

about our friends

calendar

The Carnegie Arts Center is holding tryouts for dinner theater from **5-7 p.m. today** 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 Judy 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.

"Prairie Past Times," a photographic history of entertainment in Sherman County, will be on display **starting Friday, Feb. 22**, at the High Plains Museum at 1717 Cherry Ave. **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.

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

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

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

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 Tuesday: Swing bed: Marguerite Dupsky of Goodland.

Dismissed on Tuesday: Birkley Barnes, Elmira David and Helen Ruth Elliott, all of Goodland.

Specialists for Thursday: Karl Chambers, rheumatologist, and James K. Warren, cardiologist.

Hospital Volunteer Schedule: **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**.

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 Kanorad 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. 20, 1902: U. S. Land Office at Colby reports Clayton Briggs will file final proof of Timber Claim on E 1/2 of SE 1/4 of 18-9-S of Range W.

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. 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.

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 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.

obituaries

Thelma E. Krafft

Thelma Krafft, 87, former cashier, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2002, at the Good Samaritan Center.

She was born on a farm near Bogue on March 12, 1914, the daughter of George and Hatte (Lambert) Randolph. The family moved to Phillipsburg when she was seven years old. She grew up there and graduated from Phillipsburg High School.

She married Elvin E. Krafft on May 14, 1930 in Smith Center. They moved to Lebanon where they both worked for a farmer then moved back to Phillipsburg in 1933.

They later moved 10 miles north of Edson where Elvin worked for Kuhrt Farms. In 1940, they moved into Edson where Elvin worked as a janitor and a mechanic for the school.

In 1942 they moved to Goodland. Thelma worked as a grocery checker for C.E. Taylor and Boggiest. She was active in Bowling Card Party and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

She raised two children. She and Elvin celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in 1995.

She was preceded in death by a daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Leo Walt; her parents; four sisters; and one brother.

Survivors include her husband; a son, E. Leroy (Kathy) Krafft; six grandchildren; and a great-grandson.



Krafft

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Bateman Funeral Home with Pastor Carol Moore-Ramey officiating. Burial will follow in the Goodland Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Goodland Good Samaritan Center and can be left at or mailed to Bateman Funeral Home, P.O. Box 278, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

David Allen Hicks

David Allen Hicks, 50, son of Truman and Catherine Hicks of Goodland, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2002, at Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins, Colo. following a short illness.

He was born April 10, 1951 in Scott City. He attended grade school in Lamar, Colo. In 1967, the family moved to Goodland where he graduated from high school in 1969.

He attended one year of college at Lindsborg before enlisting in the Army. He was in the 82nd Airborne stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C.

After his discharge from the Army, he lived and worked in Fort Collins until his death.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Jimmie Hicks; and a nephew, Brent Hicks.

Survivors include his parents; three brothers, Douglas (Glenna) Hicks of Pueblo, Colo., Galen Hicks of Hays, and Michael (Becky) Hicks of Loveland, Colo.; two sisters, Mary Hicks of Norton and Sherri (Gail) Lee of Osborne; and a sister-in-law, Sue Hicks of Syracuse.

He will be cremated according to his wishes. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Graves not endorsing any redistricting ideas

TOPEKA (AP) — Gov. Bill Graves says he has not endorsed any redistricting proposals nor has he been actively involved in redrawing the lines.

Legislators must redraw congressional, legislative and State Board of Education districts every 10 years to reflect population shifts. Graves must sign their bills before they are reviewed by state and federal courts.

"I haven't told anybody I would sign off on any map, House, Senate or congressional," Graves told reporters Tuesday.

"The truth of the matter is, the Legislature's been changing maps and drawing maps, minute by minute, in four or five different locations in the building," he said. "We haven't been sitting, watching over everyone's shoulder, giving a thumbs up or thumbs down on maps."

Last week, the House and Senate each approved a redistricting plan for their chamber and have exchanged the maps. If tradition holds, neither cham-

ber will tamper with the other's plan.

On Monday, the Senate Reapportionment Committee endorsed a congressional map that extends the 1st District from Colorado to the state's northeast corner and retain most of western Kansas.

