

about our friends

calendar

The first-grade music program will be at 7 p.m. tonight in the high school auditorium. Students should report to the library at 6:45 p.m. The theme is "Songs for Fun."

Goodland Women of Faith invite all women to their monthly celebration from 9:30 a.m.-noon Saturday at the "rock house" at Fifth and Caldwell. Bring a salad and a friend. Speaker will be Mary Thompson from Colorado Springs. An offering will be taken. Bring your registration fees for the upcoming conference in Denver. Baby-sitting is provided.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church will be hosting an annual soup and pie supper and craft and bake sale from 4:30-7 p.m. Saturday at the church, 13th and Sherman.

The Catholic Youth Group will be holding a soup supper from 5-8 p.m. Saturday at the Catholic Family Center, 307 W. 13th.

The After 5 Christian Womens Club invites all women to a "Color Your World" dinner party at 7 p.m. Monday at the Butterfly Cafe. Celeste Strid from Howard, Colo., an artist, will share how God has painted the background in our lives and continues to fill in the details. For reservations call Barb at 899-5580 or Lori at 899-3828.

"Sew Bee It" — What will be the name of the new needle club? Bring your name ideas to the next meeting from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, at Wheat Ridge Acres. The name contest will end that day.

The X-pressos are offering singing telegrams for Valentine's Day this year from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, and Friday, Feb. 15. Call the high school at 899-5656 to order.

The Goodland Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star is holding an all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage feed from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Masonic Lodge at 519 Center.

SHARE pick up will be from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at 824 Main for the February distribution of low-cost food.

activities

Born to Read — The Goodland Public Library offers Story Time for children under 3 from 5-5:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday evening, and from 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, for people whose family came to Sherman County more than 100 years ago, meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of the month at the Senior Center. For information, call 899-2835.

The Goodland Development

Corp. meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at 910 Main. Call 899-2342 or 899-6200 for information.

Aerobics Classes — 7:45 a.m. morning aerobics classes are offered daily at the Goodland Activities Center. Tena Tompkins leads a step aerobic class at 5:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On Tuesday and Thursday, a less intense class is offered. Call 899-7242.

Goodland Activities Center will have third-sixth grade boys basketball at 6-8 p.m. Thursdays now through March 7. The third-fifth grade girls will play from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays from Feb. 4-March 11.

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 Sisters the third Thursday of every month. High school students will play games, create crafts, and share snacks with pre-school children at 3:30 p.m. in the home economics room or 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 environmental concerns, call the Sherman County Health Department at 899-4888.

The Carnegie Arts Center is open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The center will have a display of elementary school art through Feb. 28.

school calendar

Friday: Black Day. JV-V wrestling at Oakley 5:30 p.m., depart 3:45 p.m. JV-V basketball 5:30 p.m. with Oakley here. Boys JV game 5:30 p.m. in junior high gym, no girls JV game. Girls varsity game 5:30 p.m. in the Max Jones Fieldhouse followed by the boys varsity game about 7:30. **Saturday:** Novice wrestling tournament 7:30 a.m. in Colby. Depart at 6 a.m. state Scholar Bowl. Fifth grade basketball 10-11 a.m. in Max Jones Fieldhouse. **Sunday:** Open gym 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Dana Murray's team 2-4 p.m. in the high school gym.

school lunch menu

Friday, Feb. 8: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, cooked carrots, choice of dessert and milk.

senior center menu

Friday: Pasta, beef and tomato casserole, peas and carrots, tossed salad, ambrosia fruit salad and oatmeal/raisin cookie.

hospital report

Goodland Regional Medical Center Admitted on Wednesday: Helen Ruth Elliott, Goodland.

Dismissed on Wednesday: Mandy Salinas, Goodland.

Specialists for Friday: Alfred N. Carr, ears, nose, throat; Steven J. Gulevich, neurologist.

Hospital Volunteer Schedule: Friday: Fern Hawks, a.m.; Ruth Martin, courtesy; Virginia Bell, p.m.

today in history

Feb. 7, 1902: Burr Kendall, a porter at the Depot Hotel, was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon. He was nearly frozen to death and suffocated by smoke in the Bastille.

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

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.

family shelter

The Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides services day or night to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available for women and children in the northwest Kansas area. For information or assistance, call toll-free (800) 794-4624.

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.

