

about our friends

calendar

The Northwest Kansas Technical College Student Senate is setting up its annual **haunted house** for Halloween. It will be **today-Wednesday, Oct. 28-30**, in the Student Union. Admission will be a can of fruit or vegetables, other non-perishable food items or cash to be given to Genesis Emergency Help Organization to fill food baskets for the Christmas season.

Harvest celebration and costume parade will be at **7 p.m. Wednesday** at the Word of Life Church, 10th and Clark. There will be games, songs, puppets and prizes given for the most creative costumes in several categories. Call 899-5250.

Lion's World Sight Day was Oct. 10, and the Goodland Lions Club is having an **eyeglass drive** for the month of October in honor of that day. Drop off old eyeglasses or lenses at Bank-west of Kansas, First National Bank, Western State Bank, Dr. R.K. Driver, Dr. David F. Schnee or *The Goodland Daily News*.

The **gallery opening reception** for Anna Seeber Shaw's watercolors, gouache and pastels will be from **1-3 p.m. Sunday** at the Carnegie Arts Center.

Certified nurse aide classes will be offered beginning **Wednesday, Nov. 6**, at the Goodland Good Samaritan Center. Colby Community College is offering the classes, and Shirley Pearson, registered nurse, will teach the classes which are worth five college credits.

Certified Nurses Aide I classes will be Nov. 6, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 25, 26 and 29. Certified Nurses Aide II classes will be Dec. 4, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 27 and 30 and Jan. 2, 23 and 25. Call Mary Herbel at 785-462-3984, ext. 286.

Jodi Tubbs of the **Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs** will be in Goodland from **1-2:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7**, 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 November distribution of food will be until **Friday, Nov. 8**, at the Sherman County Health Department, Harvest America, the Regional Prevention Center or the Kanorado Senior Center. **Pick up** will be **Saturday, Nov. 23**, for the November distribution.

The **Sunflower Quilt Show Committee** is planning its 2003 annual quilt show. Call the chamber of commerce at 899-7130 with ideas or to help plan the show. The first **organizational meeting** will be at **4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13**, in the chamber boardroom.

The Goodland High School Vocal music department will perform the musical **"Pirates of Penzance"** at **7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15**, and **Saturday, Nov. 16**, and at **2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17**, in the high school auditorium. Tickets on sale Monday, Nov. 4.

activities

Tours of the 1907 Victorian House at 202 W. 13th are from **1-5 p.m. Wednesday-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 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**. Linda Crawford's watercolors are on display until Thursday. Anna Seeber Shaw's watercolors, gouache and pastels will be on display from Sunday until Nov. 30.

Born to Read will be at **10 a.m. Fridays** and **Story time** will be at **10 and 11 a.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays** at the Goodland Public Library. Call 899-5461.

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. 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 meet from **7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of the month** at Wheat Ridge Acres.

Goodland Women of Faith monthly celebrations will be from 9:30-11 a.m. **the second Saturday of the month** at Wheat Ridge Acres. Babysitting provided.

area events

Admission to the **Prairie Museum of Art and History** will be free from **1-5 p.m. Central Time Sundays** at 1905 S. Franklin in Colby. The museum is also open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. **Central Time Monday-Friday** and **1-5 p.m. Saturday**.

The Eller House displays furniture, clothing and objects representing farm life in the "Dirty Thirties;" the Cooper Barn, one of the largest barns in Kansas, houses an exhibit of machinery, tools and photographs telling over 100 years of agricultural and settlement history; and the Kuska Collection includes glass, ceramics, dolls, silver, toys, textiles, furniture, clothing, stamps, clocks, lamps, coins and jewelry.

Training for new Client Assessment, Referral and Evaluation (CARE) assessors in northwest Kansas will be held from **8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Central Time Thursday, Nov. 7**, in the board room on the second floor of the Sunflower Electric Building, 301 W. 13th, in Hays.

