

# Ladies of the Round Table secured lecture series

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**September 12,1903:** Ladies Of Round Table Club Secure Noted Lecture Course — Concert Companies, Entertainers and Readers — Series of Five engagements, First of Which Comes Off October 5 — Course Costs Over \$350 — The series of entertainments are popularly known as a lecture course, but as that name scares a good many people who nevertheless would like to be touched or even lifted with the power of art, the ladies are anxious to have it known that the class of men and women who are to make Goodland in this course are drawing cards in the largest towns and the cites of the states.  
Owing to the high price these entertainers receive, which calls for a large support in the towns they visit, this is the first year the lecture course has been tackled in

**today in history**  
Goodland.  
But trusting upon the loyalty and the entertainment-going people of the town, the Round Table club has contracted to receive a series of five entertainments for which they agree to pay about \$350.  
Considerable long figuring is being done and a good deal of energy being expended to see that the first number of the course is made a success, and after that the club has no fears as to the patronage of the rest of the program.  
The first event of the course comes off October 5. Montaville Flowers will fill that date. He is a reader, lecturer and entertainer.  
Men are generally paid what they are worth, no more, and with this information in hand it is an inside hint to the public to say that Mr. Flowers will get \$70 for his appearance in Goodland.  
This is a recommendation people pay attention to. Byron King, who has lectured in Goodland twice and both times largely attended and well received, is only a \$50 man.  
In order to come out, even the ladies of the club say they will have to charge 50 cents admission. That is the price charged in all of the towns for the same class of attractions. However, to those who will take a season ticket a rate of \$2 for the five entertainments will be made.  
The five attractions in the order they will appear in Goodland are as follows: first, Montaville Flowers; second, Arion Male Quartette;

third, Phil Hunter, the wizard; fourth, Ralph Parlette; fifth, Tyrolean Yodelers and Concert company of Bavaria.  
**September 13, 1903:** Sparks From Engine Started Fire Which Could Not be Controlled — Two stacks of wheat were burned on the Hiram Busboom place about three miles southeast of Goodland.  
Mr. Bienhoff and crew had just set their outfit to thresh wheat belonging to Kent and Starr, when a spark from the engine set a stack of wheat afire.  
The wind was blowing hard and the separator was with difficulty saved. A heavy rope was rigged, and the machine was pulled away from the stack.  
**September 14, 1903:** Big Cannon Passes Through — Enroute for San Francisco for the Battleship Ohio — A freight car in the Rock Island yards here had three rifled

cannons as a load, billed to San Francisco, Calif., for the United States Steamship Ohio.  
They were six-inch rifled guns, breach loading, were 30 feet long and weighed about ten tons each, beside their mountings. They were consigned to the Union Iron Works at San Francisco. Battleships are named after states and second and third class naval vessels and cruisers after cities.  
**September 15,1903:** Fight Of Cattlemen Against The Proposed Freight Rate Won — The Kansas railroads will not increase the freight rate on livestock. At a hearing before the board of railroad commissioners, the attorney for the Rock Island announced that the proposed increase in rates would not be put into effect.  
He said in explanation that the men had concluded after the hearing that the rates are as high now as

the business will permit. He declared, however, that an increase may be made later, when it is thought conditions will justify.  
It is the opinion of a good many stockmen that the railroads did not want to show their hand in this contest. They were said to be a little afraid that the oppositions would unearth something for their side that would not put the railroads in a popular light.  
The freight rates are about as high as they can be pushed with success, and any further advances will be met with hard opposition and possible agitation for reform of laws controlling the rights of the railroads.  
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# September is National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

September is National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. In 2002, an estimated 22 million Americans suffered from substance dependence or abuse due to drugs, alcohol or both, according to the newest results of the Household Survey released earlier this week by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in the Department of Health and Human Services.  
There were 19.5 million Americans, 8.3 percent of the population ages 12 or older, who currently used illicit drugs, 54 million who participated in binge drinking in the previous 30 days and 15.9 million who were heavy drinkers.  
The report highlights that 7.7 million people, 3.3 percent of the total population ages 12 and older, needed treatment for a diagnosable drug problem; and 18.6 million, 7.9 per cent of the population, needed treatment for a serious alcohol problem.  
Only 1.4 million received specialized substance abuse treatment



