

today in history

Feb. 18, 1903: A murder at Bird City — Benjamin W. Knott, the victim, was clubbed to death last Monday evening by some unknown fiend. B.W. Knott was murdered in his room. The failure of Mr. Knott to circulate among his friends for a day or two aroused suspicion and entrance into his room revealed the awful fact of murder.

Mr. Knott had recently come into possession of \$400, and it is supposed that has some connection to the crime, as only \$9 was found in this house. There has been no clue discovered which might lead to a pursuit of the criminal. Benjamin was an upright and honest man. He was one of the first county clerks of Cheyenne County, and his brutal murder has exasperated the people of Cheyenne County.

Feb.19, 1903: Dr. W.H. Farrow Resumes Practice — The state board of medical examiners this week issued to Dr. Farrow a permit to practice medicine. He is an experienced physician, but when he set up his notion store, he withdrew from his professional pursuit. The fire in January burned up everything Mr. Farrow had, even his medical diploma, but the examining board, knowing his previous record, granted him a permit without question when he asked for it. He has his office in the Ennis drug store building.

A Battleship “Kansas” — Congress petitioned to name a new ship after the state. The resolution was adopted by the House, and there is no question regarding its passing by the Senate.

Would Open Section Lines — H.H. Bartling, known here, condemns the fence law. Mr. Bartling, mayor of Nebraska City, Neb., is opposed to fencing the section lines in Sherman County. He owns land in this county and is well known to many people here. In a letter to this paper, Mr. Bartling says concerning the fence question: “I notice in your last paper that the Dewey Land and Cattle Co. is going to fence you all in. This should not be permitted. The section lines should be kept open. The law which gives them a right is a bad one. Sooner or later western towns and merchants will find that it is better to have one fairly wee to do farmer on a quarter section, even a half section or a full section than to have half a county owned by one corporation and fenced in.

Dewey Lost Cattle in Storm — Skins by the wagon load taken from carcasses of southern cattle. The severe storm that swept this part of the country last week killed many cattle belonging to the Dewey company. A herd of 600 head of Texas stock, which was shipped in last summer, suffered terribly in the pitiless storm. They were ranged on the West End ranch, 40 miles from the headquarters of the Oak ranch, where the company’s sheds, however, will not shelter more than 500 head. This shedding capacity is utterly insignificant when it is considered that the company is ranging between 5,000 and 6,000 head of cattle.

Stock in good condition could hardly have survived the storm without great sacrifice of flesh. The herd of 600 head from Texas were thin in flesh and had not yet become injured to the more rigorous climate of northwest Kansas, consequently, they went down in numbers. (More on this story is available from the Sherman County Historical Society.)

Feb. 20, 1903: From over the county: Muldrow — The last storm, beginning on Tuesday, has been quite severe on cattle. Roughness is scarce, and the snow lay on the ground for several days, preventing the stock from rustling, and a lack of wind made water scarce. Nearly every farmer is wintering more cattle than they can profitably handle on account of there being no sale for their surplus during the last fall.

The last sermon preached by the Rev. Davis was short and to the

the calendar

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A reminder: with the *Goodland Star-News* being a twice weekly publication, the deadline for **calendar items is noon Friday** for the Mid-week edition and **noon Wednesday** for the Weekend edition.

The Sherman County **Economic Development Council** will meet at **5:15 p.m. tonight** at Western State Bank.

The **Smoky Garden Archery Club** will meet at **7 p.m. Tuesday** in the 4-H building at the fairgrounds. Call William McKnight at 899-5358 or Chuck Engel at 899-5174.

A non-denominational **Bible talk** will be held from **7-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20**, at Goodland High School. No collections. All ages welcome.

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 **first archery shoot** of the Smoky Garden Archery Club will

be at **10 a.m. Sunday, March 2**. **SHARE sign up** for the March distribution of food will be until **Monday, March 17**, at the Sherman County Health Department, Harvest America, the Regional Prevention Center or the Kanorado Senior Center. **Pickup** will be **Saturday** for the February distribution.

The Sherman County **Convention and Visitors Bureau** will meet at **9 a.m. Monday, Feb. 24**, at the bureau’s office, 1206 Main.

school activities

Wednesday: Black day. City/county recreation 7:30 p.m. in the Max Jones Fieldhouse and junior high gym.

Thursday: Gold day. Seminar — STUCO. Regional wrestling seeding meeting 5 p.m. in the tech building. City/county recreation 7:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

Friday: Black day. Regional wrestling 1 p.m. in the Max Jones Fieldhouse. DECA Super Dance 12 p.m.-12 a.m. in the high school gym. High school schedule: Block 1 7:50-8:50; Block 3 8:53-9:53; Block 5 9:56-10:56; and Block 7 10:59-noon. School dismissed at noon with no lunch

served. Buses run at regular time, 3:20 p.m.

Saturday: Regional wrestling 10 a.m. in the Max Jones Fieldhouse. “C” teams basketball 9 a.m. at Benkelman, depart 7 a.m. DECA 12 a.m.-9 p.m. in the high school gym.

