

# about our friends

## calendar

The **Knights of Columbus** will hold a **garage sale from 7 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday** at Seventh and Caldwell for their scholarship fund. To have donations picked up, call Brent Wood at 899-9290.

The **Goodland Activities Center** is taking **registrations for T-ball until Sunday**. This year's kindergartners and those eligible to attend kindergarten next year are welcome to play.

**TNT Christian Singles** will meet at **6:30 p.m. Thursday** at Edwards Hall to play cards. Bring finger foods.

**Project Graduation 2002** will meet at **7 p.m. next Monday** in the high school cafeteria to finalize the party. Parents of seniors should attend.

The **Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs** will award honorary high school diplomas to World War II and Korean War veterans through the "Operation Recognition" program. Any honorably discharged Kansas residents or former residents, living or dead, who served between Sept. 16, 1940, and Dec. 31, 1946, or between June 27, 1950, and Jan. 31, 1955, is eligible. **Call Jo Ann Wahrman at (785) 899-5656** for an application. Applications must be returned by May 1.

Jodi Tubbs of the **Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs** will be in Goodland from **1-2:15 p.m. Thursday, May 2**, in the Assembly Room on the third floor of the courthouse to help veterans and dependents with claims. Call the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at (785) 462-3572.

**SHARE sign up** for the May distribution of food will be **until Friday, May 3**, 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, May 18**, at 824 Main for the May distribution of low-cost food.

**City/Country Recreation** is accepting **registration for men's and co-ed softball until Friday, May 10**. Forms are available at the city office.

The **Sherman County Historical Society** is having a history conference **from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, May 11**, at the Masonic Temple, 519 Center. Lunch will be provided at noon. **Registration is \$15 before May 1 and \$20 after**. There will be presentations about life during World War II. If you'd like to make a presentation, call 899-6773 and leave a message or write to Box 684, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

## activities

"**Prairie Past Times**," a photographic history of entertainment in Sherman County, is on display **from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday** and **from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday** at the High Plains Museum, 1717 Cherry Ave.

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**. April's exhibits will be "Junior High Art Exhibition" done by students at Grant Junior High and "Raku Pottery" by Dustin Bentley until May 3.

**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. Wednesdays** 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.

**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-ins 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 pre-school 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**.

## area events

David and Julie Eisenhower will

speaking at the Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture Series at **2 and 7 p.m. Wednesday** in the Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts Center at Colby Community College. Julie is the daughter of President and Mrs. Richard Nixon, and David is the grandson of President and Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower. They will give their experiences growing up in the political and public life of the president.

**Dodge City Community College** will have **tryouts for the dance and cheer squads at 3 p.m. Saturday** in the health and physical education building on campus. Students unable to attend the tryouts may submit a video for review. **Call Sheila Howard at (800) 367-3222 ext. 257** to register by **Thursday**. There is no fee to register or try out, and those who make the squad will receive scholarships for books and tuition.

## school calendar

**Tuesday:** Gold Day. Seminar — GRACE. Grades due at 8 a.m. for down list. JV singles tennis 2 p.m. at Russell. Dismiss 10:15 a.m., depart 10:30. Varsity tennis noon. at Larned, depart 7 a.m. Golf 2 p.m. at Hoxie, dismiss at lunch, depart at noon. Governance meeting 7 a.m. Junior enrollment 7 p.m. in cafeteria. Sophomore and freshman enrollment during seminar. Sixth grade music program 7:30 p.m. in auditorium, practice 8:30-11 a.m. National DECA conference at Salt Lake City. **Wednesday:** Black Day. Seminar — freshman leadership activities. Sophomore and freshman enrollment during seminar. National DECA conference at Salt Lake City. **Thursday:** Gold Day. Seminar — DECA. Sophomore and freshman enrollment during seminar. Varsity tennis 2 p.m. here. JV golf 2 p.m. at Scott City, dismiss 11 a.m., depart 11:15 a.m. JV-V softball 3 p.m. against Holcomb here. Kids wrestling 6 p.m. in the junior high gym. **Friday:** Black Day. Tri-state relays 2 p.m. here. Block 1 7:50-8:54. Block 3 8:57-10:01. Block 5 10:04-11:08. Block 7 11:11-12:15. School dismissed at 12:15 p.m., no lunch served, busses run at 3:20 p.m. **Saturday:** State music solos and ensembles. Varsity tennis 7:30 a.m. at Colby, depart 6:15 a.m. Varsity golf 8 a.m. at Atwood, depart 5:45 a.m. KLOE Home and Garden Show 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. Electro-car rally at Great Bend. **Sunday:** KLOE Home and Garden Show 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

**card shower**

Cornelia Baird will celebrate her 85th birthday Friday, April 26. Her family is requesting that cards be sent to her at Box 83, Brewster, Kan. 67732.