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Tommy G. Thompson said.  
We need to enact President Bush's Access to Recovery Program to provide treatment to those who seek to recover from addiction and move on to a better life. That is what Recovery Month is all about.  
The new 2002 Household Survey has been renamed the National Survey on Drug Use and Health. The survey creates a new baseline with many improvements.  
The annual survey of approximately 70,000 people was released as part of the kick-off for the 14th annual National Drug and Alcohol Addiction Recovery Month (Recovery Month) observance.  
John Walters, White House Director of National Drug Control Policy, pointed out that a denial gap of over 94 percent is intolerable.  
People need to understand the

addictive nature of drugs and not presume that they are 'all right' when everyone around them knows better.  
Families and friends need to urge their loved ones to seek treatment when they experience the toll that addiction takes on loved ones and communities.  
The 2002 survey found that marijuana is the most commonly used illicit drug, used by 14.6 million Americans. About one third, 4.8 million, used it on 20 or more days in the past month.  
There was a decline in the number of adolescents under age 18 initiating use of marijuana between 2000 and 2001, according to the 2002 survey. There were 1.7 million youthful new users in 2001, down from 2.1 million in 2000.  
The percentage of youth ages 12-17 who had ever used marijuana declined slightly from 2001 to 2002, from 21.9 percent to 20.6 percent. Most youngsters 12-17 reported that the last marijuana they used was obtained without paying, usually from friends.  
"Prevention is the key to stopping another generation from abusing drugs and alcohol," Substance

Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Administrator Charles G. Curie said.  
"It is gratifying to see that fewer adolescents under age 18 are using marijuana. Now, we need to step up our prevention activities to drive the numbers down further."  
The survey found that 30 percent of the population 12 and older, 71.5 million people, use tobacco. Most of them smoke cigarettes. But, the number of new daily smokers decreased from 2.1 million per year in 1998 to 1.4 million in 2001. Among youth under age 18, the decline was from 1.1 million per year in each year between 1997 and 2000 to 757,000 in 2001.  
This is a decrease from about 3,000 new youth smokers per day to 2,000 per day.  
In 2002, there were 2 million persons who currently used cocaine, 567,000 of whom used crack. Hallucinogens were used by 1.2 million people, including 676,000 who used Ecstasy. There were 166,000 current heroin users. Among youngsters 12-17, inhalant use was higher than use of cocaine.  
The second most popular category of drug use after marijuana is


the non-medical use of prescription drugs. An estimated 6.2 million people, 2.6 percent of the population ages 12 or older, were current users of prescription drugs taken non-medically.  
Of these, an estimated 4.4 million used narcotic pain relievers, 1.8 million used anti-anxiety medications (also known as tranquilizers), 1.2 million used stimulants and 0.4 million used sedatives.  
The survey estimates that 1.9 million persons ages 12 or older used OxyContin, a narcotic drug prescribed for pain relief, non-medically at least once in their lifetime.  
Current illicit drug use is highest among young adults 18 to 25 years old, with over 20 percent using drugs. Youth ages 12-17 also are significant users, with 11.6 percent currently using illicit drugs.  
Among adults ages 26 and older, 5.8 percent reported current drug use. There were also 9.5 million full-time workers, 8.2 percent, who used illicit drugs in 2002.  
Of the 16.6 million illicit drug users ages 18 or older in 2002, 12.4 million were employed either full or part time.

# Director has plans for activities center

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find out what the seniors are interested in.  
Other ideas, she said, are a more structured after-school program, personal training for women and a dance class for couples.  
But Trachsel isn't just rushing into anything.  
"You have to research it," she said, "make sure you do it right."  
The center raised \$3,000 at its second annual night golf tournament last weekend, she said, and another event like that would bring in more. One she is considering is a Mid America Youth Basketball tournament.  
Trachsel said she is trying to plan a 3-on-3 basketball tournament for the Flatlander Festival. She said she is hoping she still has time to pull it off.  
Besides planning events and coming up with new programs, Trachsel is dealing with the need for repairs to the center. The dance floor has been there a long time and needs

to be replaced, she said, and vandalism has required more repairs.  
Trachsel said the dancers are planning fund-raisers to pay for the work, but she finds the vandalism frustrating. Someone put marbles in a paint gun, she said, and shot them through three double-paned windows. Now all three windows need to be replaced by winter, and that will cost over \$2,000.  
If not for the vandalism, she said, that money could be put toward the lap pool. And there was no reason to do it, she said.  
And there has also been vandalism to the whirlpools and saunas, which is expensive to clean up. She said she wishes the vandals had more appreciation for the facility than that.  
Trachsel said her offer to be interim director was well-timed.  
"I was ready to leave my previous job," she said.  
But that's not because she didn't like it. Trachsel was a tax preparer at Kennedy and Coe for 14 years and 15 tax seasons.

It was a wonderful place to work, she said, and they were wonderful people to work with, so it was very hard to leave.  
"I have a lot of respect for the firm," she said, "and the people there."  
But Trachsel, whose husband Cleve farms northeast of Goodland, said she was ready to spend more time at home with her three sons and more time working with children.  
"I feel I am a creative person," she said. "I like to plan events. I am a people person."  
Trachsel said she appreciates her administrative assistant, Verla Terry (no relation to Donna), who has worked at the center since it opened in 1985. She knows just about everything about this place, Trachsel said.  
Current programs at the center are flag football for grades 1-6, volleyball for grades 3-6, taekwondo for ages 5-adult, dance classes for ages 3-adult, basketball for grades 3-6, soccer for age 4-sixth grade and yoga and aerobics in the morning.



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