Sunday: Open gym 1-3 p.m. in the Max Jones Fieldhouse. Junior olympic volleyball 1-3:30 p.m. in the junior high gym. Taylor’s basketball team 5-6:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

school lunch menu

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, french fries, buttered beets, hot roll, 1/2 banana and milk. **Thursday:** Macaroni and cheese with ham, broccoli, muffin, 1/2 apple and milk. **Friday:** Bierocks, relish tray, green beans, strawberry shortcake and milk.

senior center menu

Wednesday: Philly steak sandwich, oven-browned potatoes, corn, bread and apricots. **Thursday:** Roast pork, steamed cabbage, carrots and onions, five-cup salad, bread and birthday cake. **Friday:** Chicken and dressing casserole with gravy, cook’s choice, carrot raisin salad and 1/2 orange.

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.

Citizens Medical Center in Colby is participating in the Health Careers Foundation **Scholarship Loan Program** for the 2003-04 school year. Interested students need to **pick up applications** at the center **by Friday, March 28, and turn them in by Tuesday, April 1**. Fields of study include dietetic, medical records/transcription, medical technology, nursing, occupational therapy, pharmacy, physical therapy, radiology, respiratory therapy and speech pathology.

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.

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 9-10:30 a.m. at Sparks and Handy Towers. Blood pressures 10-11:30 a.m. at the Kanorado Senior Center. **Friday:** Scheduled appointments. Infants’ and children’s immunizations, physicals, fasting blood sugar, cholesterol and hemoglobin, family planning and toenail clipping available by appointment. Sharps containers are available free of charge. 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.

tax help

Internal Revenue Service trained TAX-AIDE volunteers will provide free tax help from 1-4 p.m. every

Friday at the Goodland Public Library and the Senior Center. Volunteers will resolve problems, answer questions or complete the return and e-file it for free. The service is administered through the American Association of Retired Persons with cooperation from the IRS.

cancer society

The American Cancer Society has declared the start of Daffodil Days, and members are selling daffodils to support research grants. Since daffodils are often recognized as a sign of spring and a symbol of hope, the society has chosen the flower to represent hope for a county free of cancer. Call Sherida Shoff at 899-5611 or 899-5047 to buy daffodils by the case, half case or bouquet by Thursday, Feb. 20.

farm services

Dennis R. Mote, County Executive Director of the Sherman County Farm Service Agency, said there is a new yield provision for producers enrolling in the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program.

If a producer qualifies, the farm services county committee could use Loan Deficiency Payment records or assign a yield for crops based on three similar farms in the area. Producers already enrolled must file a request by Tuesday, April 1, to have the committee use the records or assign a yield instead of using the 75 percent yield plug.

alateen

A former Alateen member and an Al-Anon member have formed an Alateen support group that will meet from 6-7 p.m. on Mondays at 1275 W. Sixth in Colby. The group is for relatives and friends of alcoholics and is open to anyone 19 years old or under. Call 785-462-8152 or 462-6101.

preschool

Sherman County Head Start is a free preschool for eligible three and four year olds. The federally funded program is targeted to families who meet certain economic guidelines and provides hearing, vision, dental and educational screenings. Nutritious meals are served, and parents are encouraged to get involved in their children’s education

Families interested in having their child in the program should call Julie Dautel or Carrie Starns at 899-2552 or go to Sherman County Head Start, 823 W. 11th.

care packages

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary is looking for the names and addresses of military personnel from this area who are in the service and are being deployed for possible military action. The auxiliary would like to send phone cards and care packages to these service personnel. Call Jo Ann Wahrman at 899-3277 or Floriene Whisnant at 899-2412 if you know the name and address of such a person or if interested in helping with the care packages.

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 pickup.

crimestoppers

Goodland has had a rash of criminal damage reports in the last two weeks, including damage from paint ball, BB or pellet guns and the destruction of Christmas decorations. Crimestoppers are seeking information on these crimes.

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.

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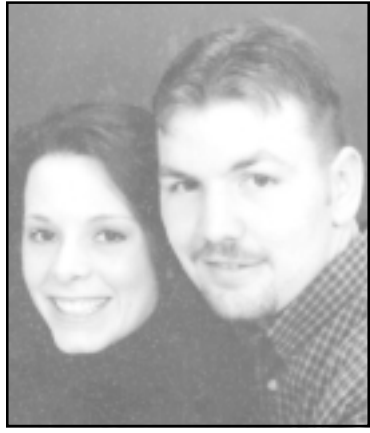
a nonprofit organization formed by citizens against crime.

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.



Campbell and Boleski

Couple to marry in June

Katherine Ann Campbell and Anthony James Boleski of Topeka plan to marry Saturday, June 14, 2003, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Ellis.

Mike and Nancy Campbell of Goodland are the bride-to-be’s parents, and Maggie Smith and Marvin and Penny Boleski of Topeka are the prospective groom’s.

The bride-to-be graduated from Goodland High School and from Fort Hays State University with a bachelor’s degree in English education. She works at Shawnee Heights High School, Tecumseh.

The prospective groom graduated from Hayden High School in Topeka and from Fort Hays State with a bachelor’s degree in business management and business marketing. He works for the Kansas Expo-centre in Topeka.

Edson youth awarded scholarship

Chance Schilling of Edson has won the \$500 2003 Heartland Limousin Association scholarship.

Schilling, son of Ron and Marsha Schilling, is a senior at Goodland High School. He has been active in 4-H and is a board member of the Kansas Junior Limousin Association.

Schilling is a class officer and a member of the National Honor Society at Goodland High.

He said showing the reserve champion heifer in his first National Western Stock Show was a highlight of his high school days.

He has exhibited cattle at several Heartland regional shows, the Kansas and Colorado state fairs the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair. He plans to major in animal science in college.



Schilling

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