

about our friends

calendar

Commodities will be offered from **8 a.m.-noon Monday** at the Harvest America Corp. at 212 E. 17th. Available will be trail mix, green beans, pears, egg noodles, grapefruit juice, cranberry juice, apple sauce, dry milk and dry beans.

SHARE sign up will be from **9 to 10 a.m. Monday** at 824 Main for the Jan. 26 distribution of low-cost food.

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive from **noon to 5:30 p.m., Thursday** at the Goodland United Methodist Church. Donors must be at least 17, in good health and must bring a picture ID.

An organizational meeting for a **needlework club** will be held from **7-9 p.m. Thursday** at **Wheatridge Acres**. Anyone interested in needle projects — quilt, needlepoint, crochet or knit — of any level of expertise is invited, even those just interested in learning a craft. Carol Tupper will talk about her stained glass quilt. Others with hand-made items are invited to bring them.

The Goodland Elks Lodge is accepting applications for its 2002-2003 "Most Valuable Student" contest. Applications may be made by high school seniors who are U.S. citizens. Forms are available from high school guidance counselors or from the Goodland Elks Lodge. Deadline is next **Friday**. Call Zona Price at 899-6251 or write to Box 146, Goodland, Kan., 67735 for information.

Colby Community College will enroll for its outreach program in Goodland from **Thursday to Wednesday, Jan. 16**. Call (888) 634-9350 for information.

The Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will send Jody Tubbs to the **Sherman County Courthouse** from **1-2:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17**, in Assembly Room on the third floor. She will help veterans and their dependents with claims work. Veterans who are unable to make it may contact the office in Colby any **Monday, Wednesday or Friday** at (785) 462-3572.

The City of Goodland is offering free dog licenses from **8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18**, at the City Administration Building at 204 W. 11th Street. City ordinances require that all dogs kept within the city limits be licensed. Free licenses will be available from the city clerk for citizens of Goodland who own or keep a dog and provide written proof that the animal has current rabies vaccination.

activities

Born to Read — **The Goodland Public Library** offers **Story Time** for children under 3 from **5:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday evening**, and **10-10:30 a.m. every Friday**.

Emotions Anonymous — meets at **7:30 p.m. every Wednesday** at the Goodland Regional Medical Center board room.

Century Families — meets at **7 p.m. the second Monday** of the month at the Senior Center. For information, call 899-2835.

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. Call 899-7242 for information.

TOPS Meetings — Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at **5:30 p.m. Mondays** in the small board room at Goodland Regional Medical Center. Weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of Goodland High School holds **Little Brothers and Little Sis-**

ters the third Thursday of every month. High school students will play games, create crafts, and share snacks with pre-school children. They meet at 3:30 p.m. in the home economics room and cafeteria.

House Tours — Tours of the 1907 Victorian "Handy House" at 202 W. 13th are from **1-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays**.

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. To schedule an evaluation or discuss other environmental concerns, call the Sherman County Health Department at (785) 899-4888.

The Carnegie Arts Center will be closed in January. The center will be open from **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday** and from **1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday in February**.

school calendar

Monday: "C" team boys basketball against Oberlin, 4 p.m. at the high school gym. City/County Recreation Department sports at 7:30 p.m. at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. **Tuesday:** Gold Day. AFS Seminar. Varsity, junior varsity and "C" team basketball against Lakin 3:45 p.m. at Max Jones Fieldhouse and junior high gym. Faculty meeting. **Wednesday:** Black Day. DECA/Science Olympiad Seminar. City/County Recreation sports at 7:30 p.m. at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. **Thursday:** Gold Day. FCCLA Seminar. City/County Recreation sports at 7:30 p.m. at the high school gym. Varsity wrestlers depart at 3 p.m. for Basehor-Linwood. **Friday:** Black Day. End of second nine weeks/first semester. Varsity, junior varsity and "C" team basketball against Atwood 3:45 p.m. Max Jones Fieldhouse and junior high gym. Varsity wrestling noon at Basehor-Linwood. Minicheerleader night at basketball games. **Saturday:** Junior varsity wrestling 8:30 a.m. at Hays, depart 5:30 a.m. Fifth grade basketball Max Jones Fieldhouse and high school gym 10-11 a.m. DECA Western Region Practice Conference here. Varsity wrestling at Basehor-Linwood.