The 2nd District would pick up Lawrence from the 3rd District and lose its northeastern counties plus Osage and part of Coffey counties to the 1st District.

Shifting Lawrence to the 2nd District would cost Kansas' only Democratic congressman, Dennis Moore, part of his 3rd District base.

The 3rd District would continue to include Johnson, Wyandotte and Miami counties. It also would part of Leavenworth County and most of Bourbon County.

The 4th District would remain dominated by Sedgwick and surrounding counties, but would pick up McPherson County and part of Marion County from the 1st District.

St. Francis woman's autobiography for sale in stores

Connie Morris, St. Francis, has released her autobiography which is now on sale in many St. Francis businesses and will soon be found in bookstores around the country.

"From the Darkness; One Woman's Rise to Nobility," is the story of recovery through Christ from incest, rape, domestic violence and substance abuse.

Mrs. Morris arrived in Cheyenne County almost 12 years ago with her husband, Kelly, a farmer and plumber, and two daughters Jessica and Lacy.

A number of years ago, she had outlined the book but found it too emotional to finish. Then, several years ago, she was inspired to finish it and it took only three weeks, working night and day, to finish writing the manuscript. Mr. Morris, who was aware of her former experiences in life, read the manuscript first.

"We had agreed that if he approved,

I would let the girls (daughters) read it," she said.

Mr. Morris approved and when the girls read it, they, too, approved.

It was submitted to over 100 publishers around the country and only three publishers agreed to read the manuscript for possible publication. Of those three, she was offered two contracts and she chose to sign with Huntington House Publishers of Lafayette, La.

"I was amazed that it was ever accepted," she said.

Mrs. Morris has regrettably resigned from Idalia Elementary as their first grade teacher where she has taught for the past six years. She will now spend the coming year on tour with her book as well as pursue other interests. Her publicist is working vigorously to gain her appearances on "Oprah," "Good Morning America," and many other nationally recognized radio and television syndications. Huntington House is a highly reputable, medium-sized publishing company with a strong presence in the media industry. Another artist they are currently promot-

ing is Franklin Graham, son of Reverend Billy Graham.

"I'm looking forward to traveling and meeting lots of interesting people and seeing what God has in store for this project," she said "It will also be nice to have more time to spend on the farm and help Kelly with his plumbing business, as well as perhaps do some more writing."

Yes, Mrs. Morris is planning to write more books and has looked at several subjects.

She has been working toward her master's degree taking classes on the Internet. Working on the degree has been a large undertaking as she is also teaching a class of first graders, promoting the book and getting used to being an "empty nester," as one daughter is already in college and the second will graduate in the spring.

"I'd like to teach college courses online and work to enhance Virtual College capabilities. Who knows what's next! The great western sky is the limit!" Mrs. Morris said.

And, in the near future, she plans to enter the world of politics as a mem-

ber of the Kansas State Board of Education.

U.S. Congressman Jerry Moran and English Breadloaf Fellow, Lucille Rossbach have endorsed "From the Darkness; One Woman's Rise to Nobility."

Copies of the book are available in various locations around St. Francis. She plans a book signing in St. Francis and Huntington House has planned a number of appearances in the state before the November election.

"I plan to have the book in every public library in the state before the end of the year and hope that school libraries will also see the value of the book," she said.

For more information about "From the Darkness; One Woman's Rise to Nobility," log on to the web site: conniemorris.org.

Bill requiring tracking kegs wins first round

TOPEKA (AP) — A bill requiring retailers to track beer kegs and their buyers won first-round approval in the Senate.

Senators advanced the bill on a voice vote Tuesday. Final action is scheduled for today, and passage then would send the measure to the House.

The bill would require retailers to tag any keg that can hold at least four gallons and keep a record identifying the buyer for six months or until the keg is returned.

Typically, consumers buy the beer in a keg but must return the container.

The bill would make it a misdemeanor to possess an unregistered beer keg or remove a registration tag.

Non-surgical treatment of hemorrhoids.

John D. Ferris, MD will be at: 291 15th Street Burlington, CO

Tue., Mar. 5

For information or appointment, call 1-800-593-0009



Goodwill Industries

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