

# about our friends

## calendar

The Goodland Public Library will close at 3 p.m. Tuesday and will be closed Wednesday for New Year's Day.

The 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, Jan. 25, for the January distribution.

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 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, 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 meet will be 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 I was employed, I flipped the on 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

Monday-Friday: No school. Sunday: Junior olympic volleyball 1-3 p.m. in the junior high gym.

## school lunch menu

Monday-Friday: No school.

## health department

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

Children's physicals, immunizations, fasting blood sugar, cholesterol 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. 27, 1902: The farmer should realize the more bought locally, the greater their stock. The larger the stock the more taxes paid which reduces the tax on the farmer. 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.

## obituary

### Leland Neal Hill

Leland Neal Hill, 75, former Goodland High School English and journalism teacher and wrestling coach, died at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2002, following a month-long hospital stay in the Minneola District Hospital in Minneola, Kan.

He was born on April 16, 1927, in Cheyenne County. Mr. Hill and his wife, Betty (Gotchall) Hill, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary while he was in the hospital. He served in the Navy.

He also leaves a son, Jerry Kurtis Hill of Goodland, and a daughter, Lauri (Tracy) Townsend of Wichita.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday (Mountain Time), Dec. 30, 2002, at the Goodland First United Methodist Church, with a dinner to follow. Burial will be at the St. Francis Cemetery at 4 p.m. Central Time with full military rites.

Visitation will be from 9 to 9 p.m. (Central Time) Sunday at the Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis, and after 9 a.m. (Mountain Time) at the church.

Memorials may be left or sent to Knodel Funeral Home, 202 S. Benton, St. Francis, Kan. 67756-0606. A memorial fund will be established.

## Powerball pays for state

TOPEKA (AP) — The largest jackpot in the history of the Powerball multistate lottery game paid off for the state as it continues to struggle with financial problems.

The prize, \$314.9 million, caused a spike in ticket sales in Kansas. The Kansas Lottery expects those sales to be from \$4 million to \$5 million more than normal over the past month, Executive Director Ed Van Petten said Thursday. The state receives 30 percent of lottery proceeds, meaning it could receive an extra \$1.5 million from the past month's sales. The state uses most of the money to finance economic development programs.

## correction

In the Tuesday, Dec. 17, edition of *The Goodland Daily News* it was incorrectly stated that Royal Reid thought the current seven member board of the Sherman County Economic Development Council was the right size. What he said to Sherman County Commissioner Kevin Rasure was that it was the consensus of the board that seven was all right as the size for now. Mr. Reid says that wasn't his personal position. This was a reporting error.

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The Goodland Daily News will correct any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story. Please call our office at (785) 899-2338 to report errors. We believe that news should be fair and factual. We want to keep an accurate record and appreciate you calling to our attention any failure to live up to this standard.

# A Goodland graduate talks about his lessons on tattoos

I would like to share an e-mail letter I received from a reader regarding my Nov. 7 column "Teen-agers Getting Tattoos Risk Infection If Sharing Needles." This person felt so strongly about the risks kids take, he felt that maybe sharing his own personal ordeal might help others. This is part one:

Dear Cris:  
This letter has taken some time to write and a lot of courage. As you read on you will understand. On Wednesday, Nov. 6, I was reading "Dear Abby," and she was talking about the Hepatitis C Virus, and I wanted to commend you on your column.

I remember your article stated that a local Mom asked you to reprint this article. What really got my attention was that her daughter and a friend wanted to save \$10 on their tattoos by sharing the same needle. I will save them both the price of those tattoos and both of their parents enough money for two years of college. With all that being said, here goes.

After reading your article and then thinking about the one I read the day before by "Dear Abby," I started thinking and wondering, "How many junior high or high school students read those two articles?"

Then I started thinking about whether if I had read those articles when I was their age, it would have really scared me or if it would have given me some insight on making a decision prior to getting a tattoo or body piercing.



## cris lovington

● prevention center

Probably not! I'm sure a lot of the kids have heard these lines from their parents, "Why do you always have to learn things the hard way?" or "If Sally or Johnny were riding their bike on I-70 would you be out there riding with them?" My answer at that time and age would have been, "I'll wave to you when you drive by mom/dad. YES."

I had to learn everything the hard way, "Where's the sign-up sheet. I want to be first." It was going to be my way or it wasn't going to be at all. I graduated from Goodland High School in 1980, so I know most of these kids' parents, aunts, uncles, and I feel safe to say I probably know their grandparents.

I'm not sure you're going to get this in the paper, and if you did how many kids will read it. I'm thinking of being a guest speaker at the high school one day, and at the junior high another day.