Dr. Don Udell will be the instructor at a **foundation workshop Tuesday-Thursday, Nov. 12-14**, in the conference room at the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range, Colby. The workshop is to help groups start their own foundation to seek grant

money. Call the Western Prairie RC&D at 785-462-2602.

school activities

Tuesday: Gold day. Seminar — DECA. Scholar's Bowl 3 p.m. at Oakley, dismiss 1:45 p.m., depart 2 p.m. Musical practice evening in the auditorium. **Wednesday:** Black day. KSHSAA Regional Administration Board of Education Meeting 12:15 p.m. in Oakley. DECA Fall Conference at Emporia. City/county recreation sports 7:30 p.m. in Max Jones Fieldhouse. **Thursday:** Gold day. Seminar — STUCO and GRACE. DECA Fall Conference at Emporia. Varsity football 6:30 p.m. here versus Scott City. Musical practice evening in the auditorium. **Friday:** Black day. State volleyball. Jr. High Dance high school gym sponsored by Yearbook. Musical practice evening in the auditorium. **Saturday:** State cross country at Wamego. KASSP at Wichita. State volleyball at Salina. **Sunday:** KASSP at Wichita.

school lunch menu

Tuesday: Hot dog with bun, french fries, pears and milk. **Wednesday:** Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned corn, cherry crisp and milk. **Thursday:** Cooks' choice.

senior center menu

Tuesday: Liver and onions, green bean casserole, rosy pears, bread and pudding. **Wednesday:** Baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, applesauce gelatin, bread and ice cream. **Thursday:** Chili, California mixed vegetables, cook's choice fruit, crackers and cinnamon roll.

Tuesday: Technical college 9-10 a.m. **Wednesday:** Blood pressures at senior center 9:30-11:30 a.m. Walk-in clinic for flu shots 1-7 p.m. **Thursday:** WIC in Colby. **Friday:** Scheduled appointments.

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 9-10 a.m. **Wednesday:** Blood pressures at senior center 9:30-11:30 a.m. Walk-in clinic for flu shots 1-7 p.m. **Thursday:** WIC in Colby. **Friday:** Scheduled appointments.

Flu shots for the general public. Appointments recommended. Children's physicals, immunizations, fasting blood sugar and hemoglobin, family planning and toenail clipping available by appointment. Sharps containers are available free of charge. Call 899-4888.

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

Oct. 27, 1902: T.P. Leonard bought brick in Topeka for a two-story building. A vault will be in the real estate office with the upper floors living rooms.

Oct. 28, 1902: J.F. Kimmel milks 30 cows and will deliver milk in his milk wagon. Price is 6 1/4 cents per quart or 16 quarts for \$1.

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

obituaries

Robert Irvin

Robert L. Irvin, 75, a longtime Sherman County farmer, died Saturday, Oct. 26, 2002, at Hays Medical Center.



Irvin

He was born Dec. 8, 1926, on the family farm on the Sherman/Cheyenne County line, the son of Evelyn (Reed) and Elmer B. Irvin. After graduating from Bird City High School, he joined the Army where he served in Korea.

He attended Denver University and returned to Sherman County to pursue his lifelong love, farming. He was a licensed pilot and enjoyed flying.

On Feb. 21, 1950, he married Dolly Clawson in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He purchased a farm south of Ruleton, where they lived for the next 16 years. It was one of the first irrigated farms in Sherman County.

His farming operation continued to grow, and during the 1970s, he was honored as one of the top sugar beet growers for several years.

The family moved to Goodland in 1966, where he lived until moving to the Good Samaritan Center one year ago, due to his health.

He was saved and then baptized in the Smoky River in 1955 and attended the Calvary Gospel Church and the Word of Life Church. He was a lifetime member in the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

Survivors include his wife; four daughters, Terri (Terry) Richardson of Goodland, Reva (Jerry) Bauman of Goodland, Sonia (Charlie) Stallard of Colorado Springs and Lori Connorton and her husband Terry Moore of South Carolina; a brother, Vernon (Iris) Irvin of Goodland; a sister, Mary Brown of Mesa, Ariz.; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and his beloved dog Ralph.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2002, at the Calvary Gospel Church with Pastor Steve Rains officiating. Burial will follow in the Goodland Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Monday at Koons Funeral Chapel and at the church before the service.

