calendar

SHARE — The next pick up date is Saturday, Sept. 22, at 824 Main,

Carnegie Arts Center—The arts center is open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Mon-

Goodland Women of Faithmonthly celebrations will be held the second Saturday of each month. The first one will be at 9:30 a.m. **Saturday** at the Sonrise Christian Church at Ninth and Caldwell. Child care will be provided. All ladies are invited.

Photography contest—Photos for "A Year in the Life of Sherman County" photo contest will be on display for public judging starting Monday, Sept. 24 thru Sunday, Sept. 30 at the Carnegie Arts Center. Contest photos need to be submitted in ready-tohang format to the arts center by 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21.

Low vision eye fair— The 2001 Western Kansas Low Vision Eye Fair will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on **Satur**day at the Sternberg Museum of Natural History in Hays.

The fair is the largest meeting devoted to the visually impaired in the state. Low vision aid dealers and various agencies working with the visually impaired will have exhibits on display. There will also be presentations throughout the day from low vision experts from across the state.

The fair is free and admission to the Sternberg Museum for those attending the fair is free also.

For more information call Northwest Kansas Association for the Visually Impaired at 785-628-6055 or 785-

After Five Club -- Invites you to their "Rest of the Story" Dinner Party from 7-8:30 p.m. **Monday** at the Butterfly Cafe/Renner Field. Special speaker will be Martha Callbeck, and music will be Robin Rains. There is a charge, and reservations can be made by calling Barb at 899-5580 or Lori at

Library Story Time—The Goodland Public Library is now enrolling children for Story Hour for the 2001-2002 year. There will be two sessions for 3 year old children, Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and Thursdays at 10

The sessions for 4 and 5 year old children will be Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and Thursdays at 11 a.m. Each session will last 45 minutes.

Story Hour will begin Wednesday and Thursday. Parents are asked to enroll children now and select which session they prefer. Karen Gillihan, Children's Librarian, is in charge of the program and can be reached at 899-

Living Independently in Northwest Kansas—will have a meeting of the Head Injury Support Group at 7 p.m. central time **Thursday** at 2401 Canterbury in Hays. All head/brain injury survivors, family members and supporter are welcome to attend. For more information call Gia Scott at 1-

Knights of Columbus— will be holding a garage sale begining at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Kinghts of Columbus Hall at seventh and Caldwell. If you would like to donate items for the sale ou can contact the following Knights members; Gene Becker

899-3580, Lynn Abbott 899-5489, Brent Wood 899-5336 or Rob Wurtz 899-3047. They will be gald to hav esomeone pick up your items. Proceeds will go to Council and Youth

Junk Parade— At 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, on Main Street, there will a Junk Parade. If you are a group, business or individual and want to participate (float, truck, etc.) please call Schyler Goodwin at 899-6200 or 899-2342; or Mitch Hixson 899-3060. Any junk arriving at the landfill on this day, which is not part of the parade, will be subject to usual landfill fees. If you would like to donate to the parade, please call and we will arrange its removal. The event is sponsored by Goodland Development Corporation,

activities

Neighborhood Improvement Youth Employment Act program — Harvest America Corp. 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. The program pays for the wages. Agencies 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 Tena Tompkins, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Goodland Activities Center. 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.

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)

school lunch menu

Sept. 10-14

Monday— Hamburger on a bun, French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, pudding, milk Tuesday—Ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, hot roll, fresh fruit, milk Wednesday-Pizza, lettuce salad, strawberry alad, crakers, relish tray, cottage cheese, 1/2 apple, milk Friday— Burrito, lettuce salad, tri-tater, jell-o with fruit, milk

school calendar

Friday— Gold Day V football at Holcomb 6:30 p.m. dismiss 1:45 p.m. depart 2 p.m. Cross Country depart 7:30 a.m. for Wamego, Cheerleaders to Holcomb dismiss 3 p.m. **Saturday**— Tennis at Norton 8 a.m. depart 5:30 a.m. Cross Country at Wamego 8 a.m., Volleyball at Machebeuf 8 a.m., "C" volleyball here 9 a.m.

obituary

Arnold Leroy Okeson

Services for former Weskan business owner Arnold (Barney) Leroy Okeson will be held graveside at 10 a.m. Mountain Time Saturday at the Stockholm Cemetery in Weskan.

Okeson, 81, died Thursday at the Rawlins County Health Center in Atwood. He was born March 4, 1920 in Chance to Olof and Karin Cecelia (Johnson) Okeson.

He married Dorothy Jeanne Newman on December 28, 1953 at the Stockholm Bethany Lutheran Church in Weskan.

Okeson owned and operated Barney's Vickers in Weskan for over 52 years. He served in the Army during World War II from March 1942 to December 1945. He spent most of his life in Wallace County until moving to Atwood in January 2000.

