

# about our friends

## calendar

The **Sherman Theatre** is having **free holiday matinees at 1:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.** "Hey Arnold" will be Nov. 30 and Dec. 1; "Clockstoppers" will be Dec. 7 and 8; "Like Mike" will be Dec. 14 and 15; and "Ice Age" will be Dec. 21 and 22.

**'Tis the Season Collection Club** will be having a **fund-raiser** through **Saturday** with the proceeds going to Sherman County Hospice. Have a holiday cookie and enter a drawing at Jacque's Hallmark.

Local artists will display watercolors, acrylics, oils, woods and metals at Carnegie Arts Center Dec. 1-31. The **gallery opening is from 1-3 p.m. Sunday** at the arts center.

**SHARE sign up** for the December distribution of food will be until **Friday, Dec. 6**, at the Sherman County Health Department, Harvest America, the Regional Prevention Center or the Kanorado Senior Center. **Pick up** will be **Saturday, Dec. 21**, for the December distribution.

The Gamma Rho Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi is holding a **fund-raiser** with the proceeds going to the **Topside Tots Daycare** and will hold a **drawing Tuesday, Jan. 7**, to give away two baby afghans to two winners. The afghans are on display at First National Bank until Monday, Dec. 2.

Jodi Tubbs of the **Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs** will be in Goodland from **1-2:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5**, 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.

**The Goodland Elks Lodge**, 1523 Arcade, will have a **memorial in remembrance of members who have died** in the past year at **2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8**. The lodge will honor the families of men and women in active duty in all branches of the military at **3 p.m. A blue star banner will be presented** to the families who have submitted the names of their sons or daughters who are serving. The lodge has 26 families to honor so far.

**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 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.** Anna Seeber Shaw's watercolors, gouache and pastels will be on display until Nov. 30. The December show will be watercolors, acrylics, oils, woods and metals by local artists and will be displayed from Sunday through Dec. 31.

**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** at the Good Samaritan Center. Enter the east door on Center Ave. 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. Baby-sitting 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 Kuskka Collection includes glass, ceramics, dolls, silver, toys, textiles, furniture, clothing, stamps, clocks, lamps, coins and jewelry.

The **17th Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Show** will be held from **9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Central Time on Saturday** at The Gateway in Oberlin. Exhibitors will display hand-crafted items in 80 booths from Colorado, Nebraska, North Dakota and Kansas. Lunch will be available and baby sitting services provided. The event is sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission. There is no admission charge. Call Mary at (785) 475-3329.

The 16th annual **Christmas at the Carousel** will be from **2-4 p.m. Mountain Time Sunday** in Carousel Park at the Kit Carson County Fairgrounds in **Burlington**. There will be merry-go-round rides, free hot cider and cookies, a 1905-era Santa Claus and Rudolph, the Wurlitzer Monster Military Band Organ churning out music for the carousel, Christmas decor and a mini Carousel Mart with gift items for sale.

The **Country Christmas Jubilee** will be from **1:30-4:30 p.m. Mountain Time Sunday** at Old Town in **Burlington**.

**Pioneer Country Development Inc.** and the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission will **meet at 6:30 p.m. Central Time Wednesday, Dec. 4**, at the Elks Club in Hill City. **Dinner** will be served at **7 p.m.**, followed by the evening's speaker and a presentation of this past year's business loan, grant and housing activity.

Anyone interested in economic development in northwest Kansas is welcome to attend. Call Kathie Terry at 785-421-2151 by **Monday, Dec. 2, for reservations.**

The **Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging** is sponsoring an **information day** for senior citizens from **10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Central Time Thursday, Dec. 12**, at the Grainfield American Legion.

Guest speakers will talk about stroke and heart attack information, tax information and the SHARE program. Harriet Berg will lead the singing of Christmas carols. All attending should bring a holiday treat to share at the Christmas tea table.

**Reservations** for the noon luncheon are required by **Monday, Dec. 9**, and can be made by calling 800-432-7422. A \$2.25 contribution is requested for the meal.

