

about our friends

calendar

TNT Singles—The TNT Christian Singles will get together, **Thursday July 26**, at 6:30 p.m. in Edwards Hall, bring finger foods, for more information call 899-2733.

SHARE — Low cost food in exchange for volunteer work. Pick-up is from 9-10 a.m. on **Saturday, July 28**, at 824 Main in Goodland. The last day to register for the next pick-up is **Friday August 6**.

activities

Flag Football—It's time to register for flag football at the GAC. From now until **July 31** you can pick up and return your registration forms to the Goodland Activities Center. Or you can get the form off the internet at www.goodlandnet.com/gac. No late registrations will be accepted.

Veterans' Affairs—On **Thursday, August 2, 2001**, Jody Tubbs, of Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in Goodland from 1:00 until 2:15 p.m. MDT, in the Assembly Room, on the third floor of the Courthouse, to assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs in Goodland, you may contact the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. That phone number is (785) 462-3572.

Neighborhood Improvement Youth Employment Act program—Harvest America Corporation (HAC) is offering an opportunity for local non-profit and public agencies to get a bright and energetic assistant at no cost. Youths work 10 hours per week during the school year and 32 hours per week during the summer. NIYEPA pays for the wages. Agency that would like a youthful assistant and youths wishing to participate may call Barbara Fernandez-Ayala, area director, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday at 899-3878.

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.

House Tours — Tours of a 1907 Victorian house at 202 W. 13th will be held from **1-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays**. The cost of admission will be used to support the Sherman County Historical Society.

Carnegie Arts Center — Kathy Leitner of Atwood will have her work displayed at the Carnegie Arts Center until **Saturday, July 28**. Most of her paintings, drawings, and sculptures depict children. The exhibit is sponsored by the Goodland Medical Arts Pharmacy. 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**.

Football Camp—is now being held **9:30 a.m.-noon on Monday, July 23 through Friday, July 27**, at the Goodland High School football practice field. For questions, call the recreation department at 899-4525 or Chris Walters, football coach.

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

Wednesday-Tuna salad, cucumbers and tomatoes, green beans, bread, applesauce crunch. **Thursday**-Turkey, sweet potatoes, pea salad, bread, pears. **Friday**-Chicken fajita, corn, cantaloupe, Spanish rice, cookie.

alumni reunion

Class secretaries please notify Michele Cooper at 899-7468 with the plans for class parties by **July 27, 2001**. The 1966 class will be having a get-together, at Gulick Park, Friday and Saturday August 3rd and 4th, at 6 p.m. for more information call 899-3045.

Attention class of 1970 please RSVP to Jackie Elliott of Cora House for the class party by **Tuesday, July 31**. The party will be held at the Sugar Hills Golf Club, **Friday, August 3rd** at 5:30 p.m.

Edson alumni

On Saturday, August 4th, a potluck and short program for Edson alumni, and community will be held at the Edson School Gymnasium. The school will open at 9:30 a.m. MST for registration and visiting. The dinner will begin at 12:30 p.m. MST. Drinks and table service will be provided by the Alumni Association.

An Open House will be at the Brewster Heritage Center, 401 Kansas, so people attending the reunion will be able to see the room established for the memorabilia from the Edson School. Regular Saturday hours are 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. MST. It will also be open 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. MST Saturday afternoon so you may attend after the events at Edson.

cards welcome

The family of Richard L. Ruddell is requesting a card shower in honor of his birthday **July 28, 2001**. Cards can be sent to 817 Eustis, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

society donations

The Sherman County Historical Society has purchased the Edythe Handy house. 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.

child care questions

If you have questions, concerns or complaints about child care in Sherman County, call the health department office at (785) 899-4888.

senior care provided

Jill's Helping Hands Inc. is now providing home care and attendant care to seniors in northwest Kansas.

Services include housecleaning, meal preparation and cleanup, shopping, laundry, bill paying, paperwork, bathing and grooming and mobility help. Seniors may qualify for funded programs or pay privately. For information, call Jill Edgett at (785) 622-4254 or Tami Sanderson at (785) 899-5623.

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.

wheelchairs for use

The Senior Wheels USA Program offers electric wheelchairs to senior citizens (65 and up) and the permanently disabled at no cost to them if they qualify. The wheelchairs are for those who can't walk or use a manual wheelchair. If your need is for home use and you want to find out if you qualify, call Leon Johnson at (800) 246-6010.

hospital report

Goodland Regional Medical Center Admitted on Tuesday: Kristi See, Sharon Springs and Leonard Peter, Goodland.

Dismissed on Tuesday: none

Transferred: none.

