

about our friends

calendar

Singles Group — The Thursday Night Together singles group will meet at **6:30 p.m. tonight** at Marie Edwards' dance hall in the Armstrong Addition. All singles are welcome. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be cooked on a grill. Bring a salad, dessert or other food dish to go along with the meat. For questions, call 899-3323.

Silent Auction — The Topside Lions Club will have a silent auction and social from **7-9 p.m. tonight** at Western State Bank in Goodland. The club will serve cookies and the Goodland High School X-Pressos will perform. The public is invited.

Food Distribution — The Harvest America Corp. will distribute food from **8 a.m.-noon Saturday** at their office, 212 E. 17th, Goodland. Food being distributed will include dehydrated potatoes, oat cereal, sweet potatoes, cranberry juice, egg mix, non-fat dry milk, pumpkin, raisins and dried prunes.

Summer Classes — Colby Community College will offer summer classes over the interactive television network to northwest Kansas. **Human Growth and Development** will be offered at **7:30 a.m., Central Time, May 29-June 2** in Colby; **Basic Nutrition at 7:30 a.m., Central Time, June 4-22** in Colby; **Medical Terminology at 10:45 a.m., Central Time, June 4-22** in Colby; **Introduction to Literature at 5:30 p.m. Friday, June 8**, in Goodland; and **Topics in Applied Psychology at 5:30 p.m. June 29-30** in Goodland.

Baby-sitting Clinic — A baby-sitting clinic will be held from **9-11 a.m. on Friday, June 1**, in the 4-H Building at the Sherman County fairgrounds. Boys and girls ages 11 to 15 are encouraged to attend. The clinic is sponsored by the Sherman County Extension Office and the Sherman County Farm Bureau. If interested, call the Farm Bureau office by **Tuesday** at 899-2378.

Vacation Bible School — Vacation Bible School for 4-year-olds through fifth graders will be held from **8:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, June 4 through Thursday, June 7**, at the Goodland United Methodist Church, 12th and Sherman. The cost is less if you register by Friday, but kids can register through the week of bible school. For information or to register, call the church office at 899-3631 or stop by the church.

Basic Aid Training — An American Red Cross Basic Aid Training course

for 8- to 10-year-olds will be held from **9 a.m.-noon on Wednesday, June 6, and Thursday, June 7**, at the Sherman County Red Cross classroom, 106 E. 10th. A small fee will be charged and the limit is 15 participants. To register, call (785) 899-2011.

activities

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 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.

senior center menu

Friday — Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, bread and peach cup.

tree fund donations

Many of the trees at the Goodland Cemetery have died and the cemetery board is trying to replace them. If you would like to help out, contributions for the Goodland Cemetery Memorial Tree Fund can be left at Koons or Bateman funeral homes or sent to the Goodland Cemetery Board, P.O. Box 59, Goodland, Kan. 67735. Donations may be made in memory of a loved one.

school menu

Friday — Cooks' choice.

hospital report

Goodland Regional Medical Center Admitted on Wednesday: Taleah Anderson, Jessie L. Cotton, Tyrel Rall and Patricia A. Smith, all of Goodland;

and Dalton Davis, Sharon Springs.

Dismissed on Wednesday: Joan Gunderson, Sharon Springs; and H. Jane Hankins, St. Francis.

Transferred: none.

Specialists for Friday: Dr. Alfred Carr, ears, nose and throat; Dr. David Pfoff, ophthalmologist; Dr. Gerald Poticha, endocrinologist.

Hospital weekly volunteer schedule — 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

May 24, 1901 — The board of county commissioners, in a special session, authorized the total expenditure of \$1,800 for a principal and an assistant for a nine months' school. It is understood that the principal will devote one month's time to work in the normal institute. The county high school will have two teachers in addition to five teachers employed by the city school, making a total of seven teachers.

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area events

Veterans' Meeting — A public information meeting on Gulf War related health issues will be held at **7 p.m. Central Time tonight** in Room 108 of the Colby Community College Student Union. The meeting, conducted by the Kansas Persian Gulf Veterans Health Initiative, will provide current information on health issues of interest to veterans of Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Veterans, family members and others are invited to attend.

Grant Writing Workshops — Learn about funding for the future from grant writing workshops to be held in the conference room at the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range, Colby. Grant Writing I will be held **May 30-June 1**, Grant Writing II will be held **June 25-27** and Grant Writing III will be held **July 23-25**. For information or to register, call the Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development office at (785) 462-2602.

crimestoppers

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

Couple goes to help after tornado

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ceived the call, it was about 10:50 a.m. on Sunday morning, April 22. He was asked how soon they could leave and he told them an hour. The Zimbeldans said they were on the road by noon. They spent eight days in Hoisington and returned home the following Sunday night.