**school activities**

**Thursday:** No school, Thanksgiving. **Friday:** No school. **Sunday:** Junior Olympics volleyball 1-3:30 p.m. in the junior high gym. Open gym 1-3 p.m. in the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

**school lunch menu**

**Thursday:** No school. Thanksgiving. **Friday:** No School.

**senior center menu**

**Thursday and Friday:** Closed for Thanksgiving.

**310 E. 10th - Must see this Traditional style 3-4 bedroom home. All original woodwork plus hardwood floors under carpet. Home has a parlor room with pocket doors. Newer AC/Furnace plus new roof and underground sprinklers in front yard. Call Tom Harrison at 899-3060.**

**1512 College - Come see this beautiful brick ranch. It offers 3 bedrooms, 1 and 3/4 baths, formal living room, dining room, family room with gas log fireplace, enclosed patio, gorgeous covered 15 X 46 patio, lovely landscaping, double carport off alley which has cement footings for a garage, with 2 storage sheds. New sprinkler system. Inside you will find built-in hutches, cabinets in the utility room, built-in desk in the family room. Many amenities make this a lovely home. Call Rose Anderson @ 899-3060 or 899-7464.**

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**Bethel Amerine**  
Former Goodland Teacher

will celebrate her 90th Birthday  
December 5, 2002

Her Family and Friends are honoring her with a card shower.  
14009 Palm Ridge Drive  
Sun City, AR 85351

## 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:** Office closed for Thanksgiving.

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

**Nov. 27, 1902:** Swan Nelson had three gobblers left after the shoot. He stayed rather late in town, where someone removed the turkeys from the wagon box.

**Nov. 28, 1902:** I will sell you goods at Chicago prices. R.L. Ernst, Rock Island watch inspector, jeweler and optician. Correcting defective vision a specialty.

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

## anniversary

Wednesday, Nov. 20, was the 50th wedding anniversary of **John and Eleanor Elliott** of Edson. They will celebrate Saturday, Nov. 30, at the 4-H Building at the fairgrounds in Goodland from 2-4 p.m.

John Elliott and the former Eleanor Wilson were married in 1952 in Boulder, Colo. He served in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years. Their children are Jack, Dick, Becky and Matt. Cards may be sent to P.O. Box 174, Edson, Kan., 67733.

## reunion

The Southern Arizona All Airborne Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association will host the 13th annual mid-winter **conference March 13-16** in Tucson, Ariz. Veterans from all airborne units will attend, including troopers from the 11th, 13th, 17th, 82nd, 101st and today's special forces.

Write the Western Airborne, 5459 Northcutt Pl., Dayton, Ohio 45414, call 1-937-898-5977 or e-mail srgabn@aol.com.

## food drive

Harvest America Corp., 212 E. 17th, needs non-perishable food, personal hygiene items and household supplies to distribute to low income, elderly and disabled people in Sherman County. Harvest America is also looking for a freezer. Bring donations to the office on Mondays or call 899-3878 for pick up.

## 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.

# obituary

## Maurice Witten

Maurice H. Witten, 70, of Hays, father of Brenda (Max) Linin of Goodland and former chair of the physics department at Fort Hays State University, died Saturday, Nov. 23, 2002, in Denver.

He was born Dec. 5, 1931, in Davies County, Mo., the son of Herbert and Ruey (Helmandollar) Witten. On July 5, 1969, he married Joye Romeiser Archer in Hays.

Mr. Witten served in the Air Force from 1950-53. He received a bachelor's degrees in physics and math from Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia in 1956, a master's degree in physics from the University of Nebraska in 1960 and a doctorate in physics and science education from the University of Iowa in 1967.

He was a professor of physics at Fort

Hays State University from 1960 until his retirement in 1998 and was chair of the physics department from 1969 to 1989.

Mr. Witten was a member of the Hays First United Methodist Church, Hays. He was a past president of the Hays Lions Club and the Kansas Association of Teachers of Science, and a member of the Fort Hays State Endowment Association board.

He was in the Civil Air Patrol, on the Hays Airport Advisory Board, the National Science Teachers Association, the American Association of Physics Teachers, the Kansas Academy of Science and the National Council for Aerospace Education. He was a grant reviewer for the National Science Foundation and was on several church committees.

Preceding him in death was his wife on Oct. 8, 1992.

Other survivors include a son, Barry (Judy) Witten of Macomb, Ill.; another daughter, Carmen Witten and her friend Kurt Smith of Manhattan; a brother, Charles Witten of Williams, Minn.; three sisters, Pauline Jefferson of Wichita Falls, Texas, Caroline Stokes of Trenton, Mo., and Claire Jo Nisonger of Bloomington, Ind.; and three grandchildren.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, 2002, at the church with the Rev. Delbert Stanton and the Rev. William C. Miller officiating. Burial will be in the Mount Allen Cemetery in Hays.

Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. Friday at the Hays Memorial Chapel and after 8 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials may be made to the church or to the Endowment Association in care of the funeral home at 20th and Pine, Hays, Kan. 67601.

