

about our friends

calendar

The Christmas Senior Citizen's Dinner will begin with entertainment at 11 a.m. and lunch at noon Wednesday at Goodland High School. Enter through the south doors on 13th Street. Call 899-5656 if you need a ride or to have a meal delivered. The members of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, National Honor Society and Girls' Athletic Association will be hosts and hostesses.

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.

The Sherman Theatre is having free holiday matinees at 1:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. "Ice Age" will this weekend.

The Goodland Public Library will be offering the "Food for Fines" program during the month of December. Anyone with an outstanding fine at the library may bring in a food item for Genesis in exchange for the fine. Items needed include Jell-o, pudding, cake mixes, pancake mix, cereal, peanut butter or any canned goods.

SHARE sign up for the January distribution of food will be until Monday, Jan. 13, 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.

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. 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. There will be no December meeting.

Goodland Women of Faith will not meet in December. Resuming in January, the monthly celebrations will be from 9:30-11 a.m. the second Saturday of the month at Wheat Ridge Acres. Baby-sitting provided.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Sherman County is seeking mentors and children to mentor. Call 899-3665.

area events

The Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging board and advisory council will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Black and Gold Room at Fort Hays State University. Call 800-432-7422.

A workshop, "Ethanol: Fueling Opportunities in Kansas" will be from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Central Time Thursday, Jan. 23, at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Topeka. There will be a reception from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday. Reservations must be made before Jan. 1 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, 1717 SW Topeka Blvd., Topeka, Kan. 66612. Call (785) 431-7200.

The McCook Optimist Club's 11th annual MAC Attack Youth Basketball

Tournament will be Saturday and Sunday, March 29 and 30, for fourth, seventh and eighth grade boys and girls and Saturday and Sunday, April 5 and 6, for fifth and sixth grade boys and girls. Entries must be received by Monday, March 10. Call event chairman Bob Elder at 308-345-4296 or the club president Craig Olsen at 308-345-1575.

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.

school activities

Wednesday: Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner. City/county recreation sports 7:30 p.m. at the Max Jones Fieldhouse and junior high gym. Thursday: Black day. Seminar — FCCLA. High school band and vocal concert 7 p.m. City/county recreation sports 7:30 p.m. in the high school gym. Friday: Gold day. C-JV-V basketball versus Quinter 3:45 p.m. here. Saturday: Holiday classic wrestling 9 a.m. here. Wrestling enthusiasts club, cafe, 5 p.m. Sunday: Junior olympics volleyball 1-3:30 p.m. junior high gym.

school lunch menu

Wednesday: Sliced ham, cheddar mashed potatoes, green beans, hotroll, Christmas dessert and milk. Thursday: Cheeseburger, french fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, pudding and milk. Friday: Cooks choice.

senior center menu

Wednesday: No meals. Thursday: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, pineapple/cranberry salad, bread and pumpkin cake. Friday: Chicken and noodles, peas, carrots, bread and applesauce gelatin.

health department

The Sherman County Health Department at 1622 Broadway is open from 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Wednesday: WIC in St. Francis. Scheduled appointments. Voucher pickup 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday: WIC in Goodland. Scheduled appointments. Blood pressures at Sparks and Handy Towers 9-10:30 a.m. Friday: Scheduled appointments.

Children's physicals, immunizations, fasting blood sugar and hemoglobin, family planning and toenail clipping available by appointment. Sharps containers are available free of charge. It's not too late to get a flu shot. 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

Dec. 17, 1902: Latest tip — remove the skin from all fruits and vegetables to rid of surface bacteria. No small job to peel a currant, but better the hard work than be dead forever.

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

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.

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.

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.



Jennifer Lynn and Travis Ryan Cox

Pair wed in California

Jennifer Lynn Frago and Travis Ryan Cox of Antelope, Calif., were married on June 1, 2002, at the home of Doug and Donna Frago in Atwater, Calif., in an outdoor, double ring ceremony with George Hawley officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Doug and Donna Frago of Atwater, Calif., and the groom is the son of Michael and Tanya Cox of Goodland.