Memorials may be made to the Calvary Gospel Church in care of the funeral home at 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.

J.B. Fink

John Benjamin Fink Jr., 89, a retired fireman and engineer for Rock Island Railroad in Goodland, died Monday,

Oct. 21, 2002, in Colorado Springs.

He was born Aug. 28, 1913, in Colorado Springs, the son of Verda Elizabeth (McClain) and John Benjamin (Jack) Fink Sr. He retired from Rock Island in 1974 and went to Sun City, Ariz.

He owned Fink's Variety Store on old Colorado City in Colorado Springs, farmed in San Luis Valley in Monte Vista, Colo., and owned and operated El Cañon Lodge and Strathmore Hotel in Cañon City, Colo.

Mr. Fink was a talented musician who played in Colorado Springs High School bands that rated superior in national competition.

He once played a piccolo solo of "Stars and Stripes Forever" for John Phillip Sousa, who was a judge at a competition.

He played in the El Zaribah Shrine Band in Phoenix, Ariz., and the Al Kaly Shrine Band in Colorado Springs. He directed the Shrine bands and sang in the First Christian Church choirs in Goodland and Sun City, where he sometimes directed.

Mr. Fink was a 50-year Master Mason and a member of the First Christian Churches in Goodland and Sun City.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; a son, Jay; and a sister, Verda, all of Colorado Springs.

A private family service will be held later.

District president visits auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars met Thursday. Ninth District President Connie Miller from St. Francis was the honored guest at the potluck dinner preceding the meeting. Miller was here for her official visit to the auxiliary.

President Marilyn Colby called the meeting to order. Committee chairs reported on a variety of projects both coming up and completed. Members are slowly paying their dues for the upcoming year.

The dues are \$16, and those who pay to Mary Harper by Thursday, Nov. 21, are eligible for a free meal at the Nov. 21 Stag and Stageette. New members are also being sought. If you are a wife, mother, daughter or granddaughter of a veteran who served overseas, you may be eligible for membership. Contact any current member for an application form.

November is an important month for Americanism and legislative programs. Be sure to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 5, and take someone with you to the polls. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 824 Main, will be the voting place for all precincts in Sherman County.

The auxiliary will be serving lunch that day, so please come enjoy lunch while you vote. Monday, Nov. 11, is Veterans Day. The post will be holding a ceremony at 11 a.m. at the post home that day.

The historical society will serve coffee and rolls for any veterans and their friends before the ceremony. This is an open meeting for all of the community. Stop by and say thanks to a veteran.

The National Home for Children of veterans is still taking Campbell's Soup labels. If you collect them, give them to Floriense Whisnant. Last year the home was able to purchase a mini van with the labels.

The auxiliary is also collecting stamps. Disabled veterans use these for therapy in Veterans Administration hospitals.

Money-holder Christmas trees have been made for the Veterans Administration hospitals, and a shipment of clothes, games and etc. was sent to the Eastern Kansas Veterans Hospital last week. A floral decoration made of buddy poppies will be given to the auxiliary mem-

bers for Make a Difference Day. The Voice of Democracy speech deadline in Friday, Nov. 1. The youth essay contest deadline is Sunday, Dec. 1.

The Ninth District Fall Conference was held in St. Francis Sunday, Oct. 20. Several members from the auxiliary and post attended these meetings. Roberta Walker, the department junior vice president was the department representative.

Saturday, Nov. 23, will be the White Elephant Sale. Items may be brought to the post home on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 21 and 22, to be donated for the sale.

