

birthday

Dorothy Heiny will be celebrating her 93rd birthday Saturday, Nov. 22, 2003. A card shower has been requested for her. Send cards to her at Wheatridge Acres, 707 Wheatridge Circle, #110, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

military news

Veronica and Chris Hooten, daughter and son-in-law of Judy Morris of Goodland, are both serving in the Army in Iraq. Cards or letters can be sent to her at SSG Hooten-Veronica, 534th SIG. Co./124 SIG. BN, Unit 92637, APO AE09323-2637. Cards or letters can be sent to him at SGT Hooten-Chris, CTRP, 1/3ACR, Unit 91460, APO AE09320-1460.

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 Holiday Home Tour, hosted by the Goodland Arts Council will be from 1 to 4 p.m. on **Sunday, Dec. 7**. Featured homes are Darwin and Nita McClung, Marty and Kathy Melia, Jack and Marilyn Eklund and Wheat Ridge Acres. Tickets are available at Carnegie Arts Center, Klip "N" Kurl, Total Look or from any board member. Refreshments and Open House at Carnegie Arts Center during the Tour.

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**. "Shades of Gray: Views of Nature and Technology," photography by Robert Lindholm paired with the writings of Charles Lindbergh, will be on display from Nov. 2-30.

The **Goodland Public Library** will have **story time** for 4 and 5-year-olds from 10-10:45 a.m. **Wednesdays** and from 11-11:45 a.m. **Thursdays**. Story time for 3-year-olds will be from 10-10:45 a.m. **Thursdays**. **Born to Read** for children birth to age 3 will be at 10 a.m. **Fridays**.

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 - 7:30 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 890-7242.

TOPS Meetings - Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at 5:30 p.m. **Mondays** at North Elementary

the calendar

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Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner Sunday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Goodland Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 12th and Sherman. An offering will be accepted. Carryover will be available.

There will be a **Thanksgiving service** at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 10 a.m. Offerings are food for Genesis.

Sherman County Economic Development will meet be at 5:30 p.m. **Today** at Western State Bank.

The Sherman Theatre will be having **holiday matinees at 1:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays** "Big Fat Liar" will be shown this week; "The Wild Thornberrys" will be shown Nov. 29 and 30; "Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over" will be shown Dec. 6 and 7 — admission will be a toy, food or \$1 donation to Genesis; "Ice Age" will be shown Dec. 13 and 14; "How

the Grinch Stole Christmas" will be shown Dec. 20 and 21. All the shows are rated PG.

Registration and team fees for the city/county recreation men's basketball league are due **Saturday**, at the Goodland Activities Center. The league will have games after 8 p.m. **Wednesday** and **Thursday** evenings Dec. 3-March 4 at the high school gym.

SHARE sign up for the December distribution of food will be until **Monday, Dec. 8**, at the Sherman County Health Department, Harvest America, the Regional Prevention Center or the Kanorado Senior Center. **Pick up** will be **Saturday** for the November distribution.

Registration and fees for the Goodland Activities Center boys wrestling program are due **Sunday** at the center. Boys age four through sixth grade are eligible and will wrestle 5:30-6:30 Mondays Dec. 1-Dec. 22.

School. Weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Sherman County is seeking mentors and children to mentor. Call 899-3665.

Alcoholics Anonymous S.O.S. Group meets at **noon Tuesday and Thursday at 8 p.m. Wednesday and 7 p.m. Friday** at the First Christian Church, Eighth and Arcade. The group also meets at 7 p.m. **Monday** in the cafeteria in the basement at the Kit Carson County Hospital in Burlington. Call Pamela at 719-346-7711, Laura at 785-890-5417 or Dave at 890-2858.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. **Monday-Thursday and Saturday** at 1013 Center. Saturday is an open meeting with Al-Anon, families of alcoholics, meeting in the same room. **Al-Anon also meets at 8 p.m. on Monday** in a different room. For Alcoholics Anonymous, call Rob at 890-3023 or Linda at 399-2353. For Al-Anon, call Cheryl at 890-3023.

Fibromyalgia and Chronic Myofascial Pain Support Group meets from 6:30-8:30 p.m. the **third Wednesday** of every month in the Emergency Medical Services building, 257 15th St., in Burlington. Call Debbie at 719-346-4612.

Goodland Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) meets from 6:30-8 p.m. on the **first Monday of the month** at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 220 W. 13th.

area events

The **Northwest Kansas Cattleman's Seminar** will be 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. **Central Time Today** at the Rawlins County Fairgrounds in Atwood.

