

# about our friends

## calendar

**SHARE** sign up will be until **Friday** at the Sherman County Health Department, Harvest America, Regional Prevention Center and the Kanorado Senior Center. Pick up will be from **9 to 10 a.m. Saturday, April 20**, at 824 Main for the April distribution of low-cost food.

The **Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter** will have a **garage sale and bake sale at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall**. If you have something to donate, bring it to the hall **after 6 p.m. Friday** or call 899-6464 for pick up.

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church** will have its annual **soup and pie supper and craft and bake sale from 4-7 p.m. Saturday** at 13th and Sherman. Proceeds will go to mission projects.

The **Smoky Garden Archery Club** will have its first shoot at **10 a.m. Sunday**. Registration will be at 9:30 a.m.

The **Goodland After-5 Club**, affiliated with Christian Business and Professional Women, will meet for dinner from **7-8:30 p.m. Monday** at the Butterfly Cafe at Renner Field. Mary Bohl of Colorado Springs will share her experiences as a military wife and talk about decorating with garage-sale finds. Call Barb at 899-5580 or Lori at 899-3828 for reservations.

The **Goodland Promenade Square Dancers** will have a biscuit, sausage and gravy **breakfast from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 13**, at Marie Edwards Dance Hall, 2431 Walnut.

**City-County Recreation** is accepting registration for boys baseball and girls softball for grades 1-6. Forms need to be returned to the city office by **Friday, April 19**.

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

## activities

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

**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.** 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.

**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.

**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 evaluations, 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 Friday**.

## school calendar

**Thursday:** Black Day. Seminar — STUCO and Girl's Club. KU Honors Night at 5:30 p.m. in Colby. Community Grocery meeting 7 p.m. in the auditorium. **Friday:** Gold Day. Varsity golf at 8 a.m. in Norton, depart 4 a.m.

Science Olympiads depart for state. **Saturday:** State Science Olympiad at Wichita. McLean's 5-on-5 basketball tournament in the Max Jones Fieldhouse, junior high gym and high school gym all day. **Sunday:** FCCLA state meeting and STAR events in Wichita April 7-9. McLean's 5-on-5 basketball tournament in the Max Jones Fieldhouse, junior high gym and high school gym all day.

## school lunch menu

**Thursday:** Smothered hamburger, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot roll, choice of dessert and milk. **Friday:** Lasagna, lettuce salad, bread stick, shape-ups and milk.

## senior center menu

**Thursday:** Sausage patty, hash browns, citrus salad, bread and blueberry coffee cake. **Friday:** Bierock casserole, asparagus, apricots, bread and cranberry juice.

## hospital report

**Goodland Regional Medical Center Admitted on Tuesday:** none.

**Dismissed on Tuesday:** Linda Terry.

**Specialists for Thursday:** Gerald Poticha, endocrinologist; Charles Ruggles, dermatologist.

**Hospital Volunteer Schedule:** **Thursday:** Mary Lou Franklin, a.m.; Patty Gensil, courtesy. **Friday:** Fern Heckman, a.m.; Carmelita Clark, courtesy; Jan Lambertz, 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**.

**Thursday:** Staff meeting 8-9 a.m., office closed. WIC in Goodland. Voucher pickup and scheduled appointments 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **Friday:** Blood pressure and blood sugar screening 9 a.m.-noon. Walk-in clinic. Cholesterol screening **April 11 and 12**. Call for an appointment. Kindergarten roundup **April 18 and 19**.

Through Friday, May 10, **Walk Kansas**.

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

**April 3, 1902:** Justice Robinson

would not give his decision fearing the accused would take a shot at the court, although Schell had been in jail.

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

## card shower

**June Frazier** is recuperating in the hospital in Wichita. She would enjoy cards and letters from friends sent to Via Christi Regional Medical Center, Room 7059, 929 N. St. Francis St., Wichita, Kan. 67214.

## 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) 794-4624.

## 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.

## 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.

# Awards for 50 years' service



Wanda Schneider (left), Dorocile Reynolds and Helen McDaniel were given the Golden Circle award for 50 years' service with Beta Sigma Phi during a Founder's Day dinner Tuesday night at Sugar Hills Country Club. Twelve members were given the Order of the Rose for 15 years of service, and 17 got the Silver Circle for 25 years.

Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

# Farmers can get help for uninsured crops

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has set a Thursday, April 18, deadline for Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program applications for 2001-02 crop losses suffered by farmers.

Farmers who couldn't plant because of a natural disaster can apply.

Crops eligible for the program are limited to those not insurable in the county and grown for food or fiber. Floricultural, ornamental, nursery, Christmas tree crops, turf grass sod, industrial crops, seed crops, aquaculture and forage are eligible.

Farmers can get an application at the county Farm Service Agency office.

They will be required to pay an administrative service fee of \$100 per crop per administrative county when they apply.

The fee will not exceed \$300 per producer per county or \$900 for multi-county producers.

