

military news

Marine Corps 2nd Lt. **Richard R. Felver**, son of M.E. and James J. Felver of Goodland, reported for duty with the 2nd Supply Battalion, 2nd Force Service Support Group, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He graduated from Goodland High School in 1998 and from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., in May.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class **Jeff W. Sparks**, son of Rosemary K. Sparks and Wayne R. Sparks, both of Goodland, is halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to Sea Control Squadron 22, embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman.

Sparks graduated from Goodland High School in 1999 and joined the Navy that June. He is one of more than 8,000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines aboard the ships of the USS Harry S. Truman Battle Group.

Sparks' unit took part in training exercises in the Mediterranean Sea and made a port visit to Koper, Slovenia.

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**. Bronze sculptures by Norbert Ohnmacht of Burlington will be on display until Friday, April 11.

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.

Goodland Women of Faith will not meet until the Spring Fling in April. Watch for upcoming information.

the calendar

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Grant Junior High and West Elementary schools are having a scholastic **book fair from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, from 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday and from 8-10 a.m. Friday** in the school libraries. Checks payable to West Elementary and credit cards will be accepted, and 6.55 percent sales tax will be added. Proceeds go to the school libraries.

Jodi Tubbs of the **Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs** will be in Goodland from **1-2:15 p.m. Thursday, March 20**, 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.

An **open house** will be held from **9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday** at the Farm Service Agency, 210 W. 10th, for **Gordon Colip, who is retiring** after 36 years with the agency.

A **meat goat risk management conference** will be from **8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 22**, at the Sherman County fairgrounds. There is no charge for the conference at which workshops on producing goats for meat will be presented. Lunch will be served while supplies last.

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers.

teers for March. Volunteers will start at 11:15 a.m. and be finished by 1 p.m. Call 899-2095.

SHARE sign up for the April distribution of food will be until **Monday, April 14**, at the Sherman County Health Department, Harvest America, the Regional Prevention Center or the Kanorado Senior Center. **Pickup** will be **Saturday, March 29**, for the March distribution.

The **Carnegie Library Building 90th birthday** celebration will be from **1-5 p.m. Monday, March 31**, at the Carnegie Arts Center. Are-dedication ceremony will be at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

A **free hunter education course** will be from **6:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, March 31; Tuesday, April 1; Thursday, April 3; and Friday, April 4**, at the National Guard Armory. Open to Kansas residents; all four days required. Call Troy Mannis at 899-3380, Mike Hopper at 899-5199 or Thad Hahn at 899-7157 to pre register.

school activities

Wednesday: Black day. Seminar — state social science assessment test for juniors. Crisis committee meeting 7 a.m. in the conference room.

Thursday: Gold day. Seminar — DECA. Parent/teacher conferences 4-8 p.m.

Friday: No school. Parent/teacher conferences 8 a.m.-noon.

Saturday: Project Graduation 2004 three-on-three basketball tournament all day in the Max Jones Fieldhouse and junior high gym.

Sunday: Taylor's basketball team 5-6:30 p.m. in the high school gym. Junior olympic volleyball 1-3:30 p.m. in the junior high gym. School board candidate forum, afternoon, in the high school auditorium.

school lunch menu

Tuesday: Burrito, potato square, lettuce, tomato, cheese, chocolate cake and milk. **Wednesday:** Soup, sandwich, relishes, fruit choice and milk. **Thursday:** Cooks' choice. **Friday:** No school. Parent/teacher conferences.

senior center menu

Wednesday: Ham, sweet potatoes and apples, pineapple, bread and pasta salad. **Thursday:** Swiss steak, baked potato with toppings, mixed fruit, bread and birthday cake. **Friday:** Chef's salad (meat on the side), mandarin oranges, bread sticks and gingerbread.

technical college

Monday-Friday, March 24-28: Spring Break. Administrative offices will be open throughout the week, but classes will not be in session.

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 Sharon Springs. Scheduled appointments. Voucher pickup 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **Thursday:** WIC in Goodland. Scheduled appointments. Blood pressures 9-10:15 a.m. at Sparks and Handy Towers. **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.

scholarships

Sherman County Clerk Janet R. Rumpel has scholarship application forms at the courthouse for students majoring in journalism, political science or communications. High

school seniors with a 3.0 grade point average or above and full time college freshmen and sophomores with a 3.0 grade point average or higher are eligible.

Applications must be completed and returned to the address listed on the form by Tuesday, April 1.

The Kansas County Clerk's Association awards \$500 scholarships each year to needy and deserving applicants. The number of scholarships awarded depends on the amount of money available.

energy assistance

Individuals with disabilities can have free assistance filling out Low Income Energy Assistance Program applications until Monday, March 31, and free assistance with completing the Homestead Food Sales Tax Return until Tuesday, April 15. Call LINK, Inc. at 785-625-6942 or 1-800-569-5926 to set up an appointment or for information.

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.

farm services

Dennis R. Mote, county executive director of the U.S. 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.

tiny-k

The Early Intervention Networks has a new name, Tiny-k Early Intervention Services. The program promotes development among infants and toddlers with special needs. The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center in Oakley provides these services free of charge to children in this area.

Services include speech, developmental, vision and hearing screenings to all children and physical/occupational therapy and developmental training to children who qualify. Call 785-672-3125, ext. 115.

preschool

Sherman County Head Start is a free preschool for eligible three and four year olds. The preschool is accepting applications for the 2003-04 school year. 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 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.

Planting season and ducks on the Smoky news in 1903

March 18, 1903: From Over the County — Smoky News — People are getting ready to commence seeding in a few days if it doesn't snow too soon.

There are plenty of ducks on the ponds and on the Smoky nowadays.

Grant News — Four-horse teams are in vogue nowadays due to the condition of the roads.

If you are looking for a dry spot to plant, wait until July; possibly you may find one then.

Under the new law just passed by the Kansas legislature, it will only cost you two years in the penitentiary to run a slot machine.

March 19, 1903: The board of county commissioners of Cheyenne County met in special session and offered a reward of \$500 for information leading to the arrest

today in history

and conviction of parties who murdered B.W. Knott at Bird City. In addition to the above, Gov. Bailey has offered a reward of \$200, making the reward total \$700.

March 20, 1903: Six new buildings, and possibly eight, will soon be erected on the burned Dawson block. The buildings will consist of wooden frames covered with iron with the exception of the Syler store, which will be brick. All of the buildings will be thoroughly fire proof and made of the best materials.

March 21, 1903: Marines Pass Through — A special train loaded

with 400 Marines enroute east stopped for supper at the Depot Hotel Sunday. They were a part of the first regiment and were on their way to New York City, where they will be mustered out, having served the time of their enlistment.

They were fresh from the Far East, having been on United States ships in Chinese waters during the boxer troubles.

Being very observing of people, customs and things in general, every one of these Marines, having filled his knapsack with curios from China, Japan and the Philippines, was a walking encyclopedia of curious information — just the article

and the thing itself that takes with the lively girl.

And all these Marines were hale fellows well met by a crowd of Goodland maidens. The report that a train load of Uncle Sam's gallant soldiers would arrive in Goodland Sunday evening was noised about among them, and when the special pulled in, sure enough, the marines were met by the "wynken, blynken and noddin" of young calico.

The girls crowded close together at first, but it didn't take them long to scatter and freeze on these fellows. The soldiers were gentle-

manly in their bearing and profoundly generous, for the girls packed away large quantities of their curios.

But more secret and bewitching than all was what many of the girls had in her carefully guarded purse or hand bag — her hero's post office address, which she dream may yet be the golden key that shall unlock the portals of romance and felicity.

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