the mother of one of Jeff's good friends, work, paid to fly part of the family to Washington and plans to buy plane tickets here for Jeff and his wife.

In case of bad weather, the planners talked about moving the ceremony to the grandstand at the Sherman County Fairgrounds. Harding said once plans are set, the group's next challenge will be to coordinate the event. They're expecting thousands to attend, including reporters from across the country.

Harding said CNN, NBC, Fox News

and other network staffers call daily asking when Jeff is coming home. Hayden said all the attention is wearing on his friend.

"He doesn't want to do interviews," he said. "We can have the press there, we can treat them decent, but we have to respect that."

Donations can be dropped off at Bankwest, First National Bank, Western State Bank or the Chamber of Commerce office on 11th Street, and checks should be made out to the "Welcome Home Fund." For information, call the Chamber at (785) 899-2397.

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Any business that has had a significant expansion or was started in Sherman County, including Goodland and Kanorado, since that time is invited to bring or send a couple of paragraphs of

information about it to the newspaper office. Be specific, and include your phone number in case we have questions.

The Daily News staff will condense and edit the information into a single narrative on area business.

The deadline for getting information in is Wednesday, April 25. The address is 1205 Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735, fax (785) 899-6186.

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