school lunch menu

Monday: Pigs in a blanket, pork and beans, potato salad, strawberries and bananas and milk. **Tuesday:** Roast beef gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli nornandy, hot roll, cake and milk. **Wednesday:** Sloppy Joe on bun, tater tots, pickle spear, pears and milk. **Thursday:** Chicken nuggets, savory rice, carrots, fruit crisp and milk. **Friday:** Macaroni & cheese with ham, green beans, hot roll, frosted apple and milk.

senior center menu

Monday: Chicken drummies, carrots, cranberry juice, noodles roman-off, and pudding. **Tuesday:** Meat loaf, baked potato, peaches, bread and ice cream. **Wednesday:** Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, bread and applesauce gelatin. **Thursday:** Pasta, beef & tomato, corn, mixed fruit/ banana, bread and raspberry-filled coffee cake. **Friday:** Chopstick Tuna Casserole, spinach/cheese salad, pears, bread and oatmeal/raisin bar.

hospital report

Goodland Regional Medical Center Admitted on Thursday: Myrna Moreland and Melba Gates, both of Goodland.

Dismissed on Wednesday: none. **Specialists for Monday:** Theodore Clarke, orthopedist.

Hospital Volunteer Schedule:

Monday: Mary Schippert, a.m., Mazie Sutton, courtesy; Aurabelle Isernhagen, p.m. **Tuesday:** Bonnie Daily, a.m., Beulah McClung, p.m. **Wednesday:** Helen Armstrong, a.m.; Irene Kehlbeck, courtesy, Opal Callahan, p.m. **Thursday:** Jessie Owens, a.m. **Friday:** Fern Heckman, a.m.; Carmelita Clark, courtesy.

away from home

Ruth Morton is spending the winter in Mississippi with family and has been injured in an automobile accident. She would appreciate hearing from Goodland friends, in care of Dan Sloan, 6838 Awini St., Diamondhead, Miss. 39525.

today in history

Jan. 4, 1902: The ladies of the Roundtable held a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dawson.

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

area events

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

The Northwest Kansas Area Health Education Center will offer **Trauma Care Basics** from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28**, at 303 Main, Atwood, and **The Trying Trio: Stress, Depression, and Suicide**, from **10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30**, at 221 W. First, St. Francis. To register, call (785) 628-6128.

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. The Goodland Area Crime Stoppers is a nonprofit organization formed by citizens against crime.

child care issues

If you have questions, concerns or complaints about child care in Sherman County, 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.

animal shelter

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

wheelchairs

The Senior Wheels USA Program offers electric wheelchairs to senior citizens (65 and up) and the permanently disabled at no cost. 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.

obituaries

LaVerne Becker

LaVerne D. Becker, 79, of Goodland, died Thursday at Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital in Denver, where she had been a patient for the past week.



Becker

Se was born Aug. 23, 1922, in Cairo, Ill., to Walker and Roana (High) Morgan. She grew up in the Cairo area and attended school there, graduating from high school as an honor student.

She married Arthur William Becker on Sept. 16, 1941, in Charleston, Miss. After the Becker family moved to Goodland in 1960, she attended Colby Community College for two years and attained a degree as a licensed practical nurse.

She worked at the Good Samaritan Center in Goodland, the Golden West Skill Center and as an office nurse for Dr. Lloyd Long for about 10 years. She was a nurse for 25 years before retiring in the mid-1990s.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women Circle 2 and the American Legion Auxiliary. Her favorite activities included walking, reading, time with her grandchildren and playing dominoes with friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bill, her parents, two brothers and three sisters.