I don't want anyone to know why I'm coming or what I'm going to talk about, just that there will be a guest speaker, and I want that mom and the mom of the friend there. You want to save \$10, yeah right.

After leaving Goodland in 1980, re-

locating in Denver, I worked at several jobs prior to joining the Navy. I encourage the younger generation to give it a try. Boot camp was tough, but I sure had a good time after I graduated.

After leaving boot camp, my next duty station was Port Hueneme, Calif., home of the Fighting CB's (Construction Battalion). I couldn't wait to get my first tattoo, and I did about two weeks after my arrival. It wasn't long before I was down getting another one, after all I wanted to keep everything even and balanced. Both are on my upper arms.

After graduating from school, I completed the rest of my tour in the Reserves in Denver. While I was visiting with a friend one night, he showed me his new tattoo. Well, that was it; I had to have another one.

To make this kind of short seven different tattoo artists have worked on me, including a guy that touched a few up. My upper arms are done and both shoulders, and I do sport them in the summer time. I wish I could give them back now.

Prior to moving back to Goodland two years ago, en route to Golden, Colo., where I was employed, I flipped the channel on the radio dial and landed on one of those early morning talk shows. There's really nothing on at 6 a.m. on Sunday in Denver.

The gal on the radio was talking about the Hepatitis C Virus, and what she said was interesting. She said, "Anyone with more than three tattoos should have himself checked for the virus."

When I moved back that weekend, I was discussing with my mom what this lady had said. Mom immediately wanted me to go get checked. Since I didn't have health insurance yet, I had to wait 90 days to become eligible.

When 90 days came, I had health insurance, so I called the doctor and made an appointment. I told him what this lady said and showed him my tattoos. He sent me over to get the first two blood tests.

The first one is supposed to be the cheap one at \$450 or more. The next week, the doctor called and wanted to see me. When I went up to his office, he told me I had the anti-bodies, but that does not always mean you have the virus.



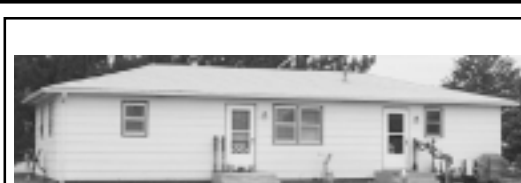
### 1223 Montana

5 bedrooms, 2 bath home with brick fireplace in the living room, newer furnace and central air, hot tub, underground sprinklers, and detached double garage.



### 910 Clark

2 bedrooms, 1 bath home with new windows, shingles, exterior paint, furnace, and air conditioner, underground sprinklers, and deck off the back.



### 1560 Hwy 24

Country living with 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, central air/heat, newer carpet, new interior and exterior paint, plus 42 X 60 heated shop.



### 814 Washington

3 bedrooms, 2 3/4 bathrooms, full finished basement with kitchen and separate entrance, single attached garage, and 12 X 16 finished workshop.



### 122 N. Caldwell

4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths on corner lot with fenced back yard and attached single garage.



### 1301 Texas

3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bathrooms on corner lot with fenced back yard and attached single garage.

## See Our Other HomeLand Listings

417 Broadway 1730 Rd. 78  
1401 Harrison 623 W. Hwy 24  
2323 Walnut 527 Hwy 24  
1115 E. 11th 217 E. 12th  
1117 Kansas 718 W. 13th

620 Main 517 W. 10th  
110 Caldwell 210 Cherry  
539 W. 13th 626 W. 9th  
217 E. 12th 323 Grand

1512 College 409 W. 5th  
310 E. 10th 609 Washington  
823 Cattletrail  
1209 Center

Lots  
217 Caldwell  
539 W. 17th  
Lots 1-4 Blk 2 in Sharon Springs

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## Bikes for Kids

I would like to thank the merchants and people of Goodland. So many have given so generously to make the Santa Bike Give-away a big success on Christmas morning. We gave away 21 bikes.

Joe Russell

### Donations:

- Mel Bracelin, Kansasland Tire
- Tim & Bobbi Dinkel and
- Robert Rall of Lonny's
- Quality Auto Body, Inc
- Tyler Wolcott of Fred's Auto Repair
- Gary Moore of Fred's Auto Repair
- Linda Knott of Knott Just Books
- Jacque Cooper of Jacque's Hallmark
- Scott Weber of Sight & Sound Entertainment
- Kears Quality Liquor/Kear's Party Mix
- Diane Ross of JD Stonecutters
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- Malsom Welding Repair
- McB's Corner
- Garretts Liquor
- Kansasland Tires
- Unruh Family Chiropractic

- Crazy R's Bar & Grill
- Ted Partch of Bird City, Kan.
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