## 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.

**4-H news**

The April monthly meeting of the Prairie Dale 4-H Club was called to order by junior President Ryan Taylor, as it was junior officers night.

Roll call was answered by 26 members and two leaders telling their favorite color. Seven parents and two pre-4-Her's were present also.

There was no old or new business, so the program was rather short.

Jonathan McClung gave a project talk on rockets, and Shelbi Herl presented "YMCA" for music.

After the meeting adjourned, refreshments were served by the McClung and Schields families.

Prairie Dale represented Sherman County at regional 4-H Days with a model meeting. We received 100 out of 100 points.

**health department**

The Sherman County Health Department at 1622 Broadway is open **from 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday**. **Tuesday:** Technical college 8:30-10 a.m. Blood pressure 10-11:30 a.m. at the Kanorado Senior Center. **Wednesday:** Blood pressure 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. **Thursday:** WIC in Colby. Scheduled appointments only. Family planning clinic 2-5:30 p.m. Appointments only. **Friday:** Blood pressure and blood sugar screening 8 a.m.-noon. Walk-in clinic. Scheduled appointments.

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, call the health department.

**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 Health Department at 899-4888**.

**Marriage Licenses**

Gary Lynn Losey of Logan and Ellen Mae Burr of Topeka.

Thomas Tollin Grimshaw and Colette Claudine Ratcliff, both of Denver.

**Accidents**

Accidents reported by the Goodland Police Department:

March 8 — Brandon R. Gordon was stopped at a stop sign at 13th and Arcade when his 1993 Ford was struck from behind by 1999 Dodge pickup driven by Joshua A. Kramer. Kramer tried to stop but slid in the slush and snow.

March 24 — Larry G. Smith was southbound on Sherman in a 1988 Chevy pickup, and Corey E. Ballentine was westbound on 11th in a 1994 GMC pickup. The vehicles collided in the intersection.

Wayne A. Long was stopped at a stop sign at 25th and Hwy. 27 in a 1993

She married Bernard Orville Straughn on Nov. 5, 1919, at his parents' home eight miles south of Goodland. They lived on a farm for eight years before moving into Goodland in 1927.

They celebrated 67 years of marriage before his death on Dec. 4, 1986.

She accepted her Saviour when she was 12 and was a member of the First Baptist Church, where she helped sponsor the Good News Club for children.

Preceding her in death were her husband, an infant daughter, her parents and a brother, William Baker.

Survivors include two cousins, Esther Tweden of Commerce City, Colo., and Bruce Straughn of Deer

Lodge, Montana; three nephews, Dale Baker of La Mesa, Calif., Ed Straughn of Windsor Locks, Conn., and Daniel Thomas of Grand Fork, N.D.; and a great-nephew, Larry Straughn of Oil City, Pa.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 23, at the Koons Chapel with Pastor Jim Cress officiating.

Burial will follow in the Goodland Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. today at the funeral home and Tuesday before the service.

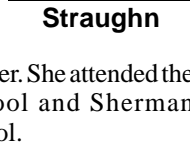
Memorials may be made to the Good Samaritan Center or to the church in care of the funeral home at 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.

# obituary

## Ethel Straughn

Ethel May Straughn, 99, a homemaker and daughter of pioneer homesteaders, died Saturday, April 20, 2002, at the Goodland Good Samaritan Center.

She was born June 22, 1902, on her father's homestead in Sherman County, the daughter of Lillie Dora (Hargis) and Oliver Thomas Baker. She attended the old Lincoln School and Sherman County High School.



Straughn

# Musical set for Saturday

Theatreworks/USA will perform the musical "The Boxcar Children" at 3 p.m. Central Time on Saturday at the Oakley High School Auditorium.

