



Marita Birkholtz rearranged the remaining flowers at Mag's Pots 'n' Things on Thursday to remove some of the tables as her inventory has diminished through the spring.

Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

Gardener starts business selling garden supplies

A need for gardening supplies led Marita and Gordon Birkholtz to open a new business, Mag's Pots 'n' Things.

Marita said she spent several hundreds of dollars on plants and gardening supplies in St. Francis last year. She said she thought that was silly and decided to order her supplies this year.

After shopping around for supplies, she said, she ended up starting a business and ordering supplies from wholesale suppliers in Denver and Hutchinson.

She has been driving a mail truck from Colby to St. Francis, Atwood, McDonald and Bird City, Marita said, but will only be doing that for another two weeks.

Gordon drives a semi rig for Callahan Transport delivering fertilizer. The couple farmed north of Ruleton for 32 years before moving to Goodland four years ago.

When they moved to Goodland, Marita said, they planned to live in town, but they couldn't build a big workshop in the city. It was Gordon's dream to have a workshop, she said, so they moved in three-fourths of a mile west of Goodland.

Gordon has shared his workshop

with Mag's since April 20, Marita said, adding that Mag is an acronym formed from Marita and Gordon.

Marita said the season is about over and she is pleased with her first year in business. The plants went very well, she said, and next year will be even better.

"No matter the economy," she said, "people want to garden. They want some bright spot in their lives."

The shop has vegetables, flowers and bedding plants, fertilizer, insecticides (including organic insecticides), potting soil and pots, lawn care products and sprinkler systems.

Some products are targeted to common problems in our area. Marita said she has a product to give the soil extra iron, as many trees look pale in this area due to a lack of iron and sulfur in the soil. And she has fungicides to get rid of the brown spots in lawns.

For those wanting a rock garden, she has plenty of rocks and weed barrier to put under them.

Marita said she has a supply of bamboo poles that can be used for a variety of do-it-yourself products, including building a homemade fountain like the one she has in the shop.

matters of record

Real Estate

Real estate transfers reported by the Sherman County register of deeds:

Sherman County Sheriff Doug Whitson to Dan L. and Nancy J. Golden Tract 8: the E/2 of Lot 31, all of Lot 32 and the W 1/2 of Lot 33 in Block 36 of the First Addition to the City of Goodland, foreclosed property of Bill Clifford.

Sherman County Sheriff Doug Whitson to Brian and Kelly R. Rippe Tract 9: All of Lots 36 and 37 in Block 36 of the First Addition to the City of Goodland, foreclosed property of Bill Clifford.

Sherman County Sheriff Doug Whitson to Sherman County Tract 10: the S 2' of the N 17' of Lot 4 in Block 12 of the First Subdivision to the City of Goodland, foreclosed property of Bill Clifford.

Sherman County Sheriff Doug Whitson to Rodney E. and Michelle L. Cooper Tract 18: the N 10' of Lot 19 and all of Lot 20 in Block 4 in the Second Addition to the Town of Goodland, foreclosed property of Bill Clifford.

Sherman County Sheriff Doug Whitson to Frank Hand Tract 20: all of Lot 7 in Block 1 of Sharp's Addition to the City of Goodland, the foreclosed property of Bill Clifford.

Sherman County Sheriff Doug Whitson to Steve Schmidt Tract 21: all of Lot 7 in Block 1 of Sharp's Addition to Goodland except the W 10', foreclosed property of Bill Clifford.

Sherman County Sheriff Doug Whitson to Justin D. Bentzinger all of Lot 4 in Block 12 of Sharp's Addition to the City of Goodland, foreclosed property of Bill Clifford.

Sherman County Sheriff Doug Whitson to Dan L. and Nancy J. Golden Tract 29: all of Lot 5 in Block 1 of Kohler First Addition to the City of Goodland, foreclosed property of Bill Clifford.

Sherman County Sheriff Doug Whitson to Rodney E. and Michelle L.

Cooper Tract 30: the S 37.5' of Lot 3 and the N 12.5' of Lot 4 in Block 2 of Kohler First Addition to the City of Goodland, the foreclosed property of Bill Clifford.

