

about our friends

calendar

Bike Rodeo — The Goodland Police Department and the Boy Scouts will hold a bike rodeo for youngsters above training wheel age from **9 a.m.-noon Saturday** in the parking lot behind Bankwest. At the rodeo, kids can get their bikes inspected, practice their riding skills on an obstacle course and learn safety rules and hand signals. Local businesses are providing drinks and snacks for the kids, as well as items to be given away.

History Conference — The Sherman County Historical Society will have a history conference from **10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday** in the basement of Western State Bank. The registration fee includes lunch and snacks. There will be three speakers and a drawing for an authentic set of 10 U.S. silver coins. To register, send your name, address and fee to P.O. Box 684, Goodland Kan. 67735. For information, call the society office at (785) 899-6773 and leave a message.

Dinner Party — The Goodland After-5 Club will have a "Building Blocks" dinner party from **7-8:30 p.m. Monday** at the Butterfly Cafe in Goodland. Wanda Tittsworth of Wichita will speak on "A Wise Woman Builds." Music will be provided by Robin Rains of Goodland. For reservations, call Barb at 899-5580 or Lori at 899-3828.

Nursing Class — A class called "The Pain Game: Help Your Patient Be a Winner," will be held from **9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday** at the Goodland Regional Medical Center. The class which is designed for registered and licensed practical nurses is approved for six hours of continuing education credit. For information or to register, call the Northwest Kansas Area Health Education Center in Hays at (785) 628-6128.

X-Presso Guest Night — The public is invited to an evening of music provided by the X-Pressos, Goodland High School's show choir, and guest singers Jessica Kashka and Krystal (Redlin) Meyer at **7 p.m. Thursday** in the Goodland High School auditorium. Free will donations can be made at the door.

Retirement Reception — A retirement reception for **Sharon Palmquist** will be held from **1-3 p.m. Sunday, May 20**, at the Goodland school administration office at 1312 Main. The reception is hosted by the Goodland Board of Education and the public is invited to attend.

activities

Track Relays — The City-County Recreation and Kiwanis Club will hold their track relays for kindergarten through sixth grade students on **Saturday** at the Goodland High School track. The event is free. **Registration will be at 9 a.m.** and the meet will start at 9:30 a.m.

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.

Tennis Clinic — A tennis camp and clinic for girls in fifth through 11th grades will **begin Wednesday, May 30, and run through Friday, June 1**. Instructors will be Wallace Hansen and Tony Parker. There is a \$30 entry fee that includes a T-shirt, three tennis balls and 13 hours of instruction and play. Contact Hansen at 899-3106 or 899-5656 for more information. Applications can be picked up at the North Elementary or Grant Junior High offices.

Carnegie Arts Center — Cindy Mueller of Marion, Ohio, will have her paper cuttings on display and Wanda McGee of Port St. Joe, Fla., her book "Invisible Currents: Nature's Lessons for the Mind and Heart" for sale **through Friday, June 1** at the Carnegie Arts Center. The exhibit is sponsored by L&W

It's time to raise mowing heights

We've been able to successfully mow lawns pretty low thus far — 2 inches for fescue, 1.5 inches for bluegrass.



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• ag notebook

Mowing at these heights is great for early spring because it helps thicken lawns and removes dead growth from the previous season, but now is the time to raise mowing heights back to the maximum end of the scale for our lawn species, 3.5 inches for fescue, 2.5 inches for bluegrass.

This change in early May helps promote the development of roots as we move towards summer, especially if it coincides with the K-State Research and Extension recommended use of fertilizer at this time of year. Remember that mowing height is inversely related to root growth; the higher we mow, the deeper roots can go. Why? When we suppress vertical growth by mowing, the turf plant responds by producing secondary shoots as an alternate form of growth. These alternates can be tillers or runners (or both), depending on the species. This is why our lawns get thicker in early spring.

While beneficial in spring, this does expend resources as new tissues are being produced. As we move into May,

Andrist Insurance Agency and Paxton Building Service. 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**.

Garden Lecture Series — The public is invited to sign-up for a garden lecture series "How Does Your Garden Grow?" hosted by the Goodland Arts Council. The on-site discussions are led by members of Master Gardeners at **7 p.m. every Thursday through June 7**. Topics to be covered are vegetables, composting and lawn care, roses, annuals, perennials and herbs. There is a small fee for each session. For information or to register, call the Carnegie Arts Center at 899-6442.

Soccer Camp — The Goodland Activities Center will sponsor a British Soccer Camp for youth ages 4-14 from **8:30-11 a.m. June 25-29** at North School. For information or to register, come to the activities center at 808 Main or call 899-7242.

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

Monday — Chicken and noodles, peas, breaded tomatoes, bread and plums.

Tuesday — Bierock casserole, Italian blend vegetables, bread and orange pineapple salad.

Wednesday — Sloppy joes, tater rounds, pea salad, bun and citrus slices.

Thursday — Ham, sweet potatoes, broccoli and cauliflower salad, bread and birthday cake.

Friday — Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, black eyed pea salad, biscuit and rosy pears.

library closing

The Goodland Public Library is installing new carpet this month and will be closed through at least **Friday, May 18**. The checkout time has been extended and no fines will be charged during the time the library is closed.

medical fund

A fund has been established to help pay medical expenses for **Teagan Raile**, who was injured in a recent car accident. Contributions can be sent to or left at Western State Bank, 815 Center, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

society donations

The Sherman County Historical Society has purchased the Edythe Handy house. Your continued support is critical to the award of a 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.

school menu

Monday — Hot dog on bun, potatoes, pork and beans, grapes and milk.

Tuesday — Nacho supreme, lettuce salad, refried beans, strawberries and bananas and milk.

