

about our friends

calendar

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.

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 Rural Health Ventures until Friday, Jan. 3.

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, gauche 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

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

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

Friday: Cooks choice.

senior center menu

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.

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.

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

Dec. 19, 1902: Death by accident: the former publisher of the Sherman County Farmer and State Line Register dies when too much opiate is prescribed for a neuralgic headache.

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.

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.

obituary

Joe Phillips

Joe D. Phillips, 70, of Goodland died Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2002, at Presbyterian St. Lukes Hospital in Denver.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 23, 2002, at Bateman Funeral Home. A full obituary will follow.

Brewster decked out with holiday finery; Santa spreading himself thin

The town looks like the Christmas decorator came and decked the houses and the businesses with holiday finery. During the daytime, the decorated areas don’t look too festive, except for some figures and greenery, but at night there is nothing dull about the lighted roofs, yards, etc.

Santa seems to be spreading himself thin(?) over all the shopping areas, but as we know, he can do that. The decorated yard that impressed me the most depicted a kneeling Santa, looking into the cradle of the “reason for the season.”

Saturday was shirtsleeve weather, and it was forecast that Sunday would be even better. Roger and I went to Oakley to visit a dear friend in the hospital, and it was so nice, when we got home, I gave Allie a bath.

She had gotten a little rank, as happens when bathing isn’t done on a regular schedule, and it was so good to see her run around the yard and not get chilled from the bath.

Craig Fulwider is putting up the



sally michael

- brewster beacon

forms for the new shelter in the park, and he was out working in a T-shirt. That doesn’t happen too often in December.

It makes us want to hurry up and take advantage of that shelter, instead of waiting for summer. I think it will be a nice feature for the park, and I hope people will let the Lions Club and the city know it is appreciated.

We will have commodities on hand at the senior center Tuesday through Friday of next week, so be sure to come in if you are eligible. The items include beef stew, canned chicken, sliced potatoes, potato flakes, raisins, trail mix, dried plums, dried cherries and other items that help stretch the food dollars.

We have a few of the Christmas light balls on hand at the center, and one of them is out of clear programmable lights. That would make a conversation piece even in the summer on the patio.

We’ve been busy putting jigsaw puzzles together, and it has been fun to have a distraction for a few minutes as well as a good visit. The last one constructed was a beautiful manger scene, and although it was a challenge, it was great to see the finished work.

The Methodist Church is sponsoring Hayride Caroling Time tonight. There will be refreshments at the church, following the caroling.

Wednesday, Dec. 4, the United Methodist Women held their monthly meeting at the Fellowship Hall, with a soup supper hosted by Bonnie Reid and Sue Randolph.

Nine members and four guests enjoyed the evening, which included an

Sweden, Russia, Denmark and Finland.

Recent performances have been included Bach’s “Magnificat,” Kodaly’s “Missa Brevisi,” Rutter’s “Gloria,” Hailstork’s “I will Lift up Mine Eyes” and numerous smaller works of diverse styles and eras.

Advent program, “Christmas, Woman of Courage, Power and Peace” presented by Eva Lou Selby with assistance from Wanda Fulwider and Lola Marrs.

The district officer, Jackie Teeter of Grinnell, shared comments from the Hays District. Because of the success of the turkey supper, the women’s group will be able to fulfill mission obligations and help on the local church budget.

The next meeting will be at the home of Nadine Kammer, on January 29. A special offering for the “Prayer and Self Denial Program” will be taken at this meeting.

It seemed like I had a lot of news items to report, but they’ve taken the back seat to some losses that have occurred in several area families this weekend. On Friday evening, Larry Hawkins called us to report that his mother, Helen Hawkins, had passed away earlier.

No matter how long it’s been since you’ve seen someone, it still seems a shock when they are no longer with us. Helen always had a special place in my heart because of something that hap-

pened back in 1978.

Roger had just had heart surgery, and due to complications, he wasn’t doing very well. One morning, I got word that my dad, Sam Smith, had passed away in Goodland.

That night, sitting in Roger’s room, I was feeling pretty low, and four people walked in — Don and Helen Hawkins and Randy and Darlene Hileman. Don and Randy perked Roger up and over his crisis, and Helen and Darlene took me down to the cafeteria and helped me over mine.

So, Helen, I say “thank you,” once again. Her services were Tuesday at Harrison Chapel in Colby with her burial in Brewster.

Another loss was a lady that was from Winona, Jeanine Lewallen. She passed away after a long battle with cancer, and we send our condolences to her family. She was the wife of Robert Lewallen and has many relatives in the Brewster area.

Sunday evening, Roger received a call that was really like a punch in the ribs. One of the news items I was looking forward to putting in this column was announcing that Inace Parker was

due home on Tuesday.

It seems that was not to be, as she died suddenly on Sunday evening. I know you all know how close this lady was to me, but whenever one went anywhere with Inace, it didn’t take long to realize she was close to everyone in the tri-state area.