Sherman County Sheriff Doug Whitson to David and Lori J. Rietcheck Tract 31: the S 12.5' of Lot 5, all of Lot 6 and the N 25' of Lot 7 in Block 2 of Kohler First Addition to the City of Goodland, the foreclosed property of Bill Clifford.

Sherman County Sheriff Doug Whitson to John W. Johnson Tract 33: all of Lot 3 in Block 4 of the Original Town of Kanorado, foreclosed property of Bill Clifford.

Sherman County Sheriff Doug Whitson to Marshall and Samantha Siruta Tract 34: Lot 16 in Block 4 of the Original Town of Kanorado, foreclosed property of Bill Clifford.

Sherman County Sheriff Doug Whitson to the City of Kanorado Tract 37: Lot 22 in Block 12 of the Original Town of Kanorado.

Sherman County Sheriff Doug Whitson to Jay and Janell Pettibone Tract 38: Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 in Block 15 in Rule's First Addition to the Town of Kanorado.

about our friends

calendar

Carnegie Arts Center is holding summer art adult workshops. Elwyn Vatcher will be teaching a miniature watercolor workshop from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, June 18-20. Creative collage techniques will be from 6-9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, July 1-3. Registration must be made one week prior to the class at the arts center. Call 899-6442.

Jodi Tubbs of the **Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs** will be in Goodland from 1-2:15 p.m. Thursday 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.

Sherman County Economic Development committee will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Elks Lodge. After entering the lobby, turn left.

City/County recreation is taking registrations for summer tennis for kindergarten through seventh grade students until Wednesday, June 26. Classes will begin Monday, July 1. Call 899-4525.

Kids picture scrapbook workshop, "Creative Memories" will be from 2-4 p.m. Thursday, June 27, at the Regional Prevention Center. Openings are limited — call 899-3848 to register. Bring 8-12 pictures. There is a charge for the workshop.

The American Cancer Society **Sherman County Relay for Life** will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, at the Sherman County Fairgrounds. Call Michelle Shoff at 899-3676 to register a team. Help fight cancer and be involved in a fun community event.

SHARE sign up for the July distribution of food will be until Friday, July 12, at the Sherman County Health Department, Harvest America, Regional Prevention Center and the Kanorado Senior Center. Pick up for June will be from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday at 824 Main for the June distribution of low-cost food.

The **carnival committee** is in need of volunteer help on Wednesdays from 6 p.m.-dark for painting and cleanup of two new rides.

activities

Tours of the 1907 Victorian House at 202 W. 13th are from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 1-6 p.m. Sunday. The special exhibit for June is Depression Glass.

Tours of the **Union One Room School, District 51**, north of the High Plains Museum on Cherry are from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon-3 p.m. Sunday.

"**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. June's exhibit will be stained glass panels by Goodland native James L. "Rusty" Stout.

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 aerobics 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.

Hanging by a Thread will not meet during the summer. The next meeting will be from 7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of September at Wheat Ridge Acres.

Goodland Women of Faith monthly celebrations are taking a break for the summer and will meet again in September.

area events

The **Levant Community Church** will celebrate 50 years of service Saturday and Sunday, June 22 and 23. A dinner and time of sharing with all of the former pastors will be at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 22, at the Ramada Inn in Colby. For reservations, call Erma Palmgren at (785) 694-2726 by this Friday.

Worship services will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the church, and a reception will follow at 2 p.m.

senior center menu

Tuesday: Cook's meat choice, creamed peas, mandarin oranges, bread and brownies. **Wednesday:** Turkey ham, sweet potatoes, cottage cheese salad, dinner roll and peaches. **Thursday:** Roast pork, au gratin potatoes, Jell-o with bananas, asparagus, bread and birthday cake. **Friday:** Baked spaghetti, corn, watermelon, garlic bread and cook's dessert choice.

hospital report

Goodland Regional Medical Center
Admitted on Friday: Swing bed: Edna McKinney, Menlo.

Dismissed on Saturday: Malynn Bonner, Goodland.

Admitted on Sunday: Nancy Cloyd, Goodland.

Dismissed on Sunday: Elvin Krafft, Goodland.

Specialists for Tuesday: Kevin McDonald, urologist.