Baked items will be used at the lunch stand and auctioned off. The Ninth District Coffee tour will also be in Goodland Saturday, Nov. 23. Officers from the district will be making a tour of all the posts in the Ninth District, answering questions and picking up

Hospitals must buy equipment to accommodate larger patients

WICHITA (AP) — As Americans grow wider and heavier, hospitals and doctors' offices are finding themselves paying for equipment few would have contemplated in decades past.

Sedgwick County's Emergency Medical Service has brought stretchers that can carry up to 500 pounds, compared with the 350 pound-capacity stretchers used until a few years ago.

Wesley Medical Center rents much of the equipment it needs for heavier patients, but has invested in commodes and patient lifting devices that can bear up to 425 pounds.

And in recent years, Via Christi Regional Medical Center has set commodes on the floors rather than mounting them on walls, bought sturdier chairs for waiting rooms and elsewhere, and purchased a few beds that can accommodate patients weighing up to 1,000 pounds.

membership dues.

All members are encouraged to be at the post at 4:30 to meet with the officers. They will be spending the evening here.

The department mid-winter dates have been changed to Friday-Sunday, Jan. 3-5, at Salina.

The auxiliary will host their annual Christmas party Thursday, Dec. 5. All members are invited to the potluck at 6 p.m. to be followed by games. Bring items for prizes at the games.

Starting in January, the regular meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the post home.

President Connie Miller offered thanks for the hospitality. She spoke of the work the auxiliary is doing and commended the group's efforts.

The charter was draped in memory of Darlene Schields who died Tuesday, Oct. 15. The meeting was adjourned.

It's time for trees to drop leaves en masse

Yes, it's that wonderful time of year when deciduous trees decide they've had it for the year and start dropping leaves en masse, often on our lawns. While not a lot of fun, removing leaves can be an important part of a fall lawn-care program, especially if new turf was planted in early fall.

Fallen leaves are not an appreciable source of nutrients for turf and are not toxic. They can be a valuable source of organic matter, which benefits soil quality.

The problem with leaves is that they create shade. Cool-season turfgrass plants are now experiencing optimal growth conditions. Excessive shade from a layer of fallen tree leaves diminishes turf's ability to take advantage of them.

Leaves don't need to be removed immediately, but leaving a thick layer of leaves on a lawn for more than three or four days can reduce potential growth and, in extreme cases, cause turfgrass plants to lose some green



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color because of lack of sunlight.

In that case, removing leaves will help turf bounce back fairly quickly. Young turf plants, with thin leaf blades and immature root systems, are particularly sensitive to shade stress, so leaves should be removed more frequently than from established turf.

Dispose of leaves by raking and bagging, composting or mulching back into the turf. Be sure to check with your local trash service or transfer station to make sure they'll take leaves. When raking, be extra careful with new turf. Aggressive raking may pull young plants out of the ground.

Composting can be effective but is facilitated if the leaves are tilled or

mulched to break them up. Use of a mulching mower to return leaf material to the ground is not detrimental to established turf, provided the mulched leaves aren't so thick that the turf gets limited sunlight.

With a good mulching mower, up to four inches of leaves can be mulched successfully into an existing turf. Be more careful with mulch-mowing leaves on new turf because the seedlings are more sensitive to both shade and mechanical stress.

Once you've mowed a new or renovated lawn at least once, mulching leaves with your rotary mower should not harm the turf.

By keeping fallen leaves from hampering turfgrass growth, you can maximize the potential for fall growth that we have the luxury of having here in Kansas.

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Eric may also be reached in the evening, Oct. 27-28 at 899-5877. Bill may be reached those evenings at 899-0097. Please call Bill or Eric between the evening hours of 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m.

GO COWBOYS

in post-season football action!

The Goodland Cowboys are going to the post-season playoffs! Join us now in two send-off pages!

This Thursday night, Oct. 31, Goodland hosts the Scott City Beavers for the district championship game. Both teams will then advance to bi-district playoffs Nov. 5. The Goodland Daily News asks sports boosters, parents and grandparents to give Bill or Eric a call anytime during regular business hours, Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 899-2338 (Bill) or 821-1371 (Eric).