

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. next Wednesday** 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 tryouts, 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.

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. area event

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** 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 teaches the skills family members need to cope more effectively.

school calendar

Thursday: Black Day. Seminar — FCCCLA. KLOEAg 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. FCCCLA 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

Thursday: Chicken nuggets, tater tots, relish cup, Valentine cake and milk. **Friday:** Cheese nachos, lettuce salad, refried beans, kolache and milk.

senior center menu

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 Tuesday: Birkley Barnes and Marguerite Dupsky, both of Goodland. Swing bed: Ester Walter, St. Francis.

Dismissed on Tuesday: Eleanor Brown, Goodland.

Specialists for Thursday: Jeffrey Rumblyrt, allergist.

Hospital Volunteer Schedule: **Thursday:** Jessie Owens, a.m.; Peg Beynon, p.m. **Friday:** Fern Hawks, a.m.

today in history

Feb. 13, 1902: Mrs. Eldy Mathers, LaBlanche, was found unconscious by her husband, in the doorway of their home. Three days later, she is still unable to tell what happened to her.

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

book on world war

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

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.

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.

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 guaranteed 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. To join, 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.

free help with taxes

American Association of Retired Persons Tax-Aide can answer most of the tax issues faced by middle and low-income taxpayers, with special attention to those age 60 and over. Volunteers can be reached at the Goodland Public Library, 899-5461, or the Senior Center, 899-5082, on Fridays from 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. For information, call (800) 227-7669 or check their web site at www.aarp.org/taxaide.

'Snirt' storm covers county

What a strange week this past week has been. We wanted snow with moisture but instead we got snirt! What, do you ask, is snirt? A lady at church Sunday coined that word, sn from snow and irt from dirt, thus snirt.

As you drive along the roads, it is the strangest snow in the ditches I've ever seen, almost black with tufts of white peeking out around the edges.

My thought is, what has happened to the wheat crops? One farmer said only time is going to tell what the 2002 wheat crop will do in Sherman County.

The senior center lost one of its more daily attendees in the sudden and unexpected death of Ruth Smith. She had been there on Wednesday, but she had told me she wasn't feeling up to par.

I had noticed for a few weeks that she had more and more days of feeling not up to par. She never really complained but nevertheless one could see she wasn't feeling her usual self.

To her family, my utmost sincere sympathy and those from all of the center people. She'll sure be missed, and it will seem strange to see her empty chair. May they all know the loving caring hand of the Almighty during these trying days they will be facing.

The messy weekend caused a lot of



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headaches for some who had worked for some special things. Evelyn Merritt was to have been treated to cake and ice cream for her 95th birthday. The center was going to have the birthday for those in February, and that too was canceled.

Vera Daise will be having her 98th, I think that's right, on the 13th. She is a patient in the hospital, so cards would be truly appreciated for her birthday on the 13th. I know that a lot of the churches' attendance was down due to the drifting snow and icy roads.

I hope that Tuesday evening is in better shape for our pancake supper at 5 p.m. The Lutheran Church got caught with their soup supper on Saturday evening. I don't know if it has been rescheduled or not.

This Saturday, the Masonic group is having their pancake feed, and maybe they will be blessed with a better day than last weekend.

On my calendar, I find three anniversaries, Doug and Denise Hilty and Keith and Jody Engel on the 14th, and my niece and her husband, Patsy and Bob DeCicco on the 15th.

The only birthday is for my grand niece Michelle Lynch on the 16th.

There are several who are or have just gotten out of the hospital. Among those are: Ila Ziegler, Vera Daise, Eleanor Brown and Nola Kelbeck. There are others, but I'm not sure who they all are. To all of these, known and unknown, best wishes for a speedy recovery and return to their homes.

I started to do some house cleaning in anticipation of some company later in the month or early March. By Saturday afternoon, I saw it was a losing battle with all of the dust sifting in from where ever.

So that project was stopped for a couple of days. Now I'll try to start it over again in a couple of days. How I dislike housework!

I see no other notes or memos so will sign off for now. Take care and let's hope the next storm will be a true snow storm.

