

birthdays the calendar

Carroll Mogge is celebrating his 85th birthday Wednesday, May 21. His friends want to honor him with a card shower. Send cards to 1180 Rd. 65, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

patient news
Ramon Fisher “Fish,” who used to work at Caldwell’s, had a stroke about two months ago. He was transferred to the Good Samaritan Center Friday, and friends and family may stop by to visit.

military news
Navy Petty Officer Third Class **Jeff W. Sparks**, son of Rosemary K. Sparks and Wayne R. Sparks of Goodland, is participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom in the Arabian Gulf while assigned to the 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.

Sparks is one of more than 8,000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines aboard the ships of the USS Harry S. Truman carrier battle group. Based at Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Fla., Sparks’ squadron flies the S-3B Viking, a multi-purpose jet aircraft capable of long-range surveillance of shipping, air-to-air refueling and locating and destroying enemy submarines.

Navy Petty Officer Third Class **Kevin S. Powell**, son of Jerry A. Peter of St. Francis, is participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman. He joined the Navy in July 2001.

student news
Joslin Ann Topliff, a Goodland High School graduate, will graduate Sunday from the University of Kansas with a bachelor of fine arts in design/visual communication. John and Carol Topliff of Goodland are her parents.

Faculty and graduates will assemble about 2 p.m. along Memorial Drive in Lawrence for the procession, which begins at 2:30 p.m. The program begins about 3:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather, participants should call the KU Information Center, (785) 864-3506, or listen to local radio and television stations to learn the exact time of the commencement ceremony.

Tristan N. Thomas received a one-year certificate of graduation from the Farm and Industry Short Course at the University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

Kristofer Rubio, a Goodland High School senior, received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Department of Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars Endowment Association. He was sponsored by the Colby Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Jason Keeney of Tribune won a \$2,000 scholarship and was sponsored by the Tribune Veterans of Foreign Wars.

activities
Tours of the 1907 Victorian House at 202 W. 13th are from 1-5 p.m. **Wednesday-Sunday.**

calendar
The Goodland Arts Council will have the “**How Does Your Garden Grow?**” **lecture series at 7 p.m. on Thursdays.** Marty Melia will present “**Gardening in Adversity**” **May 22** at his home, 1550 Rd. 65. Sandy Whitby will present “**Rose Varieties for the 21st Century**” **May 29** at her home, 202 Main. Joyce Suellentrop from the Kansas Humanities Council Speakers Bureau will present “**Grandmother’s Garden — Growing Flowers on the Plains**” **June 5** at the Handy House, 13th and Center. There’s a fee for non arts council members.
A **non-denominational Bible group** will have Bible talks by J. Tuttle and B. Nieuwenhuis at **7:30 p.m. Thursday** at the Howard Johnson Hotel. The talks are to present the deep simplicity and beauty of the life, ministry and fellowship of Jesus Christ.
The **Butler County Community College show choir**, Headliners, will perform with the Goodland High School show choir, **X-Pressos, at 7 p.m. Monday** in the high school auditorium. There is no charge, but donations for the cost of the Headliners tour will be accepted.
SHARE sign up for the May distribution of food will be until **Monday** at the Sherman County Health Department, Harvest America, the Regional Prevention Center or the Kanorado Senior Center. **Pick up** will be **Saturday, May 31**, for the May distribution.

“**Prairie Past Times**,” a photographic history of entertainment in Sherman County, and artifacts from the 50s, 60s and 70s are 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.** TableScapes will be on display for the month of May, and visitors will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite table design. The Goodland Arts Council will have the “**How Does Your Garden Grow?**” **lecture series at 7 p.m. on Thursdays.** Gary Coons, Lori Leonard and Anita Coleman will present “**Xeriscaping**” **May 15** at the arts center. Marty Melia will present “**Gardening in Adversity**” **May 22** at his home, 1550 Rd. 65. Sandy Whitby will present “**Rose Varieties for the 21st Century**” **May 29** at her home, 202 Main. Joyce Suellentrop from the Kansas Humanities Council Speakers Bureau will present “**Grandmother’s Garden — Growing Flowers on the Plains**” **June 5** at the Handy House, 13th and Center. There’s a fee for non arts council members.
Born to Read will be at **10 a.m. Fridays** and **Story time** will be at

