

about our friends

calendar

Bring your **name ideas** to the next meeting of the **needle club** from 7-9 p.m. **Thursday** 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** and **Friday**. Call the high school at 899-5656 to order.

TNT Singles will meet at 6:30 p.m. **Thursday** at Edwards Hall for a Valentine's party. Bring finger food and prepare to play Bingo.

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** at the Masonic Lodge at 519 Center.

The Carnegie Arts Center is holding try-outs for their dinner theater from 5-7 p.m. **Wednesday, Feb. 20**, at the arts center. This year's production will offer parts for actors, musicians and vocalists for a light-hearted comedy in one act set in a 1940s USO Club. If you are unable to attend try-outs, call Tina Goodwin at 899-6442 or Judy Hayden at 899-7418.

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.

A twelve-week course will be given by the **Kansas Alliance on Mental Illness** for those who have relatives with mental illness. The course will meet from 1:30-3:30 p.m. **beginning Sunday, Feb. 24**. You must **pre register by Sunday, Feb. 17**, by calling Marilyn at (785) 824-3408 or Carol at (785) 675-3129. The curriculum focuses on schizophrenia, bipolar disorder (manic depression), clinical depression, panic disorder and obsessive-compulsive disorder. The course discusses the clinical treatment of these illnesses and teacher the skills family members need to cope more effectively.

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 House at 202 W. 13th are from 1-5 p.m. **Wednesdays through Sundays**. The special display for February is "Valentines of Yesteryear." There is an admission charge.

Water Testing — The Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group does 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

Wednesday: Gold Day. FCCLA Elections or Star Events. City/County

Recreation sports 7:30 p.m. at the Max Jones Fieldhouse and junior high gym. **Thursday:** Black Day. Seminar — FCCLA. KLOE Ag Expo 6 a.m.-4 p.m. at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Regional Science Olympiad 8 a.m. at Hays. City/County Recreation sports 7:30 p.m. in the high school gym. **Friday:** Gold Day. Library meeting noon-4 p.m. in ITV room. JV-V basketball 5:30 p.m. at Hoxie, dismiss 1 and 2 p.m., depart 1:15 and 2:15 p.m. Regional wrestling 1 p.m. at Larned. **Saturday:** Regional wrestling. State Piano Festival. Fifth grade basketball 10-11 a.m. at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. JV-V basketball 3 p.m. here vs. Wray. FCCLA Money Grab/Flag Ceremony at basketball game. "C" team basketball tournament 9 a.m. at Benkelman. **Sunday:** Open gym 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. Junior Olympics volleyball 1-3:30 p.m. in the junior high gym. Dana Murray's team 2-4 p.m. in the high school gym.

school lunch menu

Wednesday: Fish portions, buttered potatoes, peas, hot roll, Jell-o with fruit and milk. **Thursday:** Chicken nuggets, tater tots, relish cup, Valentine cake and milk. **Friday, Feb. 15:** Cheese nachos, lettuce salad, refried beans, kolache and milk.

senior center menu

Wednesday: Salmon loaf, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, bread, mandarin oranges and banana. **Thursday:** Chicken fajita, cottage cheese salad, tortillas and apricots. **Friday:** Lemon baked fish, parslid potatoes, cole slaw, bread and pineapple.

hospital report

Goodland Regional Medical Center **Admitted on Monday:** Natividad Vasquez and Harvey Larm, both of Goodland. Swing bed: Anna Belle Long of Goodland.

Dismissed on Monday: Matthew Smith of Goodland.

Specialists for Wednesday: Steven J. Gulevich, neurologist; Eric Ouder Kirk, podiatrist; and Barry Smith, cardiologist.

Hospital Volunteer Schedule: **Wednesday:** Helen Armstrong, a.m.; Irene Kehlbeck, courtesy; Opal Callahan, p.m. **Thursday:** Jessie Owens, a.m.; Peg Beynon, p.m. **Friday:** Fern Hawks, a.m.

today in history

Feb. 12, 1902: Slot machines are not the big offender. The little games of stud or draw, in which thousands are lost or won, are held nightly.

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book available

"Memories of Being a Prisoner of War," by Dale Rauscher is available at the 1907 Victorian House at 202 W. 13th, at Knott Just Books and at the High Plains Museum.

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.

free help with taxes

The American Association of Retired Persons Tax-Aide is the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax counseling and preparation service. They are 40,000 IRS-trained volunteers who completed over 2 million tax returns last year. This service can answer most of the tax issues faced by middle and low-income taxpayers, with special attention to those age 60 and over. There are 18 volunteers in northwest Kansas. In Goodland, they can be reached at the Goodland Public Library 899-5461 and the Senior Center 899-5082 on Friday 1-4 p.m. or by appointment.

For information, call (800) 227-7669 or check their web site at www.aarp.org/taxaide.

obituary

Ruth Smith

Ruth Smith, 92, died Friday, Feb. 8, 2002, at the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

She was born March 8, 1909, at Sutton, Neb., the daughter of John and Emma Peter. The family moved from Sutton to Goodland when she was 11 years old.

She married Henry Still in Burlington in 1927. They farmed in the Goodland area before moving to Kirwin.

The couple had three children, Ruby, Betty and Eugene, before they divorced.