New books and cassettes available

The following books and cassettes are available at the Goodland Public Library:

Adult Fiction: "The Cat Who Went Up the Creek," by Lilian Jackson Braun; "Thursday's Child," by Sandra Brown; "The Viking Funeral," by Stephen Cannell; "Sharpe's Prey," by Bernard Cornwell; "Peace Like a River," by Leif Enger; "The Day Trader," by Stephen Frey; "Pen Pals," by Olivia Goldsmith; "The Fourth Perimeter," by Tim Green; "Under Fire," by W.E.B. Griffin; "Blackwater Sound," by James Hall; "The Jazz Bird," by Craig Holden; "One Door Away From Heaven," by Dean Koontz; "Smoke in Mirrors," by Jayne Ann Krentz; "The Oath," by John Lescroart; "Eden Burning," by Elizabeth Lowell; "The Millionaires," by Brad Meltzer; "The Happy Room," by Catherine Palmer; "Pursuit," by Thomas Perry; "To Trust a Stranger," by Karen Robards; "Conflict of Interest," by Nancy Taylor Rosenberg; "The Lions of Lucerne," by Brad Thor; and "Trouble Becomes Her," by Laura VanWorner.

Adult Non-fiction: "The Darwin Awards II," by Wendy Northcutt; "Ten Stupid Things Couples Do To Mess Up Their Relationships," by Laura Schlessinger; "State of the World" - 2002 Edition; "How Can I Get Through to You?," by Terrence Real; "A Death in Texas," by Dina Temple-Raston; "Martha Stewart Living Annual Recipes" - 2002 Edition; "Buying and Selling a Home," by the editors of Kiplinger's Magazine.

"Mars and Venus in the Workplace," by John Gray; "The Complete Book of the Winter Olympics," by David Wallechinsky; "A Book of Blessings," by Helen Steiner Rice (in memory of Helen Hevner); "Europe" - DK Eyewitness Travel Guide; "Holy War, Inc.," by Peter Bergen; "The Taliban: War and Religion in Afghanistan," by Peter Marsden; "America's First Dynasty," by Richard Brookhiser; and "Marlon Brando," by Patricia Bosworth

Children's Books: "Elmo Loves You," by Sarah Albee; "The Berenstain Bears and the Real Easter Eggs," by Stan & Jan Berenstain; "I Want to Say I Love You," by Caralyn Buehner; "Ghosts Don't Ride Wild Horses," by Debbie Dadey; "Pooh's Easter Egg Hunt," by Isabel Gaines; "Valentine's

Day Dognapping," by Gail Herman; "Sticks and Stones and Doggie Bones," by Marcia Thornton Jones; "Me Too, Woody!," by Heidi Kilgras; "Across America, I Love You," by Christine Loomis; "DK Guide to Space," by Peter Bond; "I Spy, Year-round Challenge!," by Jean Marzollo; "Kids' Book of Basketball," by Skip Berry; "Smithsonian Presidents and first Ladies," by James Barber; and "Don't Know Much About the Presidents," by Kenneth Davis

Audio Cassettes: "The Fourth Perimeter," by Tim Green; "Under Fire," by W.E.B. Griffin; "Blackwater Sound," by James Hall; "The Jazz Bird," by Craig Holden (CD); "Smoke in Mirrors," by Jayne Ann Krentz; "The Oath," by John Lescroart; "Eden Burning," by Elizabeth Lowell; "The Millionaires," by Brad Meltzer (CD); "Safe Harbor," by Luanne Rice (CD); "To Trust a Stranger," by Karen Robards (CD); "Expose," by Laura VanWorner; "Every Breath You Take," by Ann Rule (M); "Mars and Venus in the Workplace," by John Gray; "Founding Brothers," by Joseph Ellis; and "Theodore Rex," by Edmund Morris (CD)

Democrats see no good in redistricting

TOPEKA (AP) — Facing the possibility that their House minority will shrink even further, some Democrats say they see nothing good in a redistricting map their party accepted as its "least worst" option.

Eight incumbents — seven of them Democrats — are paired off in four districts on a map awaiting House de-

bate. The GOP holds a 79-46 majority in the 125-seat House.