Specialists for Thursday: none
Hospital weekly volunteer schedule: **Wednesday**-Helen Armstrong a.m., Carmelita Clark courtesy, Roger Collins p.m. **Thursday**-Dorocile Reynolds a.m., 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

July 25, 1901 — The Goodland Mercantile company has bought a new delivery wagon. *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 Citizen's 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 information about crime, call the Goodland Area Crime Stoppers "Look Line" at 899-5665. Your call will be confidential. 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.

matter of record

Sherman County Traffic
July 19—Barry H Trachtenberg, 24, Houston, Texas, speeding 90/70, \$84.
John Kamau, 24, Birmingham, Ala., speeding 110/70, \$164, fail to signal lane change, \$10.
July 20—Gerson Contreras, 22, Mcallen., Texas, speeding 90/70, \$84.
Ashton L. Cooley, 21, Ft. Collins, Colo., speeding 90/70, \$84.
Flera Rizatdinova, 35, Batavia, Ill., speeding 90/70, \$144, no seat belt, \$10.
Travis B. Smith, 31, Sandy Utah, speeding 90/70, \$87.
July 23—Ronald B. Grassi, 38, Broomfield Colo., speeding 97/70, \$105.
Kevin M. French, 16, Morrison, Colo., speeding 90/70, \$84.

Relationship found between drugs and child maltreatment



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• prevention center

The relationship between parental alcohol of other drug problems and child maltreatment is becoming increasingly evident. The risk to the child increases in a single parent household where there is no supporting adult to diffuse parental stress and protect the child from the effects of the parent's problem.

With the assistance from the Prevent Child Abuse America fact sheet, research helps us find out where the scope of the problem is at...both alcohol and drug problems are widespread in this country.

Almost 14 million adult Americans abuse alcohol. The number of illicit drug users exceeds 12 million. Illicit drugs include marijuana, cocaine, inhalants, hallucinogens, heroin, and non-medicinal use of psychotherapeutics.

With more than 6.6 million children under the age of 18 living in alcoholic households, and an additional number of children living in households where parents have problems with illicit drugs, a significant number of children in this country are being raised by addicted parents.

Child maltreatment has become a national epidemic. More than one million children are confirmed each year as victims of child abuse and neglect by state child protective service agencies. Every day at least three children die as a result of abuse and neglect. State child welfare records indicate that substance abuse is one of the top two problems exhibited by families in

81 percent of reported cases. Research on the connection between these problems and child maltreatment clearly indicates a connection between these two behaviors. Among confirmed cases of child maltreatment, 40 percent involve the use of alcohol or other drugs.

This suggests that of the 1.2 million confirmed victims of child maltreatment, an estimated 480,000 children are mistreated each year by a caretaker with alcohol and other drug problems. Additionally, research suggests that alcohol and other drug problems are factors in a majority of cases of emotional abuse and neglect. In fact, neglect is the major reason children are removed from a home in which parents have alcohol or other drug problems.

Children in these homes suffer from a variety of physical, mental and emotional health problems at a greater rate than children in the general population. Children of alcoholics suffer more injuries and poisonings than children in the general population. Alcohol and other substances may act as disinhibitor, lessening impulse control and allowing parents to behave abusively. Children in this environment often demonstrate behavioral problems

and are diagnosed as having conduct disorders.

This may result in provocative behavior. Increased stress resulting from preoccupation with drugs

on the part of the parent combined with behavioral problems exhibited by the child adds to the likelihood of maltreatment.

Characteristics of parents with alcohol and other drug problems and parents involved in child maltreatment share histories revealing that, typically both were reared with a lack of parental nurturing and appropriate modeling and often grew up in disruptive homes. Family life in these households also have similarities. The children often lack guidance, positive role-modeling, and live in isolation. Frequently they suffer from depression, anxiety and low self esteem. They live in an atmosphere of stress and family conflict. Children raised in both households are more likely to have problems with alcohol and other drugs themselves.

Pregnant women who use alcohol may bear children suffering from fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS). FAS is the leading known environmental cause of mental retardation in the western world.

Each year 4,000 to 12,000 babies are born with the physical signs and intellectual disabilities associated with FAS, and thousands more experience the somewhat lesser disabilities of fetal alcohol effects.

Day care center teacher receives childhood education scholarship

Angella Schroller, who teaches at Western Child Care Center, located in the basement of the Episcopal Church has been awarded a scholarship through the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Project, sponsored by the Kansas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (KACCRR). Mrs. Schroller has been a child care teacher for two years. The scholarship will pay a portion of the cost of tuition and books and provide a travel stipend.

