

about our friends

calendar

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, 519 Center.

The **Goodland Development Corp.** is sponsoring an after Valentine's dance **8 p.m.-midnight Saturday** at the Elks Lodge. Admission is free.

Senator Pat Roberts will give a legislative report at a breakfast buffet at **7:30 a.m. Tuesday** at the Safari Steakhouse at the Elks Lodge. Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce. Call 899-7130.

Congressman Jerry Moran will bring his "Big First Listening Tour" to the Safari Steakhouse at the Elks Lodge from **10-11 a.m. Wednesday**. Coffee and rolls will be served. Hosted by Farm Bureau Insurance.

The **Carnegie Arts Center** is holding tryouts for dinner theater from **5-7 p.m. Wednesday** at the center, with parts for actors, musicians and vocalists for a comedy set in a 1940s USO Club. If unable to attend, call Tina Goodwin at 899-6442 or Judy Hayden at 899-7418.

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

SHARE pickup 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.

school calendar

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. **Monday:** No school, teacher in service. Project Graduation 2004 meeting 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. **Tuesday:** Gold Day. Seminar — G-Club and GAA. C-JV-V basketball vs. Norton 3:45 p.m. at the Max Jones

Fieldhouse and junior high gym., senior parent night, FCCLA flag ceremony and money grab. Grades due 8 a.m. for mid-terms. Department head meeting 7 a.m. **Wednesday:** Black Day. Seminar — Science Olympiad. District Spelling Bee 1 p.m. in the auditorium. City/County Recreation sports 7:30 p.m. in the Max Jones Fieldhouse and junior high gym. **Thursday:** Gold Day. Seminar — Stuco. Class 1A regional basketball 5 and 6:30 p.m. in the Max Jones Fieldhouse. Assembly 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium for junior high and high school Hispanic students. City/County Recreation sports 7:30 p.m. in the high school gym. **Friday, Feb. 22:** Black Day. Class 1A Regional basketball 5 and 6:30 p.m. in the Max Jones Fieldhouse. State Wrestling 8 a.m. in Wichita. **Saturday, Feb. 23:** Class 1A Regional basketball 5 and 6:30 p.m. in the Max Jones Fieldhouse. State wrestling 8 a.m. in Wichita. Mary Kay meeting 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in the auditorium. **Sunday, Feb. 24:** Dana Murray's team 2-4 p.m. in the high school gym.

school lunch menu

Monday: No school — cleaning day. **Tuesday:** Cooks' choice. **Wednesday:** Frito chili pie, lettuce salad, potato square, chocolate cake and milk. **Thursday:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, 1/2 orange and milk. **Friday:** Toasted cheese sandwich, tri-taters, relish cup, frosted banana and milk.

senior center menu

Monday: Hamburgers, potato rounds, baked beans, bun and tropical fruit salad. **Tuesday:** Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, bread and apple berry sauce. **Wednesday:** Baked spaghetti, peas, peaches, bread and bread pudding with raisins. **Thursday:** Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, rosy pears, bread and cake with frosting. **Friday:** Chicken salad, vegetable soup, mixed fruit/banana & oranges, bread and peanut butter crisp rice bar.

hospital report

Goodland Regional Medical Center **Admitted on Thursday:** Elizabeth Lockhart, Goodland. Swing bed: Helen Ruth Elliott, Goodland.

Dismissed on Thursday: none. **Specialists for Monday:** James Holmes, orthopedist and Jeffrey D. Huston, gastroenterologist.

Hospital Volunteer Schedule: **Monday:** Mary Schippert, a.m.; Martha Gunderson, p.m. **Tuesday:** Bonnie Daily, a.m.; Beulah McClung, p.m. **Wednesday:** Chet Ross, p.m. **Thursday:** Betty Saint, a.m.; Velma Holste, p.m. **Friday:** Carol Jolly, a.m.; Anne Mann, p.m.

health department

The Sherman County Health Department at 1622 Broadway is open from **8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday**.

Monday: President's Day, office closed. **Tuesday:** Technical college 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. **Wednesday:** WIC in St. Francis. Voucher pickup 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **Thursday:** Blood pressure clinic 9-10:15 a.m. at Sparks and Handy Towers. 10-11:30 a.m. Blood pressure clinic at Kanorado Senior Center. **Friday:** Walk-in blood pressure and blood sugar screening 8 a.m.-noon. Immunizations 1-4 p.m.

Children's physicals and family planning are available by appointment. **today in history**

Feb. 15, 1902: The Opera House was crowded with 200 dancers and many spectators for the fifth annual Ball of Goodland Division No. 422 of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. From *The Goodland News*, provided by the Sherman County Historical Society.

area events

The **Kansas Alliance on Mental Illness** is offering a 12-week course for those with relatives with mental illness from **1:30-3:30 p.m. Sundays beginning 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 treatment of these illnesses and teaches skills family members need to cope effectively.

The Kansas Authors Club, Seventh District, is holding a literary contest. Entries must be sent by **Friday, March 15**, to Nell McLain, Route 1 Box 111B, Satanta, Kan. 67870. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope for contest guidelines or e mail to goobdad@yahoo.com.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Tobacco firms target teens

Cigarette companies have known for years that their product is deadly and addictive, but that hasn't stopped them from marketing it to kids and teens.

Why do they concentrate so much of their marketing on young people? Because that's when most start to smoke, in their teens. Once they have you addicted, they think they have a lifelong customer. The tobacco companies know that most adults know better than to risk their own health and start smoking, so they target teens, who often think:

- That they could quit anytime they want.
- They can't be harmed.
- That they're being rebellious.
- That tobacco isn't that bad.
- That smoking makes them look cool, older or more attractive.

