calendar

SHARE sign up will be from 9 to 10 a.m. next Monday at 824 Main for the March distribution of low-cost food. The Goodland After-5 Club, affili-

ated with Christian Business and Professional Women is having a "Garage Sale Treasures" dinner party from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 8, at the Butterfly Cafe at Renner Field. Mary Bohl of Colorado Springs will share her experiences as a military wife and will talk about decorating with garage sale finds. Call Barb at 899-5580 or

'Don't Say No. . . To the U.S.O." dinner theater will be at 6 p.m. Friday, April 19, and at 6 p.m. Saturday, **April 20.** A dessert matinee will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 21. Tickets are available at the Carnegie Arts Cen-

"Prairie Past Times," a photographic history of entertainment in Sherman County, is on display at the High Plains Museum, 1717 Cherry

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. ev-

Emotions Anonymous — meets at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the Goodland Regional Medical Center

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,

Corp. will meet at 6:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday each month at Bowladium Lanes. Call 899-2342 or 899-6200 for information.

matters of record

daily at the Goodland Activities Cenfajita, mixed vegetables, cranberry 12. Call for an appointment. Kinderter. Tena Tompkins leads a **step aero**bic class at 5:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On Tuesday and orange/pineapple salad, crackers and Thursday, a less intense class is offered. Call 899-7242.

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. Students will play games, create crafts and share snacks with preschool children at 3:30 p.m. in the home economics room or cafeteria.

Tours of the **1907 Victorian House** at 202 W. 13th are from **1-5 p.m.**

Wednesdays through Sundays.

Water Testing — The Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group does free well evaluation, including testing 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. Paintings by Phyllis Liljegren Newson will be on display through April 5.

school calendar

Monday: Spring break. Tuesday: Spring break. Wednesday: Spring break. Thursday: Spring Break. Track 8:30 a.m. at Ogallala, depart 5:15 a.m. JV-V Softball 3 p.m. at Garden City, depart 11 a.m. Friday, March 29: Spring break. Sunday, March 31: Junior olympic volleyball 1-3 p.m. in the junior high gym.

school lunch menu Monday-Friday: Spring break.

senior center menu

Tuesday: Hamburger, sliced toma-**Aerobics Classes** — **7:45 a.m.** toes and pickles, pasta salad, bun and morning aerobics classes are offered mixed fruit. Wednesday: Chicken

juice, tortilla and Jell-o with bananas. Thursday: Chili with beans, carrots, cinnamon roll. Friday: Baked fish, winter mixed vegetables, potato salad, bread and apricots.

hospital report

Goodland Regional Medical Cen-

Admitted on Friday: Jess Webb, Goodland. Swing bed: Eula Babcock, Goodland.

Dismissed on Friday: Ronald Browning, St. Francis, and Sharon Aughe, Cloyd Hawks Sr. and Ada Taylor, all of Goodland.

Admitted on Saturday: Swing bed: Elroy K. Fenner and Velma Lee Cooper, both of Goodland.

Dismissed on Saturday: Patty Jo Gensil of Goodland.

Admitted on Sunday: Deana Amack, Larry Ketler and Kenneth Dautel, all of Goodland.

Dismissed on Sunday: Royal Reid and Sherida Shoff, both of Goodland. Transferred: Larry Ketler to University Denver Hospital.

Specialists for Tuesday: Raymond Ketting, pediatrician.

Hospital Volunteer Schedule: Tuesday: Beulah McClung, p.m. Wednesday: Carmelita Clark, courtesy, and Roger Collins, p.m. Thursday: Dorothy Akers, a.m.

health department The Sherman County Health De-

partment at 1622 Broadway is open from 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Tuesday: WIC in Oberlin 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Vouchers Pickup 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Technical College 8:30-10 a.m. Immunizations 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday: Scheduled appointments. Blood pressure at the Senior Center 9-10:30 a.m. Thursday: WIC in Colby. Scheduled appointments only. Friday: Blood pressure and blood sugar screening 9 a.m.-noon. Walk-in clinic. Immunizations 1-4:30 p.m.

Cholesterol screening April 11 and

garten roundup April 18 and 19.

Through Friday, May 10, Walk

Children's physicals and family planning available by appointment.

If you have questions, concerns or complaints about child care in Sherman County, call the health department at (785) 899-4888.

today in history

March 24, 1902: W.H. Frazer shot down by City Marshal Schell - a slight altercation terminates in a fatal shooting.

March 25, 1902: W.H. Frazer, an unarmed locomotive fireman uttered no word after the ball from a .38 caliber revolver entered his left breast.