Amy Herstedt, the bride's sister, was the matron of honor. Her bridesmaids were Cindy Brickerd, the bride's cousin; Kristen Frago, the bride's sis-

ter-in-law; and Sue Copeland, a friend of the bride.

Michael Cox, the groom's father, was the best man. The groomsmen were Shane Easterberg and Garner Hart, both friends of the groom, and Jim Frago, the bride's brother.

A pool-side reception followed the ceremony.

The couple both work at Nextel Communications in Sacramento, Calif., where Jennifer is a sales manager and Travis is the spectrum engineer.

The couple will live in their new home in Folsom, Calif.

obituary

Helen Hawkins

Helen Marie (Galli) Hawkins, 71, of Colby, died Friday, Dec. 13, 2002, at Lantern Park Manor.

She was born April 30, 1931, on the family farm north of Winona. A former resident of Brewster, she had also lived in Goodland, Loveland, Colo., New Mexico and Missouri.

She was a member of the Colby College Drive Assembly of God.

Preceding her in death were her husband of 45 years, Donald Lee; a son, Donald Dean; her parents, John Jacob and Caroline Christine (Adolf) Galli;

and a sister, Imogene Spring.

Survivors include a son, Larry of Colby; two brothers, John Galli Jr. of Colby and Paul "Bud" Galli of Cheyenne Wells, Colo.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2002, at Harrison Chapel with the Rev. Leonard T. Burgess officiating. Burial will follow at the Brewster Cemetery. Visitation was Monday at Harrison Chapel.

Memorials are suggested to Gideon Memorial Bible program in care of the chapel at 190 S. Franklin, Colby, Kan. 67735.

Five materials may be used as chemical de-icers

There are five main materials that are used as chemical de-icers: calcium chloride, sodium chloride (salt), potassium chloride, urea and calcium magnesium acetate.

Calcium chloride is the traditional ice-melting product. Though it will melt ice to about -25 degrees Fahrenheit, it will form slippery, slimy surfaces on concrete and other hard surfaces. Plants are not likely to be harmed unless excessive amounts are used.

Rock salt is sodium chloride and is the least expensive material available. It is effective to approximately 12 degrees Fahrenheit but can damage soils, plants and metals. Potassium chloride can also cause serious plant injury when washed or splashed on foliage. Both calcium chloride and potassium



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chloride can damage roots of plants. Urea (carbonyl diamide) is a fertilizer that is sometimes used to melt ice. Though it is only about 10 percent as corrosive as sodium chloride, it can contaminate ground and surface water with nitrates. Urea is effective to about 21 degrees Fahrenheit.

Calcium magnesium acetate (CMA), a newer product, is made from dolomitic limestone and acetic acid (the principal compound of vinegar).

CMA works differently than the other materials in that it does not form a brine like salt but helps prevent snow particles from sticking to each other or the road surface. It has little effect on plant growth or concrete surfaces. Performance decreases below 20 degrees Fahrenheit.

Limited use of any of these products should cause little injury. Problems accumulate when they are used excessively and there is not adequate rainfall to wash or leach the material from the area.

Since limited use is recommended, it is best to remove the ice and snow by

hand when possible. When they are applied, practice moderation.

We are often prone to over-applying just to make sure the ice and snow melts. Keep in mind this can damage concrete surfaces as well as the plants and grass growing along the walks and driveways. These problems are normally latent and do not show up until spring or summer.

Goodland woman injured loading horses

Former St. Francis resident Connie Hays, now of Goodland, was seriously injured in an accident on Friday at her home.

She and her husband Jack were loading horses in an alleyway. The horses were in the trailer when they decided they were not staying and turned around, heading back through

the trailer gate.

Hays was shutting the gate when the horses came charging through and was knocked down and stepped on. She suffered a broken ankle and nose and a concussion along with numerous other injuries and bruises.

Her mother Dorothy Carpenter, St. Francis, reported that Hays is doing

better but, as of today, was not quite strong enough to make the trip to Wichita where her broken ankle will be set.

After returning to Goodland, she will probably need skin grafts.

She and her family would appreciate cards to be sent to her home address: 7145 Road 15, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

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