Eric Depperschmidt, a **member of Congressman Jerry Moran’s staff**, will be available to **answer questions from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday** in the commissioners’ room at the Sherman County Courthouse.
The **Sherman County Historical Society’s** monthly program will be from **noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday** at the senior center. The topic is Gene Autry’s visit to Goodland in 1954.
The **Northwest Kansas Technical College graduation** will be at **1:30 p.m. Friday, May 23**, at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.
The **Kansas Highway Patrol, Goodland Police Department and the Sherman County Sheriff’s Department** will be **checking car seats** and re-installing them if necessary from **5-7 p.m. Friday, May 23**, in the Wal-Mart parking lot. Appointments can be made for another time by calling Trooper Joe Greene at 785-899-6697 or 785-827-4437.
Gather a team for **Goodland’s Mid America Youth Basketball Tournament and register by Friday, May 23.** Call Dana Murray at 800-288-9424 or 899-6252. Boys and girls in 4-12 grades are eligible. The tournament will be Friday-Sunday, June 13-15.
Goodland High School cheerleaders car wash will be from **10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 24**, in the Wal-Mart parking lot.
The fifth annual history conference, **Cattlemen and Ranches: 100 Years Since the Dewey/**

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.
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Sherman County is seeking mentors and children to mentor. Call 899-3665.
Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are at **noon Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday** at 104 W. 11th and at 7 p.m. Fridays at the First Chris-

Berry Feud, will be at **1 p.m. Saturday, May 24**, at the library.
The **Goodland High School X-Pressos** will present a **trip down Route 66** for their guest night at **7 p.m. Saturday, May 24**, in the high school auditorium. An X-Pressos alumnus will be featured during this final performance for the 2002-03 X-Pressos.
The **Brewster city-wide garage sale** will be the weekend of **June 7.** To set up sales and food booths, call 785-694-2791.
school activities
Saturday: High school graduation 2 p.m. Tennis 7:30 a.m. at Colby, depart 6:15. Baccalaureate 11:30 a.m. in the auditorium.
Monday: Regional softball week at Hugoton. Regional golf at Pratt. Regional tennis at Pratt. X-Pressos and BCCC Headliners 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.
Tuesday: Gold day. Seminar—GAA and G-Club. GAA banquet 6:30 p.m. at Sugar Hills golf club. X-Pressos in the auditorium getting ready for guest night. Department head meeting 7 a.m.
Wednesday: Black day. X-Pressos in the auditorium getting ready for guest night.
Thursday: Gold day. Seminar—STUCO. Junior high band and vocal concert 7 p.m. in the auditorium. X-Pressos in the auditorium getting ready for guest night.
Friday, May 23: Black day. State tennis. Regional track at Scott City. Technical college graduation afternoon in the Max

tian Church. Call 890-5417.
area events
The **Eastern Star Fifth Quilt Show** will be from **9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time Saturday and Sunday** at the Atwood Masonic Temple. Quilts, wall hangings, clothing, crocheted and embroidered items will be displayed. The Early Rod Run will be this weekend in Atwood as well.
The **Kansas Water Authority** will conduct a **special meeting at 11 a.m. Wednesday** in the Kansas Water Office conference room, 901 S. Kansas in **Topeka**, to discuss the revitalization of the Kansas water planning and coordination process. Call 785-296-3185.
Youth Summer Bash 2003 will be at **6:30 p.m. Mountain Time Wednesday** at the Greeley County High School Gymnasium in **Tribune.** There will be music, drama, door prizes and a youth speaker. The event is sponsored by area churches.
The **Northwest Kansas Catbacker Club** and the Kansas State University Athletics Department and alumni association are having their annual **golf tournament, dinner and auction Thursday** at the Colby Country Club. The golf tournament will begin at **11 a.m. Central Time.** The social and cash bar will be at 6 p.m.; hors d’oeuvres will