While at Hoisington, Mary worked with registered nurses on the Intensive Care Team. They visited all the people who were injured and even the widow of the man who was killed.

Marlin worked with physically and mentally handicapped people who were affected by the tornado. He said there were several who lost everything.

"When you go out on a national disaster," Marlin said, "you're under a lot

of mental strain."

He said you may not be doing physical work, but the mental work is tiring as you listen to the stories of the people.

He said when he and Mary first got to Hoisington, they did a "drive-by" damage assessment. They determined which of four categories a house fell into — totally destroyed, major damage that could be fixed, minor damage or no visible damage — finishing Monday afternoon.

A Colby woman, Molly Oliver, who is with the Thomas County Red Cross chapter, worked from Monday to Friday after the Hoisington tornado, giving other Red Cross workers highlights of what was happening.

Mary told how a mother and daughter she dealt with had gone into an upstairs closet of their home when the

tornado hit. When they opened the door, their whole house was gone. The only thing they were able to save was the little girl's puppy, which she had grabbed on her way to the closet.

She said they get attached to the clients at these disasters and talked about how Marlin got close to an elderly man after Hurricane Andrew in Florida.

"We get a lot of Christmas cards from people like that," they said.

Mary said she received a thank-you note from the widow of the man killed in the tornado after they returned home.

Marlin said people ask them why they do this and they tell them it's better to go help someone else in another area than to have it happen in your area.

"And it makes you feel good to help," he said.

Congressman cares about Kansas farmers

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how to make the next bill more successful.

"We really do care about what you have to say," said the congressman, who represents the 66-county 1st District in western and central Kansas. "We're hoping for better times in Kansas agriculture."

The Goodland group joined people at seven other sites across the district for the interactive television meeting, where participants communicated with the Washington lawmakers using televisions and microphones.

Moran, an agriculture committee member, was joined by Texas Republican Larry Combest, agriculture committee chairman; Texas Democrat Charles Stenholm, ranking minority member; and Oklahoma Republican Frank Lucas, chairman of the subcommittee on conservation, credit, rural development and research.

Rep. Moran started the forum by saying the committee had held 10 field hearings on the new farm bill last year and began meeting with farm organizations in January.

The committee wants to send the farm bill to the House floor before the August recess, he said, and get more opinions during that month. Moran said they want to hear from farmers all over the country.

The 1 1/2-hour meeting's format made it hard for everyone to share their opinion, as site mediators — who read questions or statements written on note cards — only had a couple of chances to speak.

Jeff Deeds, who had been Moran's

county campaign chairman, read a question from custom cutter Rick Farris, who asked if the new farm bill would give custom harvesters access to the same crop insurance programs as farmers.

Rep. Moran said he understands custom cutters, who travel across the country with combines harvesting crops for pay, have trouble making a living when crops are in poor condition and prices are low. He said perhaps the new farm bill could help.

Stenholm, who said custom cutters in the Texas district he represents are having trouble finding work, suggested the committee design an all-inclusive insurance program for harvesters and others who the 1996 bill doesn't cover.

After the meeting, Farris, who runs Farris Brothers Custom Harvesting in Edson, said he doesn't think it's going to happen. He said a bad crop combined with high fuel prices could put custom cutters out of business this year.

"A lot that haven't been in business long are struggling," he said, "and may not make it."

A farmer from Emporia said low prices are strangling the economic life of small rural communities, and he wanted to know what the lawmakers are planning to do about it.

Moran said the committee's goal is to figure out how to help rural America, much of which is facing declining population. He said they know what's wrong; they just aren't sure how to fix it.

It's hard to make a living farming, said Moran, a Kansas native who lives in Hays, adding that the younger gen-

eration doesn't want to mess with it. He said the children are moving away to take jobs in bigger cities, rural populations are growing older and small towns are slowly dying.

The committee wants to improve crop insurance plans, Moran said, and possibly implement countercyclical payments. Stenholm said numerous times that farmers have to start, "thinking outside the box," finding unconventional solutions to price and marketing problems.

A Liberal farmer suggested the new bill force farmers to set aside 10 to 20 percent of their crop land each year.

Chairman Combest said the committee may look at including a voluntary program, but noted that forcing farmers to set aside land wouldn't help much. Farmers would choose the least-productive acres to leave out, he said, and a mandatory program wouldn't impact production much.

"We have to look at it in total," he said. "We want to make sure farmers stay in business."

The lawmakers discussed ending foreign sanctions and establishing a trade zone with 35 other countries, creating payment programs that will benefit small and large farm operations, finding ways to keep young people on the farm, aligning crop loan rates, encouraging the use of farm-based fuels like ethanol, providing enough money for farm research and adjusting payments for the Conservation Reserve Program.

Moran said the lawmakers want to create the most fair, beneficial farm bill possible. "We're trying to do the right thing," he said.



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