The musical is based on the book which began Gertrude Chandler Warner's adventure series about four orphaned brothers and sisters living in America at the peak of the Great Depression.

Like many families at that time, Henry, Jessie, Violet and Benny Alden

# matters of record

find themselves homeless.

Not wanting to go to a boarding school, they flee the chance to live with their wealthy grandfather and strike out on their own.

Life on the road is hard until they find an abandoned boxcar for shelter and earn some money doing odd jobs. Although the children survive on their own, they must ask for help from a mysterious gentleman they meet along the way.

Eventually, they learn that the stranger is their grandfather, who admits his mistakes and promises the family will stay together.

The children join him at the Alden mansion.

Darrah Clark is responsible for the book and lyrics and Kim Sherman for the music.

Admission will be by Western Plains Arts Association passes or tickets will be available at the door.

west 13th.

March 31 — A white pickup hit the exit sign at Wendy's drive-thru at 2219 Enterprise Road and fled the scene.

April 3 — Jacob M. Shellito was pulling into a driveway in the 500 block of 17th in a 1978 GMC pickup when he hit a gas meter owned by People's Natural Gas.

April 4 — Lauren L. Gray was backing up in a 2000 Pontiac and Jessica A. Vignery was backing up in a 1967 Ford in the 1300 block of 25th when they backed into each other.

April 6 — Eric D. Cullens stopped for an animal that ran out in front of him in a 1983 Oldsmobile when Virgil R. Baumfalk hit him from behind in a 1989 Mazda at 11th and Kansas.

April 7 — Joe Aguirre Jr. had backed his 1989 Mercury from a parking stall when Kathleen M. Lange backed into him with a 2002 Ford pickup at Wal-Mart at 2160 Commerce Road.

Pontiac when he was struck from behind by a 2000 Isuzu driven by Breta C. Loughry.

March 25 — Vera I. Mayer was backing a 2000 Chevy wagon out of a parking stall at Ninth and Main when she hit a parked 1994 GMC pickup owned by Jonnie L. Dautel.

March 27 — Larry Dale Pierce Jr. was backing from a driveway at Broadway and 15th in a 1988 Chevy pickup when he hit a 1993 Chevy owned by Mark Allen Cain. Cain's vehicle was parked on 15th.

March 28 — Wesley L. Phillips was northbound on Main in the 800 block in a 1985 Toyota when he side-swiped a 2000 Kia Spectra owned by John E. Peptis. The Kia was legally parked.

March 29 — Austin J. Hickert was driving a 1997 Pontiac when he struck a 1973 Dodge pickup owned by Jerome Sierks and fled the scene. The pickup was parked in the 600 block of

services they provided rather than giving them grants to spend as they saw fit. Howard said the change allowed the state to capture more than \$25 million in federal Medicaid funds.

"Without the Medicaid changes a year ago I would be painting a gloomier picture," Howard said. "I don't think there will be dramatic reversal of progress, but this will slow progress."

Howard said she was optimistic that legislators will still consider some additional revenue for mental health this session.

**Hospital board changes time for its meeting**

The meeting of the board of Goodland Regional Medical Center that was scheduled for noon Tuesday has been changed to 5:30 p.m.

The board will discuss applying for tax credits and an insurance package for the airplane the hospital uses to transport specialists.

islaters have suggested setting the eligibility period at just 18 months, which would save \$750,000 more.

Some of those whose state benefits will be cut off while their Medicaid assistance is being arranged also are community mental health clients. Laura Howard, SRS assistant secretary for health care policy, said there are about 900 such people, mostly in Sedgewick County.

"These are people who have some severe needs," Howard said.

Meanwhile, according to the Association of Community Mental Health Centers, demand for the centers' services is outstripping funds because the agencies are required to serve all Kansans regardless of income.

At the Bert Nash center, about one-fourth of the clients are eligible for Medicaid and the rest pay fees on a sliding scale.

Johnson said the center, with 168 full-time staff positions, gets nearly half its \$7 million budget from state and federal grants and reimbursements, 8 percent from county sources and the rest from private sources. Its financial needs continue to grow, he said.

"It's not just the cuts, it's also the increase in costs," Johnson said, noting recent increases in the cost of mental health malpractice insurance.

Last year, SRS began reimbursing the mental health centers for individual

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