The Independent Seniors Program makes electric wheelchairs available to senior citizens (65 and up) and others permanently disabled at no cost if they qualify. If your need is for in the home, call Jay Hetzel at (800) 383-8435 for information.

water well tests

The Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group provides environmental health services to Sherman County. There will be a representative in the county at least once a month. Services include: Free water well evaluations and testing for nitrates and bacteria, free private sewer system layout, sizing and general troubleshooting, sanitary code requirements and assistance with other environmental concerns. Contact your county health department, conservation district or the office at (785) 462-8636.

asthma medication

Breathing medications and nebulizers are available to people with severe breathing conditions at no cost if they qualify. Call the LifeStyle Medical Program at (800) 519-4480 to find out if you qualify.

scholarships

The following scholarships are available to students enrolling at the Northwest Kansas Technical College: Kansas PTA scholarship, \$200; Kansas Vocational Technical scholarship, \$500; Martin Tractor Co. scholarship for diesel mechanics students, \$100; the Warren Bottenberg Memorial scholarship for students from a Jackson County high school; the Bud Ward Memorial scholarship for a student from Oakley, Monument, Winona or Brewster; and the GAAS scholarship for automotive students. Contact Paul Chaffin or Jacquelyn Beal at (785) 899-3641.

free trees

Each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during February will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with planting instructions. The six to 12 inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. To join the foundation and receive the trees, send a \$10 contribution to: Ten Free Colorado blue spruce trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb. 68410 by Feb. 28.

birthday

The family of Vera Daise is requesting a card shower for her 98th birthday on Wednesday, Feb. 13.

Send cards and letters to Vera at 1401 Caldwell, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

obituary

John C. Nowak

John C. Nowak, who spent his career with the weather bureau, starting in Goodland, died Dec. 29, 2001, in Providence Hospital in Anchorage, Alaska.

He was born on Jan. 18, 1920, to Carl J. and Mary (Guzik) Nowak in a sod house in northwest Kansas. He attended elementary school in Brownsville and graduated from Sherman County High School in Goodland.

While in high school, he read weather observations as a cooperative observer for Frank J. Horton at 304 E. 12th. This led him to his career at the National Weather Service, starting with eight years in Goodland.

He worked for Cal Dickey at Sinclair Service before being drafted in 1942. In June of 1942, he sailed on the Queen Elizabeth for England where he served 3 1/2 years with the 2nd Air Division, 8th Air Force and 18th Weather Squadron.

While stationed in Norfolk, England, he met his wife Winifred, who

was nursing in the area. They were married June 28, 1945.

He was discharged Oct. 17, 1945, and went to work for the weather bureau. In 1953, the family drove the Alaska Highway to Cordova, where they lived for three years. He later worked in Northway, Annette Island and Anchorage before retiring in 1972. He liked to hunt and fish and spend time with his family.

He was a life member of the Goodland Masonic Lodge and a past High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in Cordova.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Frank; and two sisters, Helen and Betty.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Thirza (David) Collins of Salem, Ore.; three brothers, Lewis (Caroline) Nowak of Goodland, Fred (Sharon) Nowak of Sharon Springs and Jim (Lil) Nowak of Missouri; three sisters, Ruby (Mac) Anderson of Goodland, Evelyn Langdon of Winona and Josephine Kampmann of Casa Grande, Ariz.; and two grandsons.

birth announcements

Kelsey Jean Thomas

Vicky Jean and Brent Gene Thomas of North Platte, Neb., are the parents of Kelsey Jean.

She is the granddaughter of Darlene Freytag of Goodland, Dallas Clark of Wray, Colo., and Gilbert and Kathy Thomas of Goodland.

She was born Jan. 14, 2002, at the Great Plains Regional Medical Center in North Platte. Vicky Jean weighed 7 pounds, 13 1/4 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long.

She was welcomed home by her brothers Kalor, 9, and Kyle, 6.

Her great-grandparents are Luci

Thomas and Bill and Mona Huscher, all of Goodland, and Ted Clark of Wray.

Derek Gage Brown

Travis and Shelley Brown are the parents of Derek Gage, born Jan. 22, 2002, at the Goodland Regional Medical Center. He weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces and was 21 inches long.

He was welcomed home by his sister, Britney, and brother, Jacob. His grandparents are Michael and Margie Haas and Janice and Dale Brown, all of Hoxie.

club news

The Business and Professional Women met at Ray's Cafe Monday. President Nina Mersch opened the meeting with eight members answering by repeating the Club Collect and repeating the Flag Salute.

Roll call was answered by each telling what they are planning for Valentine's Day.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mersch read two letters from the national headquarters.

The committee in charge of the program showed pictures of the damage

of the ice and snow in eastern Kansas.

The information presented at the last meeting was discussed for the benefit of those who were absent from that meeting.

A variety of gifts were presented to six members.

Hostesses for the next meeting will be Cindy Robbins and Beulah McClung, and the meeting will be held March 4.

The meeting closed with all holding hands and singing "Bless be the tide that binds."