Wednesday — Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, Jell-o with fruit and milk.

Thursday — Macaroni and cheese with ham, peas, banana bread, mixed fruit and milk.

Friday — Pepperoni sandwich, cottage cheese, relish tray, cake and milk.

hospital report

Goodland Regional Medical Center Admitted on Thursday: Opal Cogdill and Elsie Smith, both of Goodland.

Dismissed on Thursday: Donald

David and Judith Morris, both of Goodland.

Transferred: none.

Specialists for Monday: Dr. Tim Birney, orthopedist.

Hospital weekly volunteer schedule — Monday — Roger Collins, p.m. **Tuesday** — Bonnie Daily, a.m.; Beulah McClung, p.m. **Wednesday** — Marj Crabb, courtesy; Hazel Tracy, a.m.; Chet Ross, p.m. **Thursday** — Betty Saint, a.m.; Velma Holste, p.m. **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

May 11, 1901 — Mrs. William Walker, Jr. has announced her candidacy for the office of president of the Women's Relief Corps for the department of Kansas.

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

area events

College Graduation — Colby Community College will hold its 36th annual commencement exercises at **2 p.m., Central Time, Saturday** in the Colby Community Building with 410 students to receive associate degrees. Dr. William Lewis, vice chancellor of university relations from the University of Nebraska at Kearney will give the commencement address. Awards to be presented are the Mosier Award for an outstanding graduate and the Tangeman Award for a distinguished teacher for 2000.

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. You could be eligible for a reward.



Goodland High School students received bags of food from members of the Goodland Ambassadors in April in front of the high school. They were leaving for the Kansas Science Olympiad at Wichita. Matt Gattshall (front) took a bag of food from Debbie Lucas, a Goodland Ambassador.

Photo by Eric Yonkey/The Goodland Daily News

Science Olympiad team competes at state

Goodland High School students came home with 10 medals after competing at a state science contest held in April.

The 15 students, both boys and girls, competed in the Kansas Science Olympiad held April 7 at Wichita. This year the group placed fifth for total points in their division, compared to a seventh place finish in last year's state competition. And the number of medals they brought home was up three from last year's total of seven.

These are their results in the small school division, which is for high schools with 1,000 students or less:

Jace Chipperfield and Brian Coon received first place and gold medals in the egg scrambler competition.

Chipperfield and Coon also got gold medals for first place in the water quality category.

Adriel Alstrom and Lindsay Custer

received silver medals and second place in the road scholar competition.

Coon and Matt Hall got bronze medals and third place in the boom/lever category.

Matt Gattshall and Chipperfield received bronze medals for third place in the "Wright Stuff" competition.

Adriel Alstrom, Brad Larson and Danny Rasure were fourth in the "Mission Possible" category.

Custer and Julia Darnauer placed fifth in the rocks and minerals competition.

Darin Richardson and Alyssa Mason were seventh in the "Cow-A-Bungee" category.

Richardson and Jordan Riebel placed sixth in the dynamic planet competition.

Gattshall and Larson were eighth in the practical data gathering category.

Gattshall and Chipperfield placed sev-

enth in the chemistry lab competition.

Alstrom and Rasure were ninth in the physics lab category.

Gattshall and Coon placed ninth in the amphibians and reptiles competition.

Larson, Rasure and Richardson were ninth in the experimental design category.

Tiffany Schwasinger and Amy Anderson placed ninth in the disease detectives competition.

Schwasinger and Anderson were 10th in the cell biology category.

Scott Randolph and Mason placed 13th in the "Reach for the Stars" competition.

Custer and Darnauer were 13th in the science clue category.

Riebel and Hall placed 14th in the bottle rockets competition.

Randolph and Anderson were 14th in the "Write It, Do It" category.

New state laws to take effect

TOPEKA (AP) — An inquisitive 18-year-old, a European animal disease outbreak and the Hoisington tornado all inspired new laws taking effect next week.

Gov. Bill Graves signed into law Thursday a bill requiring school officials who use district credit cards to disclose spending records to local school boards and the public.

In Haysville, an 18-year-old high school senior running for school board this year discovered that Superintendent H. Lynn Stevens had charged up to \$16,000 a month on a school credit card over the past two years. The teen-ager, Seth Konkel, won a seat on the school board. Stevens was dismissed.

Under the new law, taking effect May 17, school officials who use district credit cards will automatically have to turn over spending records.

On Wednesday, Graves signed a bill establishing an emergency plan should Kansas ever be struck by a contagious animal disease, such as foot-and-mouth.

Hundreds of thousands of livestock have been slaughtered recently in Europe contain an outbreak of foot-and-mouth, the highly contagious disease that is deadly to cloven-hoofed animals.

The Kansas law, taking effect May 17, clarifies the governor's authority to declare an emergency and demand the help of state agencies, law enforcement and the National Guard during an animal disease outbreak.

In addition, the law provides for issuing a quarantine and bans large farms from feeding garbage to their livestock.

A third law also taking effect May 17 gives the State Board of Education authority to waive the requirement for 186 days in a school year when a disaster strikes. Current law requires districts to request permission of the Legislature to waive the minimum-day requirement.

The measure was introduced after a tornado struck Hoisington on April 21, killing one person and destroying much of the town, including the high school. Hoisington High students returned to class at four other locations on May 1, and Graves signed the bill three days later.



Gertrude and Robert Baker

Card shower set for couple's 50th

Robert and Gertrude Baker of Goodland will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday.

They were married May 12, 1951, in Hutchinson.

In honor of the Bakers' special day, their children are requesting a card shower for them.

Cards may be sent to the couple at 1015 Arcade, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

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