Jones Fieldhouse. X-Pressos in the auditorium getting ready for guest night.
Saturday, May 24: X-Presso Guest Night 7 p.m. in the auditorium.
school lunch menu
Monday: Tacos, lettuce, tomato, cheese, potato square, cookie and milk. **Tuesday:** Barbecue rib sandwich, potatoes, vegetable, fruited Jell-o and milk. **Wednesday:** Macaroni and cheese with meat, mixed vegetables, hot rolls, fruit and milk. **Thursday:** Hot dogs, french fries, lettuce, pickle, onion, pork ‘n’ beans, ice cream and milk. **Friday:** Pizza, vegetable, cantaloupe and milk.
senior center menu
Monday: Smothered steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, bread and rosy pears. **Tuesday:** Liver and onions, green bean casserole, peaches, dinner roll and oatmeal/raisin cookie. **Wednesday:** Chicken fajita salad, strawberries/bananas, chips and blueberry coffee cake. **Thursday:** Ham, sweet potato casserole, peas, bread and cantaloupe. **Friday:** Meat loaf, pea salad, baked potato, bread and mixed fruit.
technical college
Monday: Freshmen orientation. **Tuesday:** Autotech advisory committee. **Thursday:** Graduation practice. **Friday:** Spring graduation 1:30 p.m. in the Max Jones Fieldhouse. Area board meeting 4 p.m.

be served; and the auction will start at 6:30. There is a charge for the tournament and hors d’oeuvres. **Call 785-462-6691 by Monday** for reservations.
Know Your Rights Seminar will be at **6:30 Central Time this Thursday and Thursday, May 22**, at the Colonial Steakhouse in Oakley. The seminar is to answer the question: With ever increasing government regulations to control terrorism, how can we protect our personal and religious freedoms?
The **Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging** training for volunteer health insurance counselors will begin at **9 a.m. Central Time Tuesday, July 8**, and will be on **Wednesday and Thursday, July 9 and 10**, in the Hays Country Kitchen Convention Center. Call 800-432-7422.
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.

obituaries

James Smith
James M. “Smitty” Smith, 79, a retired Goodland mortician and former city commissioner, died Tuesday, May 13, 2003, at Goodland Regional Medical Center, where he had been a patient for five days.
He was born Nov. 5, 1923, in McCook, Neb., the son of Sam and Yvonne (Woolard) Smith. The family moved to Goodland when he was an infant. He graduated from Sherman County High School in 1942.
Smith enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in December 1942 and served until March 1946. On April 7, 1946, he married Kay Sage in Goodland.
He went back to school in 1949, attending the Kansas City School of Mortuary Science for three years. He worked with his father-in-law, Lester Sage, and eventually became a partner in Sage & Smith Funeral Home.
Smith was a funeral director for 39 years before his retirement in 1986. In the 1950s and ’60s, he was instrumental in planting hundreds of the trees on the golf course helped lay the foundation for the club house.
Smith was a member of the Sugar Hills Country Club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Goodland Mason Lodge and the Elks Lodge. He served on the city commission for eight years, managed the first Kiwanis Youth Boxing Program and a member of the Goodland Volunteer Fire Department.
Smith was the co-founder of the Goodland High School Reunion and enjoyed golf, gardening, his grandchildren, bird watching, visiting with anyone, bowling and fly fishing.
Survivors include his wife; three children, Chris of Danville, Va., and Cindy and Jeff, both of Engelwood, Colo.; two sisters, Sally Michael of Brewster and Harriet Demaree of Goodland; and five grandchildren.
Preceding him in death were his parents; a brother, Bob; and a sister, Jolene Kear.
A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. this morning, Friday, May 16, 2003, at Bateman Funeral Home. His remains will be buried at Goodland Cemetery with a private family service.
Memorials may be made to the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter or the Goodland Regional Medical Center in care of the funeral home at Box 278, Goodland, Kan. 67735.
Kenneth Craig
E. Kenneth “Spud” Craig, 76, of Holton, a 1945 Sherman County High School graduate, died Monday, May 12, 2003, at his home.
He was born March 8, 1927, at Atwood, the son of Homer and Neva (Crabb) Craig. On June 1, 1952, he married Ruth Bontrager at Holton.
Craig was a Coast Guard veteran of World War II. He was co-owner of Craig’s IGA grocery in Holton for 30 years.
He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Holton, the Holton Masonic Lodge, the Arab Shrine Temple in Topeka and a life member of the Holton Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Holton American Legion.
Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Terry Horning of Holton; a sister, Mary Silver of Craig, Colo.; two brothers, Bill Craig of Holton and Jim Craig of Mobile, Ala.; and two grandchildren.
Craig was cremated, but a visitation was held from 7-8 p.m. Thursday at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. A private family inurnment will be held later at the Holton Cemetery.
Memorials may be made to the Holton Community Hospital Hospice in care of the funeral home at Fourth and Montana, Holton, Kan. 66436.