Yugoslavian folk dances to entertain in Colby

Frula will perform Yugoslavian folk dances at 7:30 p.m. Central Time Friday at the Cultural Arts Center at Colby Community College, sponsored by Western Plains Arts Association.

Frula, founded by Džadzevic Dragoslav in 1963, is dedicated to the idea of presenting folk dances on stage. Frula provides a colorful and graphic link with the past from which contemporary life originated. Džadzevic draws on the richness of traditional dances.

Frula's programs are rich, colorful and diversified, guided by the principle that traditions are only alive when they are developed and revived. The dances

comprise customs and folk tales with motion binding the colorful traditions of music and dance together.

Frula combines breathtaking technique, authentic costumes and cultural pride to produce a unique dance experience that is at once spellbinding and stimulating.

Admission for the program will be by Western Plains season passes or tickets may be purchased at the door.

Bureau sets Food Check-Out Day

Between Jan. 1 and Feb. 8, the average American will have earned enough money to pay for his family's entire 2002 food supply, says the Sherman County Farm Bureau, and the bureau will celebrate Feb. 8 as Farm Bureau's Food Check-Out Day.

According to statistics compiled by the U.S. Agriculture Department Economic Research Service, said Jeannie Schields, the bureau's Women's Committee chair, American families spend, on average, just 10.6 percent of their disposable income on food. That is the part available for spending or saving.

Applying that to the calendar year, Schields said, it means the average household will have earned enough to pay for its food supply in just 39 days. "Not only is America's food supply

the world's safest, but it's also the most affordable," Schields said. "It speaks well of our nation's increasing standard of living, which would certainly be reduced without the safe abundant and affordable domestic food supply produced by America's farmers and ranchers."

In comparison, Tax Freedom Day was May 3 last year. That is the day the average American had earned enough money to pay federal, state and local taxes.

"I find it amazing that people can pay for their yearly food supply three months earlier than it would take them to satisfy their tax burden," Schields said. "Rather than being an economic burden, food remains quite a bargain for shoppers. That's the way it should be."

She hopes Americans will come to understand that the high-quality, affordable food they enjoy, she said, is a product of our successful food production and distribution system and farmers retaining access to effective and affordable crop protection tools.

"This day should hold meaning for most Americans," Schields said. "As food producers, we are concerned that some Americans cannot afford to buy the food they need, but we are proud of the role Kansas farmers play in making our food supply more affordable for all."

The percent of disposable income spent on food has declined over the last 30 years, she said. Food Check-Out Day in 1970 would have been Feb. 21.

This overall decrease is more no-

table, Schields said, because trends show Americans are buying more expensive convenience food items for preparation than 30 years ago and eating out more.

The agriculture department's latest statistics on food purchases, compiled for 2000, Schields said, includes food and non-alcoholic beverages consumed at home and away from home.

This includes food purchases from grocery stores and other retail outlets, she said, including purchases with food stamps and vouchers for the Women, Infant and Children's program. The statistic also includes away-from-home meals and snacks, she said, and food furnished to employees.

House approves fingerprinting

TOPEKA (AP) — House members tentatively approved a bill Wednesday giving state officials greater authority to protect against terrorism.

The bill, approved on voice vote, authorizes the secretary of administration to fingerprint all workers who have unescorted access to the state data center, telecommunications facilities and other security sensitive areas.

Fingerprints would be submitted to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and the FBI for criminal background checks and verification of identity.

Final action was set for today on the bill, the first legislation from the Special Committee on Kansas Security to make its way through the House. The committee was formed after Sept. 11 to identify and mitigate potential threats to Kansas' economy, governments and civilian population.

Democrats raised concerns the measure would give Secretary of Administration Joyce Glasscock broad powers in the name of security.

"She's locked seven of eight doors

to the Statehouse. Under this bill, she could have everyone in the building fingerprinted in the name of security," said Rep. Rick Rehorn, D-Kansas City.

Rep. Joe Shriver, D-Arkansas City, did not object to limiting fingerprinting to data and telecommunications workers but said the House Judiciary Committee's addition of "security sensitive areas" was too vague.

House Judiciary Chairman Mike O'Neal, R-Hutchinson, said the bill simply codified the KBI's decades-old practice of performing background checks on state employees.

O'Neal said to limit the bill to data and telecommunications would retreat from the existing security practices. Other Republicans agreed.

Also Wednesday, the Senate unanimously passed and sent to the House a measure making it a felony to knowingly expose plants to infectious diseases.

The bill is designed to protect plants, raw agricultural products, processed feed or food products. Advocates of the

bill say it puts Kansas in the forefront by protecting the \$34 billion agriculture industry from economic ruin.

A state law enacted last year made it a crime to intentionally infect livestock and spelled out procedures for dealing with a disaster. This year's measure extends the protection to plants.

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