She is survived by five sons, Bill Becker Jr. of Minneapolis, Kan.; Cliff Becker of Westminster, Colo.; Gordon Becker of Goodland; Vernon Becker of Hutchinson; and David Becker of Goodland; a daughter, Cecelia Winstead of Cheyenne, Wyo.; and two sisters Bea and Alberta of Illinois; 11 grandchildren; eight great grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the First United Methodist Church with Pastor Carol Moore Ramey officiating. Burial will follow in the Goodland Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. Sunday at Bateman Funeral Home and before the services at the church.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the funeral home, Box 278, Goodland, Kan. 67735 or at the service at the church.

Violet Brown

Violet Alice (Rasmussen) Brown, 89, of Pauls Valley, Okla., a former Brewster area farm wife and bookkeeper at the Reid Grain Elevator, died Wednesday at Integris-Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City.

She and her husband, the late I.N. Brown, raised their family on a farm and ranch near Brewster. They were married March 25, 1939 in Los Angeles.

She was born on July 10, 1912, in Glenwood City, Wis., to Fred and Mathe (Jaeger) Rasmussen and grew up on the family dairy farm near Glenwood City.

She was a bookkeeper for the Reid

Grain Elevator in Brewster for over 15 years before she retired. She was a member of the Bewster United Methodist Brewster and taught the adult Sunday school class for many years.

She was a parent leader and food leader for the Prairie Gem 4-H club and was an avid gardener. Friends said she planted flowers among her vegetables to make her garden prettier.

In 1995, she moved to Pauls Valley to be closer to her family. She lived at the Donihoo-Colley Complex and attended the First Baptist Church with her daughter and her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Aug. 26, 1968; her parents; an infant son; three brothers, David Rasmussen, Kenneth Rasmussen, and infant brother, Earl Rasmussen, and a sister, Lois Clement.

She is survived by a daughter, Sammy Smith and her husband L.D. of Pauls Valley; a son, Clair Brown and his wife Karen of Meeker, Colo.; two sisters, Marguerite Rasmussen Freigang of Eagen, Minn., and Evelyn Rasmussen Hill of Glenwood City; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and three sisters-in-law, Agnes Rasmussen Yunker of Magalia, Calif., Margaret Rasmussen of Glenwood City and Leslie Sullivan of Wimberly, Texas.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Brewster United Methodist Church, officiated by the Rev. Dorine Chambers. The burial will be at the Brewster Cemetery under the direction of Stufflebean-Coffey Funeral Home, Pauls Valley.

Senator addresses terrorism

By John Milburn

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — A state senator wants to broaden the definitions and penalties for terrorist acts because he said it would better protect Kansans from attacks on lives and property.

Sen. David Adkins, R-Leawood, outlined his proposal Thursday for the Kansas Anti-Terrorism Act of 2002, which includes giving law enforcement greater powers to investigate and prosecute terrorists.

"I think we have to recognize that America is a nation at war right now," Adkins said. "It's a new kind of war."

"And a war that requires every level of government to array its resources to effectively address the risk posed by terrorist activity."

He said the state's agriculture industry and Wolf Creek nuclear power plant were two of the more obvious terrorist targets, but that the battleground could be considered anywhere in the state.

Among his proposals are the establishment of Sept. 11 as "Patriot Day"

and the creation of the State Domestic Security Council, to include the governor, attorney general, adjutant general and health officials.

Adkins said the changes in the criminal code would give law enforcement the necessary tools to investigate, prevent and prosecute acts of terrorism.

The proposals are separate from the work of the Legislature's Special Committee on Kansas Security, which has been reviewing security measures since Sept. 11.

The committee will meet Monday and Tuesday before making recommendations to the Legislature after it convenes Jan. 14.

Senate President Dave Kerr, R-Hutchinson and co-chairman of the committee, said he was not aware of Adkins' proposals prior to Thursday, but that he did not mind other legislators working on security issues.

"One of the things we've discovered is this is a big, big topic and we can't do it all," Kerr said. "We can benefit from the individual legislators' sugges-

tions to us. Apparently, Senator Adkins has done some research that will be helpful to us."