She married Luther Boyer and lived on a farm four mile southwest of Kirwin.

Construction on the Kirwin Dam forced them to move to Phillipsburg, where they bought a farm on Deer Creek. They had two children, Raymond and Marty.

After Luther's death, Ruth moved to Goodland to be near her family.

She married Frank Smith of Edson, and they lived in Goodland until his death in 1974.

Ruth loved to work outdoors and to dance, and played the piano and organ.

She loved to play Bingo at the Elks, Knights of Columbus and Veterans of Foreign Wars. She never missed a

chance to go gambling in Las Vegas or Jackpot, Nev., and she loved to play cards.

She loved to travel, and especially enjoyed a trip to Hawaii with Betty and Raymond in 1971 and celebrating her 90th birthday with her family in Seattle.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Luther and Frank; a son, Eugene Henry Still; a brother, Edwin Peter; and three sisters, Frances Wieck, Laura Walters and Florence Frailey.

Survivors include two daughters, Ruby Elder of Spokane, Wash., and Betty Still of El Segundo, Calif.; two sons, Raymond Boyer of Middleton, Idaho, and Marty Boyer of Klamath Falls, Ore.; two brothers, Elmer Peters of Goodland and Arthur Peters of Pittsburg, Kan.; two sisters, Seatta Van Donge and Irene Daise of Goodland; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

Services will be at 11 a.m. **Thursday** at Bateman Funeral Home with Raymond John Boyer Jr. officiating. Burial will be in the Goodland Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. **Wednesday** at the chapel.

Memorials may be made to the Goodland Senior Center and in care of the Bateman Funeral Home, Box 278, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

club news

The Lincoln Larks Family, Community and Education club met Feb. 5 at the home of Lela Wilkinson. Five members answered the roll call by naming their favorite casserole.

The minutes were read and Virginia Chatfield gave the council report. Colleen Duell gave the treasurer's report. A "Thank You" card was read from the library for the book in memory of Mac Bean.

The lesson on "Omega-3s," fats you should and can eat was given by Colleen Duell. Eating more Omega-3s can be helpful for heart disease and stroke, depression, arthritis, allergies and cancer and has other benefits as well.

Recipes were handed out using fish, flaxseed, canola oil, splenda and many more.

The next meeting will be March 5 with Virginia Chatfield hosting.

stork report

Manten Lee Crow

Melvin and Julie Crow of Goodland are the parents of Manten Lee Crow, born Jan. 5, 2002, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. Manten weighed 6 pounds 1 ounce and was 21 inches long.

His grandparents are Roberta Rehor, Karen Crow, and Delbert Rice, all of Goodland.

matters of record

Marriage licenses

Carlos Loya Jr. and Alma Irene Quezada, both of Goodland.

Richard Johnson and Marie Enfield, both of Goodland.

Teachers suggest budget cuts for school district

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would save about \$27,000 if the board cut one assistant coach from each high school and junior high sport. Selby said some sports, particularly at the junior high, would suffer without a coach. He suggested keeping all junior high coaches, and cutting two in football, and one each in girls and boys basketball, track, volleyball, wrestling and softball at the high school. That would save \$18,000.

5. Sell the Edson gym. The board is now seeking bids on the gym, which will cost them about \$14,000 to keep open this year.

6. Go to a four-day week. That could save the district about \$170,000 in salaries and transportation. Although many people suggested making the switch, Selby said he wouldn't research it further without direction from the board. He said the district would have to check with parents first, adding, "I really think that would cause lots of controversy in our community."

7. Reduce teacher training costs. The handout said by eliminating expensive trips, workshops and costly presenters, the district would save \$7,000. Selby said the district has a

large budget for teacher training and doesn't always use the money. He said it would be possible to cut an additional \$3,000.

8. Charge textbook rental. The district could bring in \$26,750 if each student pays a \$25 fee, but Selby said it could be a hardship for some students.

9. All-day kindergarten, every other day.

That would save \$23,000 in transportation, but Selby said it could hurt students. He said he would have to do more research.

10. Close a building. Closing and selling Central Elementary School on Main Ave. would save \$157,304 in building and employee costs. Selby said it would be painful and sudden, but is an option. He said teachers and students would be relocated and principal Sharon Gregory would become the district school improvement officer.

The board also has discussed closing Grant Junior High and moving the students to the high school.

11. No new textbooks. That would save \$50,000, and Selby said the district could get by for a year.

12. No new buses. That would save another \$50,000,

and Selby again said that wouldn't be a big deal for one or two years. Last year, he said, the district bought a used bus and a new suburban, but it hasn't bought anything this year. He noted the district would eventually have to buy new buses.

Selby said he would support not buying new textbooks or buses; cutting a first, third and fifth grade teacher; eliminating the part-time tutor and elementary counselor; selling the Edson gym; reducing the number of assistant coaches and cutting the teacher training budget, for a total savings of \$325,000.

Member Mike Campbell suggested the district also find ways to bring in more money. Ron Schilling asked if it would hurt students to cut foreign lan-

guages in the lower grades.

Selby said they will continue to discuss ways to save. Members said they hope to make some decisions by spring. Selby said a lot of it will hinge on how much money the Legislature decides to give schools this year.

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