Legislators are redrawing congressional, legislative and State Board of Education districts to account for shifts in population as shown in the 2000 census.

House Republicans point out that at the committee stage, Democrats were

permitted to choose between two proposed maps that varied in the number and location of Democrat-held districts that would be collapsed.

"We gave a great deal of ground when we didn't have to give anything," Rep. Doug Mays, R-Topeka, a member of the House Redistricting Committee, said Tuesday.

Republicans put one condition on their endorsement of the bill containing the final proposed map. Rep. Laura McClure, D-Osborne, had to promise not to run for a sixth term if she were put in the same district as Rep. Dan Johnson, R-Hays.

McClure agreed. The map puts her and Johnson in a redrawn 110th District in northwest Kansas.

"I made a promise to Dan not to run against him," McClure said. "Some ask why I did — because it's a good map, the best one so far."

public notice

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHERMAN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

To all qualified electors residing within the boundaries of the Sherman County Conservation District, notice is hereby given that pursuant to K.S.A. 2-1907, as amended, on the 25th day of February, 2002, at 6:30 p.m. an annual meeting of the Sherman County Conservation District will be held at the VFW HALL in Goodland, KS

The meeting agenda shall include the following business items:

- ONE: The supervisors of the Sherman County Conservation District shall make full and due report of their activities and financial affairs since the last annual meeting.
- TWO: They shall conduct an election by secret ballot of qualified electors, there present, of two supervisors, to serve for a term of three years from date of said

meeting.
The term of Bill Selby and Dennis Shank is expiring. All in the county of Sherman in the State of Kansas.

By Chairperson
Lonnell Whiteker
Sherman County Conservation District

Attest
Sandra K. Rodgers
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matters of record

Accidents

Accidents reported by the Goodland Police Department:

Jan. 9 — John D. Studer backed his 2000 Pontiac into a parked 1994 Ford owned by Gordon Pettibone at 2320 Commerce Road.

Jan. 10 — Sue A. Smith backed a 1998 Mercury into a parked 1968 International owned by Rocky L. Stewart at 222 W. Ninth.

Jan. 11 — Nila A. Been backed her 1991 Ford into a parked 1998 Toyota owned by Mark Leitner at 13th and Arcade.

Jan. 16 — Justin Stone backed his 1971 Ford into the driver's side door of a 1994 Chevy that Richard Woodall had backed out of another parking spot.

Jan. 19 — Adrian A. Conde was northbound in a 2002 Ford and struck a utility pole while turning west at the corner of 15th and Center.

Jan. 22 — A 1998 Ford owned by Stacy Thornburg was struck by an unknown vehicle that fled the scene at 104 W. Hwy. 24.

Jan. 24 — A 1985 Chevy pickup owned by Skip T. Gohl was westbound on 15th when it struck a 1992 Ford pickup owned by Michael Daise at the intersection of 15th and Arcade. The Ford was southbound.

Jan. 29 — Kaari J. Fulton was pulling out of the lot at Conoco Travel Shoppe in a 1997 Dodge and hit the post that was protecting the fuel pump at 2423 Enterprise Road.

Neva M. Jones was southbound on Walnut in a 1995 Buick when she hit a 2000 Ford driven by Danielle Schwartz. Schwartz was eastbound on 10th.

Isaiah R. Sattler was driving a 1994 Buick and hit a parked 1996 Chevy owned by Blake A. Smith at 1209 Harrison.

Jan. 30 — Mary J. Schippert was northbound in the alley east of Broadway in a 1993 Ford when she struck the rear passenger side back bumper of a 1989 Ford pickup driven by Joyce L. Rivera. Schippert was turning onto 15th Street and failed to yield to

Rivera.
Jan. 31 — Donald R. Renner was backing out of a parking space in a 1999 Chevy when he hit a parked 2002 Chevy owned by Doris Duncan at 3026 W. 31st Street.

Ronda L. Erdman was westbound on 13th in a 1992 Ford pickup when she struck a 1993 Chevy pickup driven by Don E. McKenzie. McKenzie was southbound on Caldwell, and Erdman failed to yield the right-of-way.

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