

about our friends

calendar

TNT Singles Club has canceled caroling and the soup supper this evening.

The Goodland After-5 Club, with the Christian Business and Professional Women, is holding a "Reason for the Season" dinner party at the Butterfly Cafe from **7 to 8:30 p.m. today**. Call 899-5580 or 899-3828 for reservations.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church will hold an **Evensong** service at **7 p.m. Wednesday**. This service, sung by the congregation, will be led by soloist Larry Minner. The public is invited.

Jody Tubbs of the **Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs**, will be in Goodland from **1 to 2:15 p.m. Thursday** in the assembly room on the third floor of the courthouse, to assist veterans and their dependents with claims. You can call her office in Colby on Monday, Wednesday or Friday at (785) 462-3572.

Second grade students will present a music program, "Songs for the Holidays," at **7 p.m. Thursday** in the high school auditorium.

Goodland High School will host the **6th Annual Senior Citizen's Dinner** at **11 a.m. Friday**. Make a reservation by Wednesday at 899-5656 or 899-2397. Transportation is available.

Holiday Weekend Matinees: "Shrek" (PG), Saturday and Sunday, 1:30, sponsored by the Sherman Theatre; **"How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** (PG), Dec. 22-23, 1:30, sponsored by theater.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church will hold a holiday barbecue and dance on **Saturday** at 824 Main. The meal is from **6 to 7:30 p.m.** and the dance from **8 to 11 p.m.** Call the church at 899-7205 for tickets. Proceeds go to the Catholic Youth Organization for a trip to World Youth Day next summer in Toronto.

The U.S. Farm Service Agency will hold a **food drive** through **Thursday, Dec. 20**. Non-perishable food items for a holiday dinner, such as canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, instant potatoes, mixes for desserts, etc., can be placed in the donation box at 210 W. 10th from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cash donations and gift certificates for turkeys and hams will also be accepted.

activities

Meals on Wheels is looking for individuals, families, or organizations to deliver meals **through Monday, Dec. 31**. Call 899-2095 to volunteer.

Food for Fines — The Goodland Public Library will accept food items for **Genesis** in exchange for outstanding fines until **Christmas**. Food items needed include gelatin, pudding, cake mixes, pancake mix, peanut butter, or any canned goods.

Aerobics Classes — 7:45 a.m. morning aerobics classes are offered daily at the Goodland Activities Center. Marilyn Imel leads a step aerobic class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On Tuesday and Thursday, a less intense class is offered for those who are just starting a fitness routine or have

physical, medical or age limitations. For information on the program, please call 899-7242.

The center is displaying Christmas art through the month of December from **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday** and from **1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday**.

school lunch menu

Tuesday — Cook's choice. **Wednesday** — Chicken enchilada, lettuce salad, Spanish rice, chocolate cake, milk. **Thursday** — Cheeseburger, curly french fries, lettuce, pickle, onion, tomato, grapes, milk. **Friday** — Cooks' choice.

school calendar

Wednesday: Science Olympiad meeting, second grade practice in auditorium at 1:30 p.m.. **Thursday:** Scholars bowl at Sharon Springs, second grade music practice in auditorium at 1:30 p.m. **Friday:** Junior and varsity basketball at Quinter at 3:45 p.m., senior citizens Christmas dinner. **Saturday:** Junior and varsity wrestling "Holiday Classic." **Sunday:** Junior Olympic volleyball at the junior high gym from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

senior center menu

Tuesday: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, bread, plums. **Wednesday:** Porcupine meat balls; steamed cabbage, carrots, and onions; bread, gelatin with bananas, dessert choice. **Thursday:** Roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed fruit, bread, birthday cake. **Friday:** no meals, holiday dinner at the high school.

hospital report

Goodland Regional Medical Center
Admitted on Friday: Melba Gates, Goodland; Myrna Carson, swing bed, Goodland.

Dismissed on Friday: Etheleyn Smith, Goodland.

Admitted on Saturday: Maddison Cuningham, Sharon Springs; Mary Ingram, swing bed, Goodland.

Dismissed on Saturday: Arais Pacheco, St. Francis.

Admitted on Sunday: Jane Hankins, St. Francis; Leonard Conaway, Sharon Springs.

Dismissed on Sunday: Mary Ingram, swing bed, Goodland.

Specialists for Tuesday: Carl T. Newman, urologist.

Hospital Volunteer Schedule:
Tuesday: Bonnie Daily, a.m.; Beulah McClung, p.m. **Wednesday:** Helen Armstrong, a.m.; Opal Callahan, p.m.; Irene Kehlbeck, courtesy. **Thursday:** Jessie Owens, a.m. **Friday:** Fern Hawks, a.m.; Ruth Morton, courtesy.

today in history

December 10, 1901: NECK STRETCHED AN INCH — According to a Topeka Newspaper Engineer C.E. Biddison Must Have A Stretched Neck — A writer on the Topeka Mail and Breeze was probably having a "breezy" time when the following was written: "C.E. Biddison, a Rock Island engineer, of Goodland, was in Topeka last week to settle with the company for

injuries received while in the line of duty. Biddison had about the closest call to death that a man ever had to still live and tell the story. He was pulling a train and it went through a culvert near Clayton. The engine and 15 cars were piled up in a space of not two car lengths. When the wreck occurred, something hit Biddison so hard on the back of the head that it split his lower jawbone in two right in the center. Blood poured from the roof of his mouth as if it were a sieve. His neck was stretched over an inch. Yet his spine was not broken nor his skull fractured. This is what makes the case so interesting, especially to surgeons. He was thrown 15 feet from the wreck and lodged in the mud. After he recovered consciousness, he walked five miles to reach a doctor.