As part of the scholarship award program, Western Child Care will give Mrs. Schroller paid release time from work to attend classes and to study while she completes the 9-15 credit hours of course work in Early Childhood Education at Colby Community College. In return, she will make a commitment to continue teaching at the center for and additional year.

Mrs. Schroller is the wife of Walmart manager, Scott Schroller. They

have two children, Chelsea, age 3; and Ashley age 5 months; both are involved in Western Child Care.

Funding for this scholarship was provided through the Smart Start Kansas Grant, awarded by the Kansas Children's Cabinet the Smart Start Northwest Kansas Project. This scholarship program was developed to increase the educational level of child care teachers and to improve their compensation.

Watco's newest shortline railroad off and rolling

WICHITA (AP) — The Pittsburg-based shortline railroad company Watco is off and rolling with its latest and largest acquisition, operating the Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad on 920 miles of track.

The K&O began operations June 30 in south-central and western Kansas after acquiring the additional track, much of it in long-deferred maintenance, and attempting to serve customers on lines used little or not at all the past two or three years.

Throw in a heat wave that has brought 14 days of temperatures above 100 degrees in the company's first 24 days, and the challenges mount.

"I guess the one thing that surprises me is that it hasn't been worse," said Rick Webb, president of Watco Cos. "Based on our start-up of the SEK (Southeast Kansas), I was prepared for it to be hard. But that doesn't mean we're satisfied at this point."

The K&O is running 10 trains a day and customers on the new railroad say things have turned around already.

"It may not be perfect, but it's light years ahead of what I've had in the last 10 years," said Charlie Swayze, manager of the Farmers Equity Co-op at Isabel. "I've moved about three times as many rail cars as I did last year."

Rail problems, including a rail break and derailment that blocked intersections in downtown Hutchinson Saturday night, continue to be a concern, Webb said.

"There's a lot of places where work needs to be done," he said. "We need to put a ton of money into fixing these tracks."

Locomotives, coming out of months of storage, have needed work. But Webb, the third generation of a railroad family, said he is confident problems will be solved.

That confidence is based in part on the company's history and even more, Webb says, on the philosophy of his father, company founder Dick Webb. "My father is one of those people who sees every obstacle as an opportunity," he said. "When other people said it couldn't be done, he found a way to do it."

Dick Webb, like his father, was an employee of the Kansas City Southern Railroad. He'd seen his father's frustration as railroads steadily declined after the building of the state highway system.

But he believed in railroads and what they offered to the nation's transportation system.

On July 1, 1983, he founded the first of Watco's companies: the first contract industrial switching operation west of the Mississippi, at Boise Cascade in DeRidder, La.

In 1985, Dick Webb brought a mechanical shop in Coffeyville out of a 10-year dormancy, offering jobs to many of the employees who worked there a decade before.

"The shop equipment was ancient,"

Rick Webb said. "I found a letter from the manufacturer of the air compressor in there, saying they were sorry to inform us that it was so old that parts were no longer made for it. The letter was dated in the 1930s."

But one of the biggest challenges was the need for rail service. The shop was dependent on the mainline railroad to provide switching. Lack of rail service shut the shop down for 30 working days of the first year.

"We know what it feels like to be a customer who needs rail service and doesn't get it," Webb said.

That prompted Webb to buy 104 miles of rail line from Coffeyville to Nevada, Mo., through Pittsburg. It became the Southeast Kansas, the company's first shortline railroad.

Watco now operates roughly 2,300 miles of track in nine states — Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Texas and Louisiana. It's the largest privately held shortline railroad company in the United States.

Know any good TALES?
Give us a call at the Goodland Daily News.
899-2338

Former Goodland floral shop owner dies

We have received word that Lorna Smith Brown, former owner of The Goodland Greenhouse, died on April 21, 2001.

Lorna was born on February 15, 1921 to Elmer and Essie Smith in Kill Creek township, in Osborne county. She attended elementary school at Kill Creek and high school at Alton, and was a member of the Enterprise Methodist Church. Lorna attended Fort Hays State College where she received her teaching certificate and taught a few years in Osborne and Russell county.

She met her husband, Amos, who was in the Navy, while she was in college. They were married June 24, 1943 at Stafford Kansas. After the war, Lorna and Amos moved to Goodland to open the green house.

Lorna is survived by her husband, one brother, Eugene; along with nieces and nephews; sister-in-law Marjory; and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Beth.

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- Bring your completed list to The Goodland Daily News office at 1205 Main

by 12:00 p.m. by Saturday, August 18th, 2001
Winners will be announced in the Monday, August 20th edition

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