He was a life member of the Jerome Dechant V.F.W. Post in Sharon Springs, and the Sherman Wallace Association for Retarded Children.

His parents; three brothers, Ralph, Emery and Hilmer; one sister, Vivian Cox; and two sisters-in-law, Mildred Okeson and Evelyn Okeson died be-

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy of Atwood; son Micheal Leroy Okeson of Atwood; a brother Kenneth A. Okeson of Weskan; a sister-in-law Fay Okeson of Montrose, Colo.; a brother-in-law Bill Cox of Landen, Wyo.; nieces and nephews, other relatives and special

Visitation will be today from 1 to 9 p.m. at the Williams Funeral Home in Atwood. Military rites will be by the Jerome Dechant V.F.W. Post, Sharon

Memorials may be given to the Kansas Special Olympics and may be left at the funeral home.

The Princess Diaries

G www.goodlandnet.com/movies Fri. & Sat.: 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. Sun. 1:30 and 7:00 p.m. Mon. - Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

Sherman

Call us with your story ideas! 899-2338

senior center menu

Monday— Wiener w/kraut, mashed potatoes, apricots, bun or bread, ice cream with strawberried Tuesdav— Taco salad, cantaloupe, chips, krisp rice treat Wednesday-Philly steak sandwich, tropical fruit salad, bread, cherry cobbler Thursday— Beirock casserole, mandarin oranges, bread, cookie Friday— Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes/ gravy, corn, bread, jello w/mixed

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

child care questions

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

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, 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 Cen-

Admitted on Thursday: Betty Bebb, Goodland

Dismissed on Thursday: Nettie

Transferred: none

Specialists for Monday: Dr. Tim Birney, orthopedist; Dr. Stuart Kennedy, orthopedist

Hospital Volunteer Schedule: Friday— Carmelita Clark courtesy, Harriette Smith p.m.

animal shelter

Have you lost a pet? Call the Goodland Police Department at 899-

Are you interested in adopting a pet? Call the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter at 899-6464.

cards welcome

The family of former Goodland resident Belle Montgomery are requesting cards and letters to be sent to her during her recovery from being seriously ill. Please send correspondence to PO Box 228, El Dorado, Kan.

Long time Goodland residents Marvin and Betty Zeman will celebrate their 42nd wedding anniversary on Sept. 7. A card shower is requested and can be sent to 2810 Commerce Lot 13, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

today in history

Sept. 07, 1901-RAILROAD SPIKES: The round house was quite empty of iron steeds, Wednesday afternoon, caused by a good run of business on the road. From The Goodland Republic/Information provided by The Sherman County Historical So-

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 any information about any crime, call the Goodland Area Crime Stoppers "Look Line" at 899-

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

Appeals court is urged to stop relief checks

have asked the Kansas Court of Appeals to halt an order that allows money wanted to hear legal arguments, not from a legal settlement to go to low- moral ones, from Lentz. shortcake, milk **Thursday**—Chicken income Kansas residents who can't pay their gas bills

Some large industrial customers claim they are entitled to some of the money, which represents a refund from natural gas producers who overcharged customers by passing on property taxes in the 1970s and

In July, the Kansas Corporation Commission ordered \$29 million be distributed as relief to poor residents. on top of \$8.6 million it already had approved for distribution.

But some businesses, including aircraft manufacturers, chemical companies and hospitals, have appealed that order.

In the meantime, they want the appeals court to halt the distribution of the money until it makes a final ruling.

"There is simply no way to get the money back once it's distributed to low-income customers," attorney Diana Vuylsteke, representing a group called Kansas Industrial Customers, told the appeals court at a hearing

She said that holding the money "will result in no harm" to the consumers seeking assistance.

But KCC attorney Paula Lentz said thousands of Kansas residents have had their gas service shut off for failing to pay last winter's bills.

Lentz said businesses can pass higher costs on to consumers or to go off system to obtain cheaper supplies of natural gas — options residential customers don't have.

"If anyone is harmed, it is a person who chose to forgo purchasing medi-

TOPEKA(AP) — Business groups cation to pay a gas bill," Lentz said. Judge Carol Beier, however, said she

> One of the biggest legal questions is whether the business groups followed state law when filing their appeals. The KCC has asked the court to

> throw out all but one of the appeals on grounds that the businesses didn't exhaust their administrative remedies at the commission before going to court. Under the KCC's order, low- and

> middle-income Kansas Gas Service customers who purchased gas between Nov. 1, 2000, and March 31, 2001, are eligible for a one-time credit of \$495. UtiliCorp customers could receive a \$325 rebate and Greeley customers can get a \$350 rebate.

> To date, 22,000 low-income customers of the Kansas Gas Service Co. have qualified. The Red Cross has mailed forms to 38,000 more people who are likely to meet the eligibility require-

> "The needs are ever growing and people are becoming more frantic about when they're going to get this credit," said Tina Labellarte, chief executive officer of the Kansas Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross in Topeka, which is administering the assistance program.