Kerr said Adkins' suggestion for better coordination among agencies has already been discussed by the committee, including sharing information regarding potential threats and responding to incidents, accidental or otherwise.

House Speaker Kent Glasscock said the timing of Adkins' proposal was appropriate given the proximity to the session. Glasscock, R-Manhattan, had not read Adkins' document, but said that any input was helpful.

Glasscock also said it was safe to assume that there will be a price tag associated to whatever security changes are made by the Legislature.

Adkins said he began work on the proposals in October and consulted with the Council of State Governments, Midwestern Legislative Conference, Kansas Bureau of Investigation and the National Emergency Management Association.

Tax credit restores historic homes

LAWRENCE (AP) — Lynn and Sally Piller are using a new state tax credit to restore the long-missing porch that once wrapped around their century-old Lawrence home.

"It's great, it's really going to help," said Sally Piller.

They are among the first 10 or so Kansans, and the first in Lawrence, to take advantage of the tax break. Lawmakers passed the program last year to encourage owners to maintain the state's historic homes.

Once the project is complete, the Pillers can deduct 25 percent of the construction's costs from their state income taxes.

"We all know that to repair or maintain historic properties and to do it right

can be expensive," said Christy Davis, a preservation specialist with the Kansas State Historical Society and coordinator of the tax credit program. "The tax credit makes it more affordable."

Until now, preservation tax credits were federal and applied only to income-producing properties, Davis said. The federal program tended to exclude older, historic homes, while the state tax credit applies to both, she said.

The Pillers' porch is eligible because photographs from the early 1900s show it was part of the house's original architecture.

The house once belonged to Jacob H. Cohn, who ran The Fair, a long-standing dry goods store, records at the

Watkins Community Museum of History show.

Cohn, who was active in the Lawrence Merchants Association, is thought to have lived in the house from 1905 to 1925. He died in 1928.

The Pillers bought the house from George Gurley, a Journal-World editorial columnist, in May 2001.

Ann Goans, a preservation activist, welcomed news of the tax credit's first appearance in Lawrence.

"I've talked to several people in Old West Lawrence who intend to make use of this," she said. "It's a good thing. For someone who's on the edge of being able to afford taking on a much-needed project, this could make it happen."

Attorney general rules e-mails private

HAYS (AP) — E-mail messages between city commissioners that are sent or stored on private computers are not public records, even if they deal with city business, the state attorney general's office said Thursday.

"If a specific e-mail communication is not made, maintained or kept by the city, but rather is exclusively made, maintained or kept only by the individual city commission members, it is not a public record," said an opinion by Assistant Attorney General Theresa

Marcel Nuckolls.

Hays City attorney John Bird had sought the opinion after *The Hays Daily News* requested city commissioners' e-mails there.

The paper had heard that commissioners were conducting city business via e-mail, said managing editor Mike Corn.

Corn said the paper made separate open records requests in October to each commissioner and to the city, asking for e-mails commissioners sent to

each other and those they sent to non-elected city employees.

The paper's attorney argued that both were public.

Bird said he agreed with the paper's attorney that e-mails between a commissioner and a city employee are public, but he maintained that messages between commissioners themselves were private.

Bird advised commissioners that the choice was theirs whether they would provide the material the paper wanted.

Swastika gives man a jolting start to new year

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — David Coleman Jr. had a jolting start to his new year when he discovered a swastika painted on a car in his driveway.

"It is a symbol that reinforces that racism is still alive in this country," said Coleman, who is black. "As a minority in this country, I was insulted."

Coleman found the Nazi symbol about 7 a.m. Tuesday as he was moving another car out of his driveway. The symbol was spray-painted in black, backward, on the back window of Coleman's Mercury Tracer.

The vehicles of another black family on the block were not vandalized, and no suspects had been identified by

Thursday morning, police said.

Police were investigating whether the act constituted a hate crime, Police Sgt. Henry Callahan said.

Coleman said he planned to leave the swastika on the car for a while.

"I want people to see that racism is alive and well," he said.

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