From *The Goodland Republic*; information provided by the Sherman County Historical Society.

area events

Dr. Don Udell will hold a **foundation workshop** from **Jan. 15 to 17**, in the conference room at the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range, Colby. Please contact Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development at 785-462-2602 in Colby for any information

The **Hays Art Council** is seeking entries for its **Five State Photography Exhibition**. Entry forms are due **Friday, Jan. 25**, and entries at the gallery by **Tuesday, Jan. 29**. Call Brenda Meder at (785) 625-7522 or write to 112 E. 11th St., Hays, Kan., 67601 for information.

animal shelter

Lost a pet? Call the Goodland Police Department at 899-4570. Interested in adopting a pet? Please call the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter at 899-6464.

child care issues

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

tree donations

Many trees at the Goodland Cemetery have died and the cemetery board is trying to replace them. 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.

crimestoppers

If you have information about any crime, call the Goodland Area Crime Stoppers "Look Line" at 899-5665. Your call will be confidential and you will not be asked your name. If the information you give results in the arrest and/or conviction of those involved, you could be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000.



Lenard and Jean Windell in 1951



Lenard and Jean Windell in 2001

Couple celebrate 50 years together

Jean and Lenard Windell are celebrating their 50th anniversary. They were married at the courthouse in

Burlington on Dec. 22, 1951.

Their children are holding a card shower, and invite family and friends

to sent cards and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Lenard Windell, 306 N. Main, Goodland, Kan., 67735.

Growing wheat sapping moisture from soil

Isn't this weather something? One farmer was telling me the other evening that his wheat is trying to grow, sapping the moisture out of the soil and if this continues to be this warm, come the cold March winds and no moisture, there will be a very poor crop this summer.

The wheat should be dormant, he said, but instead it is responding to the warmth with growth. Always there is something to give these farmers gray hair.

The birth of a great-granddaughter was the cause for celebration, not only for the birth but for the holiday. Esther Splattoesser's grandson and wife, Chance and Lisa Splattoesser of Hoxie, had their latest family member, Vanessa Ann on Nov. 17th. Joining them for the holiday dinner were the baby's grandparents Gary and Kim Splattoesser and Kim's parents of Hoxie. the meal was held at the Miller's home. Congratulations to these families.

I went to Wheatridge to see Eva Briney and Leila Sturrock, only to find Leila had been taken to the hospital. After my visit with Eva, I spent a few minutes with Leila in the hospital.

She was feeling better and will be taking some new medication for her medical problem. Hopefully the medication will solve the problem and surgery will be needed. Let's pray that will work.

The center has gotten a number of new residents within the past month or so. Among the new members are Mabel Rice, Eula Cook, Hazel Nordmann, Harriette Smith, Evelyn Merritt, Buck Buxton, and Herb Heitschmidt. Some of the folks are going to be there on a temporary basis, while others are there as a permanent resident. There was a group of carolers that came just as I was leaving for the hospital. I think they were a group from the high school. Eva will tell me



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the next time I visit with her. Hopefully, Leila will be back at the Center by then.

I visited with Nyla Finley the other day. She and Bill have both been in the hospital. She is now home, but Bill is still there in the swing bed, as she is unable to care for him. Their daughter was with Nyla. I fail to remember her name but she is from Loveland, Colo. Best wishes to these two who have had their share of medical problems.

Just a reminder of the scheduled Evensong at the church on Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. It appears to be a very neat musical presentation. If you have an opening in your schedule, come and join us for a short musical program. The following evening, the 19th, there will be a Carl and Lesson service which uses a lot of the Advent and Christmas carols used in Church services. The time is the same and a welcome is extended to all.

I visited with Dwight and Kathy Briney while I was at the hospital Sunday evening. They, too, were visiting his aunt Leila. They were telling me about the work the choir of the Meth-

fore Christmas.

I've several names of some who have left this earth for their heavenly home. Among them: Ruben Wass, emiller (father of Roy), Alfred Kunz (Brother of Mary Schippert), and Bob Major Jr. My sincere sympathy to these people as they are mourning and trying to adjust their lives with these losses. It is especially tough during these holiday times. Just remember, the Almighty will be with you during these times.

Those is the hospital I know of include Sarah Boehme and those already mentioned.

Birthday greetings to Reita Deane (belated of course), Dorothy Hirsch on the 16th, and Carl Nelson and Mike Miller on the 17th. I know of no anniversaries, but best wishes to any who may be having one.

I'm finishing this while trying to listen to the Bronco's game. The score and the playing is making me very nervous, so it's time to get this printed and concentrate on the game. Take care until next week.

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Anna L. Beckner

Anna Luella Beckner, 80, sister of Brewster resident Alvin Helin, died Sunday, Dec. 8, 2001, at the Pratt Regional Medical Center. She was born Dec. 27, 1920 in Bird City, the daughter of Godfred C. and Harriet H. (Hoyt) Helin.

She married Martin E. Beckner on July 29, 1939 in Goodland. In 1961, they moved to Pratt from Hutchinson. She was involved in child care, and was a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Pratt.

Mrs. Beckner also leaves two daughters, Donna Darlene Tracy of Hutchinson, and Milton Helin of Nash-

ville, Tenn.; another brother, Milton Helin of Nashville; and a sister, Wilma Helin of Great Falls, Mont.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two brothers, Kenneth and Orville; a sister, Edith Fischer; and a daughter, Joyce Jolene Beckner.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the Brewster Cemetery. The Rev. David Hartsel will officiate. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Larrison Mortuary in Pratt.

Memorials may be given to the First Assembly of God Church, care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Rd., Pratt, Kan. 67124.

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They were married on Christmas Eve, 1961.

Their children are Karen Baker, Kermit Morris Jr., Kristy Head, Kendall Morris, Kevin Morris and Kelly Morris, and they have seven grandchildren.

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