

about our friends

calendar

The Goodland Public Library will be closed Wednesday, for New Year's Day.

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 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

matters of record

Municipal Traffic

The following traffic cases were handled by the Goodland police department:

Nov. 25 — Andrea Raby of Goodland was fined \$76 for a parked vehicle without current registration.

Terry Holloway, 37, of Goodland was fined \$92 for speeding, 54/40.

Nov. 26 — John R. Stroyer, 36, of Denver was fined \$92 for speeding, 44/30.

Nov. 27 — Kyle J. Underwood, 19, of Bird City was fined \$76 for speeding, 40/30.

Dec. 2 — Maria D. Martinez, 31, of Goodland was fined \$76 for illegal registration and \$300 for no proof of insurance.

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. **Saturday:** Elks Hoop Shoot 8 a.m. in the Max Jones Fieldhouse. **Sunday:** Open gym and junior olympics volleyball.

school lunch menu

Monday-Friday: No school.

senior center menu

Wednesday: Closed for New Year's Day. **Thursday:** Swiss steak with tomatoes, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread and cinnamon apples. **Friday:** Chicken pot pie, mandarin oranges, biscuit and cookie.

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. 31, 1902: Noted actor/singer Harry Hill disappointed his meager audience at the Opera House. Fair range of voice, mechanical execution. Local talent performed creditably.

Jan. 1, 2003: A live bird shoot came off on New Year's Day. The purse was \$50.

From weekly issues of *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.

obituaries

Leland Neal Hill

Leland Neal Hill, 75, a former teacher and wrestling coach at Sherman County High School, died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2002, following a month-long stay in the Minneola District Hospital in Mineola.



Hill

He was born April 16, 1927, in Cheyenne County, the son of Merl Melvin and Stella Lourine (Todd) Hill, the eldest of 12 children. He began his education in a rural school in Cheyenne County but transferred to St. Francis Grade School.

Mr. Hill attended St. Francis High School from 1941-45, received a bachelor of arts degree in education from Fort Hays Kansas State Teachers College in 1958, took graduate classes at Pittsburg State University and received a master's degree in education from Northwestern State University in Alva, Okla., in 1973.

As a youth, he had many after-school jobs including being a paper carrier for *Grit*, and working at *The St. Francis Herald*, the theater and service stations. He was baptized in the Christian Church as a teen-ager.

Mr. Hill enlisted in the Navy as a Seabee immediately before his 18th birthday and participated in Navy wrestling teams.

He was stationed in the Philippines during World War II and received medals for the Asiatic Pacific Occupation, Naval Occupation, World War II Victory, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign and the American Theater Campaign Ribbon.

After being honorably discharged in August 1946, he resumed work at *The St. Francis Herald*. In the fall of 1951, he moved to Goodland and worked at *The Goodland Daily News* and the *Sherman County Herald*.

From 1958-67, he taught English and journalism at Sherman County High School and was the wrestling coach for a few of those years.

He taught English and journalism and was the golf coach at Ashland High School in Ashland from 1967 until he retired in 1989 due to health problems.

Mr. Hill married Betty Eileen Gotchall on Dec. 20, 1952, at the Raton, N.M., Methodist Church. Both were rebaptized before the ceremony. The couple made their home in Kanorado, later moving to Goodland, to Hays, back to Goodland, to Ashland and then back to Goodland.

The Hills recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Minneola, where Mr. Hill was hospitalized. He taught his three children the importance of dependability, honesty, integrity and morality.

He was known for his sense of humor and had an appreciation for nature. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and golfing outdoors, and writing poetry, solving crossword puzzles, playing cards and watching television were favorite indoor activities. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Preceding him in death were his parents; two brothers, Laddie and Jerry; a daughter, Kathi Lou; two sisters-in-law, Jo and Bonnie Hill; and a nephew, Scott Hill.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Lauri Kay (Tracy) Townsend of Wichita; a son, Kurt Hill of Goodland;

seven brothers, Ted Hill, Ron (Dot) Hill, Bill Hill, Ed (Barbara) Hill, Dale (Bonnie) Hill, Larry Hill, Craig (Becky) Hill; two sisters, Dolores (Doyle) Hall and Sandra (Ken) Swann; two brothers-in-law, Lee (Lila) Gotchall and Tom (Ruth) Gotchall; a sister-in-law, Lorna Gotchall Tovrea; and three grandchildren.

Services were Monday, Dec. 30, 2002, at the Goodland First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Lorna Gotchall Tovrea officiating. Music was performed by soloist Melissa Fulton and organist Carol Guyer. Graveside services were in St. Francis with full military honors presented by a squad from Fort Riley.

Casket bearers were Dale Hill, Larry Hill, Terry Gotchall, Larry Gotchall, Frank Walls and Warren Milne. Honorary casket bearers were Ted Hill, Ron Hill, Bill Hill, Ed Hill, Craig Hill, Tracy Townsend, Lee Gotchall and Tom Gotchall. Knodel Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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Thursday January 2nd