# Normal family life is hard to achieve

The culture we live in today makes it awfully hard for families to lead normal lives, whether in the traditional home, single-parent families or foster homes.

Those of us fortunate enough to have a stable family live can be thankful, and those who did not have stability in their youth can feel for the youth of today.

What can our community do to make a difference in a young person's life? One option is to become a mentor. As in other communities in the country and around the world, the Sherman County Big Brothers, Big Sisters is trying to be there for those who need a mentor.

From independent studies of the organization, youth paired with caring adults through the program, when compared to their peers, were:

- 70 percent less likely to be arrested
- 55 percent less likely to skip school
- 33 percent less likely to engage in violent confrontations
- 46 percent less likely to initiate drug use
- 27 percent less likely to start drinking alcohol

As you can see, mentoring can make a difference. I believe, as with other communities in Kansas and around the nation, youth in Sherman County need someone to connect to in a positive sense.

The Big Brothers, Big Sisters have been shaping a program for our area. I'm proud of each member of the board and their foresight to get the ball roll-



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- prevention center

ing.

As the new director for Sherman County, I'm excited about trying to make a difference by making matches for "Bigs" and "Littles."

Single-parent families are concentrated on, so the family can be helped in an important part of a young person's life and to relieve some stress on the single parent.

"Bigs" must be at least 16 years old and a junior in high school. The ages of the "Littles" will range from five through 17.

The length of the match will be agreed to as six months or one year, and many times, the match will evolve into a life-long friendship.

The organization encourages the mentor to meet with the child at least once a week. If a time cannot be worked out, the "Big" should communicate with the family directly.

Studies have shown that in a successful match, the "Little" will start doing better in school and life in general.

But filling the need for volunteers to become "Bigs" is the key to the program's success. Without volunteers,

to come.

Big Brothers, Big Sisters of America started nearly 100 years ago and was designed to help communities to counteract juvenile delinquency. Without some type of mentoring program, juveniles many times take the wrong road in life to all kinds of problems.

With your help, we can make the young people feel that someone is interested in how they will achieve their dreams. There is nothing like seeing the smiles generated through the matching process.

In a few short weeks, our office will be ready, and the matches will begin. Our board is looking forward to the challenge ahead. Our major fund-raiser, "Bowl For Kids' Sakes," will be Saturday, April 5, so watch for details.

Recently, my wife and I were blessed with a baby boy. What a joy it has been! But the responsibility that comes with it is incredible. It has helped me to realize how important the two-parent family is in a young person's life.

A volunteer can make a difference by helping a boy or girl who does not have both parents. Think about it, and be willing to make a difference.

# matters of record

## Real Estate

The following real estate transfers were reported by the Sherman County register of deeds:

Sherman County Sheriff Doug Whitson to First National Bank Lot 11 in Block 6 in Rosewood Addition to the City of Goodland, foreclosed property of Leon L. and Connie L. Stasser.

Roger D. and Illia L. Enfield quit claim to Roger D. and Illia Enfield, as

joint tenants with the right of survivorship, the W/2 of Sec. 27, T6S, R41W.

Sherman County Sheriff Doug Whitson to Bankwest the E/2 of Lot 22 and all of Lots 23 and 24 in Block 6 in the First Addition to the City of Goodland, commonly known as 824 Wyoming, foreclosed property of Grantland E. and Debra D. Deines and Mary E. May, trustee.

## student of the week



**Name:** Amanda Jolly

**Parents:** Jay & Carol Jolly

**Grade:** Senior

**Age:** 17

**We've nominated this student because:** Amanda is a wonderful student who works hard in all her classes. She did a great job as Mabel in our "Pirates of Penzance" musical.

**Student Comment:** My favorite subject is X-Pressos, I will always remember the fun times all the X-Pressos had together and how much fun my senior musical was.

**Activities involved in at school:** X-Pressos, Band,

National Honor Society, AFS, Musical, Track, FCCLA.

**My choice of movies, books, and games :** Movies - comedy or musicals, Music - Pretty much anything, Books - Christian, mysteries and I like most games.

**After I leave Goodland High School I intend to ...:** Attend K-State or KU with a major in vocal performance or bio-chemistry.

**And 10 years from now, I think I'll be ...:** married and working, either as a flight surgeon trying to get into NASA, or as a vocal performer on Broadway!

**Favorite Quote:** "What you are is God's gift to you; what you make of yourself is your gift to God."

- Unknown

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