A Pray for Rain meeting will be held from 3-6 p.m. **Central Time Saturday**, at the 4-H building in Colby. Those who have drought in their area and are able to attend are asked to send a card or letter with

their name, address and phone number and bring a scripture, comments and a prayer. Those who are not able to attend can send a card to represent their area. Mail to Pray for Rain, Box 275, Brewster, Kan. 67732. Call 785-694-2671.

La Leche League of Northwest Kansas announces the Fall series of informal evening and morning meetings on Breastfeeding Your Baby at the First Presbyterian Church nursery, 515 West 4th Street HWY 24, Colby, at 7:30 p.m. **Central Time on Thursday, and 10 a.m. on Saturday**. Why and How to Breastfeed will be at 7:30 p.m. **Central Time on Dec. 18**, and Nutrition and Weaning at 10 a.m. **on Dec. 20**. All interested mothers-to-be, mothers with nursing babies, and their partners/ support people are invited to attend one or both monthly meetings. Call 785-462-7188 or 785-675-3504 for breastfeeding information, to rent or buy a breastpump.

Get into the spirit of Christmas! Join the Ellis County Historical Society Museum "Winter Wonderland" Christmas Open House is 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. **on Friday, Dec. 5 and Saturday, Dec. 6** There will be free admission to the museum, live Christmas music, hayrack rides, door prizes, refreshments and more. We will be open after the Frost Fest parade on Sunday, Dec. 7.

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**.

Today: Scheduled appoint-

school activities

Wednesday: "Gold Day," Little Brothers/Little Sisters in Mrs. Short's room at 3:30 p.m..

Thursday: "Black Day", Seminar is Stuco and GRACE, 3rd grade music program in the auditorium at 7 p.m. **Friday:** "Gold Day."

school menu

Wednesday: Chili, pickle spear, cinnamon roll, peaches and milk. **Thursday:** Macaroni and cheese, peas, rolls, frosted apple and milk. **Friday:** Cook's choice.

senior center menu

Wednesday: pasta, beef and tomato casserole, carrot and raisin salad, banana, garlic bread and pudding cup. **Thursday:** Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, cinnamon apple slices, bread and birthday cake. **Friday:** Chicken fajita salad, breaded tomatoes, chips and pineapple with cottage cheese.

Wednesday: WIC in Sharon Springs. Scheduled appointments. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for voucher pickup. **Thursday:** WIC in Goodland. Scheduled appointments. 9:30 a.m. is blood pressure checks at Handy Towers. **Friday:** Cholesterol clinic. Call 899-4888 for an appointment.

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. 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.

hospital volunteers

Today: Bonnie Daily, a.m.; Beulah McClung, p.m. **Wednesday:** Chet Ross, p.m. **Thursday:** Jessie Owens a.m. **Friday:** Fern Hawks a.m.

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 Ser-

obituaries

Ronald Joseph Billinger

Ronald Joseph Billinger, 63, Hays, husband of former Goodland resident Mary White, died Sunday, Nov. 16, 2003, at the Hays Medical Center.

Billinger was born June 30, 1940, at St. Peter, Kan., to Michael Joseph and Kathryn (Sauer) Billinger. He was a butcher and a farm worker and a member of the St. Anthony's Catholic Church in St. Peter. He attended the Catholic school in St. Peter and was a member of a coin club.

He married Brenda Finucane on Feb. 13, 1965, at Joliet, Ill., and married Mary White on Oct. 4, 2003, at Hays.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Michael of Hays; four daughters, Mary Kathryn (Christopher) Copeland of Hays, Maureen Billinger of Chicago, Monica Billinger of Hays, and Torie Richmond of Stockton; a stepdaughter, Jenna Gray of Salina; a stepson, Jesen (Becca) Gray of Colby; his mother, Kathryn Pierce, Ellis; three brothers, Jerry of Surprise, Ariz., Rich of Overland Park and Stan of Great Bend; a sister, Erlena Wheeler of Rose Hill; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Carmelita and Sophia Billinger.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. **Central Time, Saturday, Nov. 22**, at the church in St. Peter, with burial in the church cemetery.

A family prayer service will be at 6:30 p.m. **Tuesday** at the Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home, 20th and Pine. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. on **Tuesday**.

Memorials have been established with the Inpatient Oncology Unit or the Freiling-Schmidt Cancer Center at the Hays Medical Center, 2220 Canterbury Dr., Hays.