Farmers must give accurate and complete information and certify a unit's acreage and production with the agency. Check with the county office for reporting deadlines for each crop.

For information, call the Sherman County Farm Service Agency at (785) 899-3070 or go to the office at 210 W. 10th.

# Official calls prank a 'terrorist attack'

OLATHE (AP) — A city water official says a radio station April Fools Day prank that caused some residents to think their water supply was unfit for drinking and even bathing was akin to "a terrorist attack."

Jerald Robnett, the city's superintendent of water protection, said his department received calls from 150 customers Monday after KQRC reported the water contained "high levels of a naturally occurring substance," dihydrogen monoxide, that causes in-

creased urination, profuse sweating and wrinkling of hands and feet. Boiling the water long enough would get rid of the substance, however.

City officials said about 30 residents called 911.

Technically, radio personalities Johnny Dare and Murphy Wells had their facts straight. Dihydrogen monoxide is a scientific name for water. It can cause the "symptoms" described, and boiling will make it go away.

But the April Fool's Day gag upset Robnett so much that he said, "It's a terrorist act as far as I'm concerned."

"It's like going to the airport and shouting that you have a gun."

# Firefighters can't save burning tractor

Kanorado firefighters were called out Friday evening when a tractor caught fire on Jim Fritz's land about 12 miles west and eight miles north of Goodland.

Jay Pettibone, Kanorado fire chief, said it took firemen about an hour to douse the blaze, which totaled the International tractor, worth about \$17,000. He said the fire started about 5:30 p.m.

Pettibone said he thinks an electrical short caused the fire. He said the owners said they had been using the tractor that day, but it wasn't running when it caught fire.



**Lordy Lorie Look Who's 40!**

# Poor women with breast cancer more likely to die

WASHINGTON (AP) — Poor women with breast cancer are three times more likely to die of the disease than are other patients, according to a study that found it was poverty, not race, that determined the outcome of their medical care.

In a report appearing today in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, researchers said other studies have shown that black women are more likely to be diagnosed with late stage breast cancer and to have a shorter survival time than white women. It has not been clear if this is because of race or poverty.

In a new study, Cathy J. Bradley of Michigan State University and her co-authors show that the answer is poverty. They found that a lower socioeconomic status is more important than race in determining the medical care for women with breast cancer.

"Poor persons, regardless of their race, are likely to have undesirable cancer outcomes," the study found.

Bradley said that the researchers used the Detroit cancer registry to identify 5,719 women with breast cancer.

They then searched the registry for women with breast cancer who were also listed on the rolls of Medicaid, a program that provides medical care to the poor.

They found 593 breast cancer patients in Medicaid and with incomes below the federal poverty level. The researchers then compared the medical outcome of the patients on Medicaid with those who were not. In effect, Medicaid enrollment was used as a surrogate for poverty.

Bradley said they found that women on Medicaid were 41 percent more likely to be diagnosed with breast cancer at a late stage and were 44 percent less likely to receive radiation, a key part of breast cancer therapy. Women on Medicaid were also three times more likely to die of the disease than were non-Medicaid patients.

The poor outcome of the Medicaid patients suggests that they are not receiving the routine medical care that might cause breast cancer to be discovered at an earlier, more treatable stage, said Bradley.

"If you don't have a regular source

of care prior to that diagnosis, you are more likely to be at a late stage of the disease" when treatment starts, said Bradley. This suggests, she said, "there are gaps in the coverage."

She said there is a need for some initiative "that could reduce this late stage diagnosis and to provide care."

Dr. Otis Brawley of the Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University said in a journal editorial that finding the true reasons for the difference in

medical outcome is important "if we are to effectively reduce it."

"Rather than speaking in racial/ethnic terms of black and white populations, it is more appropriate to speak in socio-economic terms of the 'haves' and the 'have nots,'" said Brawley. "This focus would rightfully bring other socio-economically deprived populations that include whites, Hispanics, Native Americans and Asians into the discussion."

# Four bills protecting fetuses advance in Kansas House

TOPEKA (AP) — Four bills pushed by abortion opponents advanced in the House, including measures imposing new regulations on clinics and tightening a parental notification law.

One bill, tentatively approved on a voice vote Tuesday, would require the secretary of health and environment to establish minimum health and staffing standards for abortion clinics.

Another, given tentative approval on a 67-53 vote, amends a 1992 law requiring doctors to notify a parent or guardian when a minor seeks an abortion. The bill specifies that the notice

be given in person or by certified mail.

Also advanced, on a 69-52 vote, was a bill making it a crime to injure or kill a fetus, except for an abortion. But abortion opponents see declaring that a fetus is a human worthy of protection as an important statement to make in the criminal code.

The final measure allows the state to issue "Choose Life" license plates. It advanced on 66-56 vote.

Final action on all four is expected for today, when passage would send three of them to the Senate. The license plate bill would go to Gov. Bill Graves.

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