From The Goodland News, provided by the Sherman County Historical So-

card showers

Joe D. Phillips is in the hospital in Hays. His sister and family would like to have him showered with cards. His address is Room 117, 2220 Canterbury Dr., Hays, Kan. 67601.

Velma Lee Cooper of Brewster has had surgery in Denver and would enjoy cards from friends. Her address is: St. Anthony Central Hospital, Room 235, 4231 W. 16th Ave., Denver, Colo. 80204.

Gary Spatz is celebrating his birthday Friday and would enjoy cards from friends and neighbors. He is at the Good Samaritan Center, 208 W. Second, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

reunions

Former students of **Ruleton School** are sought for a book. Call Lois Sieck at 899-2733 or Arbutus Topliff at 899-2625 with the grade and years you attended the school.

LSM-LSMR Association 14th Reunion will be held Wednesday-Saturday, August 28-31, in Kansas City, Mo. Contact Richard Schatz, 66 Summer St., Greenfield, Mass. 01301. Phone (413) 774-2397.

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 results in the arrest and/or conviction of those involved, you could be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000. Goodland Area Crime Stoppers is a nonprofit organization formed by citizens against crime.

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. For information or help, call (800) 794-

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. free help with taxes **American Association of Retired** Persons Tax-Aide can answer most of

the tax issues faced by middle and lowincome 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.

Couple together 50 years

The children of Max and Janice (Claar) Carman are hosting a card shower in honor of the couple's 50th anniversary on Monday, April 1.

The children are Tami and Roger Baker of Port Bolivar, Texas; Mark and Cathy Carman of McCook, Neb.; and Lynn and Jim Herbic of Salina. The Carmans have six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Cards of congratulations will reach

the couple at 306 N. East, Oberlin, Kan.

student news

Daniel Blake, a freshman at Goodland High School, won the Kansas Federation of Music Club's essay con-

He read his essay at the club's 82nd convention in Manhattan Saturday, March 16. His winning essay was called, "Music — A Language of the Heart," and he was presented a check as his prize at the convention.

Prune roses after last frost, before new spring growth

The best time to prune roses is in the spring before new growth appears and after danger of killing frost.

Cold temperatures this winter may have killed

rose canes further back than usual. Be established, healthy plants and is desure to remove dead stubs. Otherwise signed to increase the number of flowcanker fungi may invade stubs and ers produced rather than increase size. progress into healthy tissue during the Leave five to six healthy canes with at

Use sharp shears and make cuts at a to 12 to 18 inches long. 45-degree angle about 1/4 inch above healthy buds.

large, showy flowers. Prune back to three to four healthy canes with three to six eyes per cane. Canes normally will be 6 to 12 inches long.

Moderate pruning is done on well- even the heavy-pruning style.

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least seven buds per cane. Prune stems

Light pruning rejuvenates plants after years of neglect or may be per-There are three pruning styles, each formed on newly established plants. with a specific purpose. Heavy or se- Leave five to seven canes of about 18 vere pruning is done on well-estab- inches or more in length. This helps lished, vigorous plants to produce maximize leaf area for energy production and rejuvenates plants.

If your plants suffered a significant amount of winter damage, they may need to be cut back more severely than

Nine states seeking penalties continue suit against Microsoft WASHINGTON (AP) — Their wit-said the states will show that those new

nesses have faced tough questioning markets are today's Netscape and Java and have been admonished by a skeptical federal judge. Yet the nine states suing Microsoft for antitrust violations to impose far-reaching penalties on the software company.

The states hope U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly will allow them to present evidence they say shows that Microsoft has damaged competition in emerging markets such as handheld computers, television settop boxes and smart cell phones.

Kollar-Kotelly said throughout the week that she thinks the states are taking "a very broad view" of what conduct they can address in seeking penalties. The states are not allowed to address issues that were not involved in their first case against Microsoft, which focused on the desktop computer operating system market.

-the two products that Microsoft was found to have improperly harmed. Microsoft maintains the products

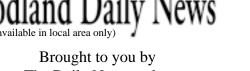
still think they can persuade the court have nothing to do with the current case, and the states only want to help its competitors.

The federal government and nine other states settled their antitrust case against Microsoft last year with lesser penalties. States that rejected the government's settlement have continued to pursue the antitrust case are Iowa, Utah, Massachusetts, Connecticut, California, Kansas, Florida, Minnesota and West Virginia, along with the District of Columbia.



Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller

Celebrating Hometown Life



The Daily News and

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"Neighbors helping neighbors"

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Lori at 899-3828 for reservations. The Goodland Arts Council's

activities

ery Friday.

board room.

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Accidents

Accidents reported by the Goodland Police Department:

Feb. 14 — Harry L. Hurst was attempting to pick up trash in a 2001 International truck when he got stuck in a snow drift. While attempting to get unstuck, he hit the roof of the K-Inn at 611 E. Hwy. 24.

Feb. 15—StevieLee A. Raymer was driving a 1996 Mercury in the 1200 block of Arcade when she hit a parked 1986 Plymouth owned by Michael Feb. 19 — A 1991 Ford pickup

wned by Michael I Ray was parked and running unattended at The Cowboy Loop at 1631 Main when it slipped out of park and into reverse. The pickup struck a parked 1995 Chevy pickup owned by Travis Fonte and then came to a rest after hitting the building.

Feb. 22 — Michael J. Ray was driving a 1991 Ford pickup at Wal-Mart at 2160 Commerce when he hit a light

Feb. 23 — Jesse J. Sandoval was stopped at a stop sign at Cattletrail and K-27 in a 1998 Mazda when he was struck from behind by a 1994 Ford driven by Sheila R. Walz. Feb. 24 — Michelangelo Conrad

1997 Ford pickup when he hit the overstopped at a stop sign at 13th and Ar-

was going through the drive-thru at

McDonald's at 2325 Enterprise in a

Feb. 25 — Andrew M. Phillips was cade in a 1972 Chevy pickup when he was struck from behind by a 1995 College when it was hit by an unknown

Online gamer pays \$600 for 'respected' character

By Matt Slagle Associated Press Writer Don't mess with Blyndem Denkilem. He's a Bard in the online virtual game world of "EverQuest," whose green Singing Steel Gear armor and Flameweaver sword makes him about

as tough as they come. So powerful is Denkilem that his owner, 16-year-old Bill Currie, sold

him in an online auction for \$600. Grabbing big bucks for a bunch of bits? Sounds odd.

But a growing number of online gamers are actually paying for respected characters and objects that exist only in games played on Internetconnected computers.

Currie, a Flemington, N.J., high school student, estimates he's logged about 27 days crafting Denkilem. He's played EverQuest on and off for three

"His level and his equipment is what makes him so valuable. It takes a decent amount of time to get to level 53, sixty being the highest," says Currie. Denkilem's \$600 price tag is war-

ranted because his purchaser goes to the top of the EverQuest pile without

Quest characters with prices ranging from \$100 to \$700. EverQuest publisher Sony Online

Entertainment opposes the trading of

spokesman said there is little the company can do about it. An economic analysis of Ever-Quest's estimated 410,000 users discovered the average player spends 29

hours a week at the game. Among those older than 18, almost a third spent more time gaming in a typical week than they did working at their real job. "People are putting incredible hours working in this game world, more time

working in the virtual work than they are in the real world," said Edward Castronova, an economist at California State at Fullerton, and the study's author. "That is their society. That is their real life. Now, a Swedish company called

MindArk is hoping to cash in on the about the weather.

Massively Multiplayer Online Role- Sony Online Entertainment's Ever-Playing Game, or MMORPG, that will Quest have since created similar unihaving to log years of practice, Currie require players to plunk down real cash verses.

Chevy pickup driven by Travis L. Fonte. Fonte slid on the ice and could Deanna C. Buhr was stopped at a

by a 1987 Plymouth driven by Samuel side. A. Kear. Kear slid on the ice and could

stop sign at Eighth and Main in a 1999

struck a 1998 Isuzu driven by Arnold parking space. D. Magley in the driver's side.

hydrant. Feb. 27 — Regina M. Fischer stopped at a stop sign in a 1995 Storm on 12th Street at Broadway then continued on thinking a 2001 Chevy pickup driven by Thomas G. Livengood had

stopped. Fischer hit Livengood. a stop sign at 12th and Harrison in a 1993 GMC pickup. He drove on without seeing a 1993 pickup driven by

Jared Schurr and hit him. pickup when she got caught in a snow drift and slid out of control hitting a tha K. Vallejo. Vallejo was westbound on 17th at the intersection of 17th and

March 4 — A 1978 Chrysler owned by Douglas Dewey was parked at 1311

hind a stalled vehicle in a 1985 Chevy pickup at the intersection of Hwy. 24 and Hwy. 27 when a 1988 GMC driven Ford when she was struck from behind by Amber D. Ridder hit him from the