Young or old, Inace never knew a stranger. She will be missed, but of one thing I am sure. This lady would not have changed a minute of her life. She did a lot of things in spite of her age that many younger (including yours truly) just sit and talk about and enjoyed her family and friends by loving us all.

Inace, I’m sitting here crying, but I know that this is just what you would have wanted. Bud, Merle and Norma Jean, Roger and I share your loss.

That’s it for now, folks, and after the last few paragraphs, it might seem out of place to say “Merry Christmas,” but it is said with sincerity.

There are always losses, and we will miss these folks. But, we can praise the Lord that they were in our lives, and that all those that are still with us should become just a little more important to us.

Goodland girl performs in college choir

Erinn Hardy, a Goodland High School graduate, was selected to sing in the Bethany College Choir. She is a sophomore at Bethany.

The 50-voice ensemble is the College’s most select large ensemble. The choir rehearses every weekday

and maintains an active performance schedule. In addition to concert appearances in the Lindsborg area, the choir has toured throughout the region as well as various places throughout the United States and Europe. In the summer of 2003 the choir will tour and perform in

club news

The regular meeting of the Ruleton Eager Beavers 4-H Club was held Saturday, Oct. 12, in the 4-H building.

Aaron Duell called the meeting to order by saying the flag salute. Roll call was “My favorite 4-H project.” There were nine members, two leaders and one guest present.

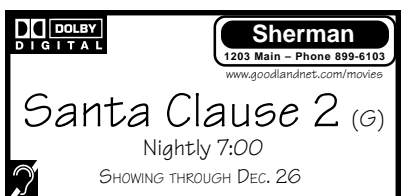
The treasurer gave a report. The reporter had not turned in the minutes. Leaders said that committee sign-up sheets were out.

We were told to think of ideas for our Christmas party. There was no old

business.

For new business, we had the election of officers. Aaron Duell was elected president; Devon Mangus, vice president; Adam Duell, treasurer; Lea Shores, secretary; Devon Mangus and Sydney Winston, song leaders; Kaitlyn Coon and Sydney Winston, recreation; Dylan Hageman, parliamentarian; Andrew Shores, reporter; the Shores family, historians; Aaron Duell and Sandy Johnson, council representatives; and Colleen Duell and Barb Winston, leaders.

The next meeting was scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 9. The achievement awards ceremony was held Sunday, Nov. 3, and the officers training on Friday, Nov. 8. Andrew moved, and Dylan seconded that we adjourn the meeting by saying the club motto.





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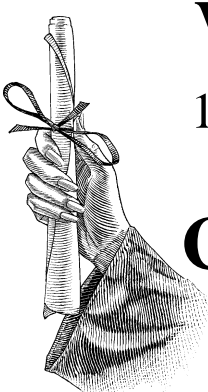
Northwest Kansas Technical College

Winter Commencement

1:30 p.m., Friday, December 20, 2002

Memorial Union, Goodland, Kan

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



Automotive

Alan Armbruster
Jeffrey Ayer
Justin Braun
Peter Campbell
Robert Cashon
Eugene Frusher
Jason Gohl
Brandon Gorr
Thomas Karst
John Lapka
John Lilienthal
Gary Moore
Kevin Oller
Loren Pfeifer
Justin Prater
Jared Schurr
Luke Scoby
Juan Tamayo
Tohanna Thompson
Jefferson Walker
Eric Winder
Tyler Wolcott

Communications Network

Timothy Babcock
Carlos Benavides

Casey Cleveland
Brian Conness
Casey Cooper
Ryan Cox
Bryan Custer
Justin Donovan
Jay Gormley
Shawn Hein
Clayton Hoss
Austin Janousek
Jan Johnson
Tanner Lyle
Kyle Martin
Justin Miller
Brent Neeley
Ryan Pate
Candelario Ramos

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Aaron Apley
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Dana Balthazor
Tod Barnett
Dustin Barnett
Amber Barnett
Shaun Becker
Rob Beckmann

Skilar Boland
Kaleb Brzon
Justin Burrell
Elton Butterfield
Landon Carver
Braden Cox
Keith Cressler
Wayne Durland
Trenton Fischer
Aaron Gillespie
Brandon Gordon
Chris Grandy
Devin Grooms
Justin Herren
Philip Holm
Myra Kennedy
Onjinee Kerns
Blake Lehning
Steven Liehs
Chris Long
Ryan Malicki
Zach Mann
Jason Mendenhall
Brad Metz
Dustin Miller
Adam Miller
Rustin Newman
Reed Peters

Diana Butler
Raymond Schindler
Matthew Schmitz
Brent Schultze
Andra Schwindt
Ryan Stewart
Eric Streit
Mike Taylor
Tyler Tholen
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John Walker
Ryan Weeks
Chris Westbrook
Scott Wolf

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Jason Schroll
Seth Slaubaugh
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Daniel Stitt
Mitchell Walkinshaw
Kyle Witzel