Unfortunately, by the time kids realize the truth, they're addicted.

What's the big deal about smoking? Tobacco is a deadly, addictive product. It's been proven again and again that smoking is responsible for billions of dollars of medical costs and hundreds of thousands of deaths every year! Smoking causes many diseases: bronchitis, emphysema, lung, throat and other cancers, and other diseases. It also causes yellow teeth, bad breath and premature aging of skin, like wrinkles.

For the past seven years, Kansas youth have organized, with the help of various health organizations, statewide Smoke-free Teens Are Rising (STAR*) Rallies that more than 2,500 students have attended. This rally is a day for smoke-free teens to stand up and be heard about tobacco issues. In 2002, TASK (the statewide youth group against teen smoking) is taking



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or has taken the message to Hays, Wichita and Topeka.

This yearly educational event is made possible by the American Cancer Society Heartland Division; American Heart Association, Heartland Affiliate; American Lung Association of Kansas; Kansas Department of Health and Environment; Kansas Smokeless Kids Initiative Inc.; Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition; and TASK, with a grant from the American Legacy Foundation. The STAR* Rally is an event driven and led by youth of Kansas. Members of the TASK state board created the agenda and the content.

On Feb. 6, four teens from our area joined other Kansas youth at Fort Hays State University for a STAR* Rally on tobacco issues. They were Crisy and Mary Hernandez, Andrew and Olivia Lovington and Efrain Aguirre.

They learned about the different tobacco products, their dangers and the tobacco industry's manipulation of youth through marketing and promotions; about youth empowerment for local and statewide projects; and ways to be an effective advocate for tobacco use prevention.

Two keynote speakers addressed the youth, Peggy Thomas, former MTV Road Rules participant, and media specialist Bernadette Morris, chief executive officer of Sonshine Communications in Miami.

This is the second year that youth

from Sherman County have participated. Last year the participants got a grant for \$1,500 in which they used to promote tobacco-free activities, purchase Mr. Burnout, recognize Kick Butts Day and promote healthy lifestyles.

Through tobacco free efforts, our Motivation + Achievement = Success (MAS) youth group and Hispanic Advisory Board met Melissa Schoenberger from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. She has been a big asset for us. She has encouraged leadership skills through ideas and advise to our young members.

Networking with her has led to another opportunity for tobacco-free youth. Tuesday, our MAS youth group, along with other Kansas youth, starred in anti-tobacco commercial.

Goodland kids who were in this commercial are Valleria Macias, Crystal Hernandez, Stephen Furtado and Andrew Lovington. The kids were nervous and did a few takes before the film crew got what they wanted.

At the STAR* Rally, we all got to view the final two commercials. They are great and we are so proud of them. The commercials will air beginning on Monday on ESPN, MTV, FOX, ABC, NBC and basic cable.

Congratulations to all kids who recognize this and say NO, TO BIG TOBACCO!

NOTE: The Regional Prevention Center will move to a new location at 109 W. 11th, Suite 200 (across from the Chamber of Commerce). Phone and fax will remain the same, 785-899-3848.

matters of record

Accidents

Accidents reported by the Goodland Police Department:

Feb. 4 — Chad L. Dixon was west-bound in Wal-Mart's parking lot in a 1990 Dodge pickup when he was hit by a 1998 Ford driven by John C. Jones.

Feb. 5 — Michelle M. Roeder was attempting to park a 2000 GMC bus to pick up a child when she struck a parked 1989 Lincoln owned by Rachel B. Hull at 13th and Broadway. The Lincoln was parked two feet from the curb.

Feb. 8 — Michael L. Ray reported that his 1991 Ford pickup was hit on the driver's side by the tail light by an unknown vehicle.

Feb. 11 — Curtis A. McKenrick was backing a 1998 Ford pickup out of a parking stall in front of 808 Main when he hit a parked 1998 Pontiac owned by Trevor Linton.

Government offices get three-day weekend

City, county and federal offices will be closed Monday for Presidents' Day. There will be no mail delivery, and the post office will be closed.

Some state offices may be closed, but the Social and Rehabilitation Services will be open.

The hospital and clinic will be open. *The Goodland Daily News* office will be open, and a paper will be published.

Students will have the day off from school, but the teachers will have in service training.

Severe budget problems may force state tax increase

TOPEKA (AP) — Gov. Bill Graves thinks the severity of the state's budget problems will persuade legislators to raise taxes.

Graves said Thursday he believes legislators are beginning to see the need for more revenue.

The state faces a \$426 million gap between expected revenues and spending commitments in fiscal 2003, which starts July 1.

"It's going to take a little time, but the budget is the tool that's going to sell the revenue package," Graves said at a news conference during the annual reporters' and editors' Day at the Legislature, sponsored by The Associated Press and the Kansas Press Association.

Graves was asked if he were being sufficiently aggressive in building support for tax increases. He has proposed \$228 million in higher taxes to avoid cuts in education and social services.

"Where should I be today?" he said. "Should I be here with you? Should I be here, you know, speaking to Farm Bureau? Should I be here, sort of engaged in conversations with legislators? Or should I be out on the road?"

"I'm in this betwixt-and-between situation where, if I'm not here, I'm not engaged. I'm getting out and about a little bit, but the selling job is conveying to legislators the severity of this budget problem."

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