Riding lister, new family in area top news 100 years ago

By Evelyn Ward
Sherman County Historical Society
May 16, 1903: From Over the County — Muldrow News — D.W. Dillinger is taking it easy with a new riding lister, a plow, this spring.
A family by the name of Hart from Colorado Springs have settled on the place Dewey bought of J.P. Wells.
Grant News — Small grain is looking excellent considering the backward weather.
Some of the natives will put in over 100 acres of corn.
Cut worms are plentiful and may affect grain later on.
The festive grasshopper is out of shell and is confining his monstrous appetite to the native grass, patiently awaiting the corn’s appearance.
Portions of Grant Township were visited by a light rain and hail storm. The hail were large but scattering and did but little damage. As the

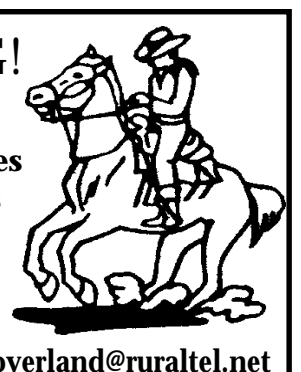
storm approached from the south, the cloud took on the appearance of a tornado, assumed a whirling motion, portions of the cloud almost dipping to the earth but arose and gradually dispersed.
May 17, 1903: Ad: Goodland Percheron Horse Company — We have bought the imported stallion, Montgaudy, of McLaughlin Bros. Kansas City, Mo., through their agent. This stallion was approved by the French government as a breeder. He was also a gold medal in the “Perch” in France.
This company can be congratulated in securing as good a horse as there is in Kansas. Nine of the best farmers of Sherman County now own this famous stallion. Montgaudy will make the season of 1903 at Bradley’s Corral.
May 18, 1903: Carl Moore, that

seven year old who won fame last year by giving chase and killing an old wolf with his boots, is on deck again. This time the old wolf, seeing her doom as the eight year old wielded his boots, ran into a hole in the ground and took most of the lad’s duds to stop up the hole to keep her in until he got help to spade her out.
She proved to be giving suck to six young, which aroused new ambitions, and four days later, he needed help again to dig in the same vicinity and six hungry little ones were successfully secured.
May 19, 1903: Firemen Will

Show Them — The Brotherhood of Locomotive Fireman, which will give its 11th annual ball at the opera house June 17, is going to surpass, its members say, all previous efforts of this kind ever made in Goodland.
Electric fans and electric lights will keep the hall cool and full of light. Bunting will encircle the massive pillars, large rosettes of colored paper will beautify the ceiling and plate-glass mirrors will line the walls while the perfume of flowers will pervade the atmosphere.
The firemen say this is no dream, and the lovers of the dance are hoping it will not be. The electricity will be wired from the city water works, where will be installed two dyna-

mos used on big locomotives. Steam will be taken from the boilers at the water works to propel the dynamos. The electric fans will produce a frosty atmosphere, and though it be the month of June, there will be no need of ice cream or low neck dresses.
The firemen purpose to rake in the laurel wreath on this occasion and set a precedent for years to come. (Historic note — Goodland did not have a power plant until 1906.)
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