Volunteer schedule: Tuesday: Bonnie Daily, a.m., and Beulah McClung, p.m. **Wednesday:** Chet Ross, p.m. **Thursday:** Betty Saint, a.m., and Velma Holste, p.m. **Friday:** Fern Hawks, a.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.

Tuesday: Blood pressure checks in Kanorado 10-11:30 a.m. **Wednesday:** WIC in St. Francis. Voucher pickup and scheduled appointments. **Thursday:** WIC in Goodland. Scheduled appointments. Blood pressure checks at Sparks and Handy Towers. **Friday:** Blood pressure and blood sugar screening 8 a.m.-noon. Walk-in clinic. Immunizations 1-4:30 p.m.

Toenail trimming is available. Call 899-4888.

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.

today in history

June 16, 1902: A meeting was held at Millisack's to form a committee for celebration of the 15th anniversary of the founding of Goodland with the GAR reunion in September.

June 17, 1902: Commercial Hotel blaze was quickly over. Fire alarms, locomotives at the railroad yard and telephones brought a large crowd.

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

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.

obituary

Guy Linden

Guy Francis Linden, 80, father of Frank Linden of Goodland, died Sunday, June 16, 2002, at his home in Norton.

He was born Aug. 20, 1921, in Decatur County, the son of Frank G. and Mary (McKenna) Linden. He grew up in Norton and attended Getty's and New Almelo schools.

He married Doris Shearer on May 20, 1948, in Norton. The couple moved to a farm west of New Almelo.

He was a farmer and stockman. In 1986, the couple moved to Norton.

He was a member of the New Almelo St. Joseph Catholic Church and the Norton St. Francis of Assisi.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Blanche and Rachael; and a brother, Virgil.

Survivors include his wife; two sons,

Frank (Sheryl) Linden of Goodland and John (Becky) Linden of Clayton; a daughter, Rosella (Kevin) Ryser of Sharon Springs; and an aunt, Ruby McKenna of Oberlin.

Mass of the resurrection will be at 10:30 a.m. Central Time Wednesday, June 19, 2002, at the New Almelo church with Father Mark Berland officiating.

Burial will follow at the church cemetery.

A parish wake service will be at 7:30 p.m. Central Time Tuesday at the New Almelo Auditorium.

Visitation will be from 3-6 p.m. Central Time Tuesday at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton.

Memorials may be made to the Norton County Health Department and PRN Home Health agency in care of the funeral home at 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.

One drink begins blood alcohol concentration

Blood alcohol concentration is the amount of alcohol present in one's blood system.

Concentration begins when an individual consumes even a minimal amount of alcohol, and increases with each drink consumed.

It does not distinguish between "hard" liquor, wine or beer; any alcohol consumed will increase the blood alcohol concentration level within an individual. This leads to impairing his ability to control his vehicle.

Studies show that impairment begins at the first intake of alcohol. Laboratory and test track research shows that the vast majority of drivers are impaired at .08 concentration with regard to critical driving tasks.

Some studies report that performance losses in such tasks as braking, steering, lane changing, judgment and divided attention is as high as 60 to 70 percent at .08 concentration.

It can take different amounts of alcohol to reach the .08 level. This will depend on gender, weight, medications or food intake. Regardless of how much alcohol it takes to get to this level, any driver at .08 concentration is a dangerous threat on the road.

Fatal crash risk significantly increases at .08 concentration. At .08, virtually all drivers are impaired to the point that critical driving skills such as reaction time, attention, tracking and comprehension are degraded accord-



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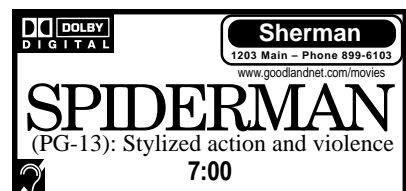
ing to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Recent studies indicate the risk of being killed in a crash for drivers with alcohol concentrations of .08 or .09 is at least 11 times that of drivers at .00 concentration (no alcohol) and could be as much as 52 times that of drivers with no alcohol depending upon the age and gender of the driver.

If all states were to adopt the .08 standard, it is estimated that an additional 400 to 600 lives would be saved each year.

As of May 2001, 28 states (Kansas included) plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico had adopted the .08 standard.

Supporters of .08 blood alcohol concentration laws include Federal and State agencies, consumer and victims'



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