Wal-Mart at 2160 Commerce and O'Neal. O'Neal was backing out of a Hannah Schlosser was stopped at a cided to get out of the line. He backed

> March 5 — George L. Bringhurst was backing a 1997 International into a parking space at 2710 Commerce when he hit a 2001 Royal owned by

March 1—Kenneth Peck stopped at southbound on Caldwell in a 1997 Chevy when Keith A. Meder, driving a 1999 Ford, failed to yield at Ninth and

March 2 — Monica G. Ford was driving a 2000 GMC truck in the parkwestbound on 17th in a 1995 GMC ing lot at 2710 Commerce when Re-1988 GMC Suburban driven by Mar-stopped. Segobia hit the driver's side

> March 12 — A 1989 Chevy owned by Terry and Linda Bahe was parked at Wal-Mart at 2160 Commerce when

it was hit by an unknown vehicle.

says. A recent search of the online auc- for game items: vases for the virtual coftion site eBay brought up a dozen Ever- fee table, mining equipment, weapons. Jan Welter, MindArk's general manager, said that just like in the real world,

> interested in a second, electronic life. "It can be anything you like, from an advanced messaging system to a dynamic, ever-evolving universe ready

Interest in them surged in 1997 with

Project Entropia joins a list of titles

Microsoft's "Asheron's Call," "Ul-It is developing Project Entropia, a tima Online" from Electronic Arts, and

vehicle that fled the scene. Henry L. Holcomb was stopped be-

Dwight A. Melstrom was southbound in the 1100 block of Main in a Shandon A. Wolak was backing a 1983 Buick when he was hit by 2001 1985 Ford out of a parking space at Dodge pickup driven by Tony R.

Abel J. Ontiveroz was driving a 1984 red light at 11th and Main in a 1995 into a 1992 Pontiac driven by Laura M. Chevy at Fourth and Walnut when he —Ford when Marilyn I. Bohl backed into —Bennetts who was also in line. lost control of the vehicle and hit a fire her in a 1995 Ford pickup.

> Francis Monafurt breaking off the mir-March 8 — Jason L. Davis was

> Caldwell and hit him. March 10 — Mario Segobia was gina L. Green, driving a 1987 Chevy, turned in front of him thinking he had

of the Chevy.

March 13 — Kristi M. Boyce was

characters or items on eBay. An eBay may cost \$5, but a one-of-a-kind magical object could fetch thousands. The company hopes to create a three-dimensional sci-fi world that lures hardcore gamers and neophytes

the cost of items will depend on their

rarity and durability. A simple weapon

for adventure," Welter said.

in the online fantasy world genre.

Origin Systems' "Ultima Online.' Using two-dimensional graphics, players connecting to the company's game server can go on a dragon-slaying quest for treasure or gather in the town hall with other players and talk

turning south on Main from 12th Street in a 1992 Pontiac when she hit Patti J. Gensil, a pedestrian walking east across Main.

> Mohr back out of his driveway and proceeded in his direction and hit him as he turned onto Syracuse. March 16 — Dennis R. Staehnke was in line at the car wash at 819 Main in a 1992 GMC pickup when he de-

Shirley M. Reed stopped at a stop

sign at Syracuse and 12th in a 1990

Oldsmobile. She did not see James M.

Cassandra S. Murray was northbound on Main from 13th in a 1995 Storm. Jason Austin was southbound on Main in the 1200 block of Main in a 1993 Ford when the two vehicles hit

head-on March 17 — Damon A. Finley was eastbound on Eighth Street from College Ave. when he struck the rear bumper of a 1979 Chevy pickup driven by Andrew Lovington. Lovington was

also eastbound on Eighth.

District Traffic Vera M. Zweygardt, 37, of St. Francis was fined for speeding, 83/55,

Feb. 25 — Sara D. Ayers, 18, of Burlington was fined for speeding, 97 70, \$207, and no seat belt, \$10.

Denver was fined for speeding, 100/ 70, \$235. Feb. 28 — Sara L. Bollig, 40, of

child restrained, \$74.

Goodland was fined for not having a

Samuel A. Smith, 16, of Goodland

Feb. 27 — James E. Moore, 51, of

and expired drivers' license, \$60. Marriage License Jason Schroll and Jamie Marie

was fined for speeding, 68/55, \$102,

Divorces Granted Trevor J. Yarger of Goodland and Kari T. Yarger of Stratton, Colo.

Mechem, both of Goodland.

Steven E. Arntt and Erica L. Arntt, both of Goodland.