HELP WANTED:

The City of Kanorado is seeking a City Maintenance Technician. Job includes street maintenance, general maintenance, care of equipment and facilities. Applicant must also have or be willing to obtain certification in water and wastewater and possess excellent organizational skills. High School Diploma or equivalent is a must. Salary and benefits negotiable. E.O.E. Send or leave resume at Kanorado City Office, P.O. Box 68, Kanorado, KS 67741 or can fax resume to: 1-785-399-2350.

A trip to the canyon was a long drive

I finally made it back to the canyon over Labor Day weekend. I took Friday before and the Tuesday after to make the trip. The traffic was unbelievable Friday. It normally takes one hour to

get from my sister's house to the house in the canyon. Friday it took one hour and 40 minutes for the trip. I didn't see any accidents but it very well could have happened other than where I was. I've never seen the traffic as heavy as it was over the weekend. Sure was glad to make it safely home. It was a good

time for family and friends. A group of about 30 people were in Denver over the weekend to see a presentation of horses at the Pepsi Center. The tour was arranged by Marietta Whalen. From reports given me by a couple of the travelers, it was a very enjoyable day out of town.

A lady who has lived in Sherman County for over 70 plus years, will be celebrating her birthday on Sept. 18. Her family would be most appreciative if friends and others would shower this soon to be 90 year old lady with birthday cards. This lady is Lola Tompkins and her address is 508 W. 8th. Thank you all who treat this lady with cards for this milestone. Happy Birthday, Mrs. Tompkins. My mind is not working very well as

I'm still a little weary from all that travel. I had some notes but as par for the course, I can't find them, so I'm find them on the next column, Take fishing to try to remember them.

goodland gazette Birthdays I can quote are Dale Ellison on Sept. 5, Blanche Beltch on Sept. 6, my neice Cathy DeCicco on Sept. 6 also, Larry Minner on Sept. 7, Curt Minner on Sept. 9. Best wishes to these and all of the unknown others having a special day. Only anniversary I know of is that of my sister and brother in law, Martha and Robert Strohman, who will be observing their 55th on Sept. 8. We had a little get together over the weekend as there is no way I could be back for the day. Both of them are doing much better follow-

> I hope all had a good weekend with family and friends and all made it safely back home.

ing these last nine months of surgeries

and hospital stays with extensive

therapy. Hope it continues to get bet-

ter, especially Bob. He lost a lot of us-

age of his arm but we're all optimistic

that he'll regain some more in the next

Several people are having continuing health problems. Not wanting to miss any one I'll just give a blanket get

I haven't found the notes so I'll sign off and get this to the news office. If I care and see you all next week.

Life in Sherman County captured in photos

The Goodland Arts Council is hold-depicting any subject matter taken in ing a "Year in the Life of Sherman County" photography contest to celebrate the events and lives of Sherman County that have taken place during inches. They must be matted or framed the last 12 months.

The submitted photos will be on display at the Carnegie Arts Center the last week of September in conjunction with the Flatlander Fall Festival. The public is invited to view the pho-

Monday, Sept. 24 through Sunday,

tos and vote for their favorite entry to

be awarded "People's Choice" from

Sherman County between Sept. 1. 2000 and Aug. 31, 2001. Photos must be enlarged to 8 x 10

not to exceed 14 x 16 inches. They must

be ready to hang with a durable hanging ware - a wire or suitable frame hook. Film may be black/white or color. Any ISO is OK; 100-400 is preferred. A 35 mm camera must be used. Readyto hang- photos must be submitted by

For additional information please Contest rules are: Photographers of call Director Rebecca Downs at 899any age may submit their own photos 6442.

4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, to the Carnegie

Former legislator to lobby for slots

Arts Center.

TOPEKA (AP) — Former House Indian tribes to establish new casinos beaker Robin Jennison, who voted against slot machines as a legislator, legalizing slot machines. will now try to persuade his former colleagues to legalize them.

He has been hired as a lobbyist by Phillip Ruffin, the owner of Wichita Greyhound Park.

In recent years, the state's race tracks have sought permission to have electronic gambling machines, seeing it as a way to boost revenues.

said he had a change of heart and is hoping to convert some of his former colleagues. "There is a lot of gambling going on

Jennison, a Republican from Healy,

in Kansas right now that the state is not benefitting from at all," Jennison said, noting the popularity of Indian casinos, riverboat casinos in Missouri and Internet gambling sites. But both chambers rejected attempts

to allow slots at the Wichita park; The Woodlands in Kansas City, and at the now-closed Camptown Greyhound Park near Pittsburg.

Jennison, speaker in 1999-2000. said he believes the proliferation of gambling and attempts by non-resident

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