Loren M. Elrod

Loren M. Elrod, 87, Albuquerque, a former Goodland resident and sister of Glennis G. Pittman and Vernice M. Leslie of Goodland,

died Friday, Oct. 24, 2003.

She moved to Albuquerque from Kansas in 1952. She was involved with Child Evangelism Fellowship of New Mexico, and was a charter member of Foothills Fellowship Church, where she taught Sunday School until she was 82. Mrs. Elrod helped to organize and actively involved with the Hoffmantown Neighborhood Association.

She also is survived by a son, Warren R. (Cheryl) Elrod, Dallas; three daughters, Karen J. (Sam) Pedersen of Quito, Ecuador; Carol R. (Dan) McCann of Carrollton, Texas; and Linda (Tim) Oswald of Albuquerque; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jesse C. and Olga (Schmitt) Gowin, and her husband of 54 years, Warren V. Elrod; and a brother, Royce Gowin.

Services were at 1 p.m. on **Monday, Oct. 27, 2003**, at the French Mortuary Wyoming Boulevard Chapel, with Pastor Rob Kurz officiating. Interment was at Sunset Memorial Park.

Visitation was held at the mortuary the previous evening.

Contributions may be made to HCJB World Radio, Box 39800, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80949-9800 or the Child Evangelism Fellowship of New Mexico, 4900 Hilton NE, Albuquerque, N.M. 87110.

Ryan Christopher Aday

Ryan Christopher Aday, 23, grandson of Opal Ihrig and nephew of Ardy Showalter of Goodland, died on Friday, Nov. 14, 2003, after a long and hard battle with cancer at his home in Williamsburg, Va.

He was born in Lawrence on March 18, 1976, the son of David and Sheryl (Ihrig) Aday.

He is survived by his fiancée, Molly McCarthy, his parents, brother Derek, nephew Conner, and cousin Scott Showalter of Goodland.

Funeral arrangements pending with the Nelsen Mortuary in Williamsburg.

vice 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.

blue star flag

The Goodland Elks Lodge is seeking information about active service men and women from the area for its second Blue Star Flag Program.

The lodge plans to honor their families at a ceremony Sunday, Dec. 7. Send the name, branch of service, rank, current base or ship and relationship of the service person to family to be honored to Zona Price, Goodland Elks, Box 146, Goodland, Kan. 67735. Call Price at 899-6251.

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. Call Jo Ann Wahrman at 899-3277 or Floriene Whisnant at 899-2412.

Internet tonight! 899-2338

New wheat varieties adapted for western Kansas weather

By Evelyn Ward

Sherman County Historical Society
Nov. 18, 1903: DURUM OR MACARONI WHEAT — Variety of Wheat Adapted to Heat and Drought — Ripens Earlier Than Other Varieties — Is Proof Against Rust and Smut — Durum, or Macaroni wheats, of which there are ten or more distinct varieties will succeed in western Kansas with a certainty. They are especially adapted to regions of intense heat and drought. They require a soil rich in potash, phosphates and lime succeeding best on soils slightly alkaline. It grows tall and stands up well, with broad and smooth leaves with a peculiar whitish-green color and an extremely harsh cuticle. The heads are compact, sometimes short and thick, and are always bearded with the longest beards known among wheats. In east and south

today in history

Russia, where these wheats are extensively grown, the climate resembles that of western Kansas. The average rainfall is lower even than that in western Kansas, and falls in the growing season in thunderstorms, with absence of fog or mist, and intervening clearness and dryness of the atmosphere and intense summer heat. With nearly three inches less rainfall than western Kansas, the entire semiarid Volga region is one of the principal wheat producing sections of Russia.

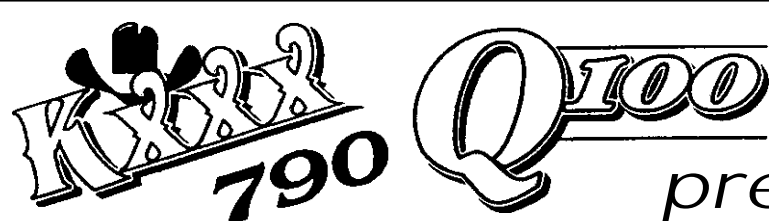
Nov. 19, 1903: Severest Blizzard in History — Seventeen years ago this week, perhaps the severest blizzard in the history of western Kansas, raged over this country November 16, 17 and 18, 1886. There was

intense suffering of man and brute wherever exposed to the storm. It does not pay to try to winter stock unless you have food and shelter. The cattlemen who take the best care of their stock get the highest prices, have the thriest cattle, and live free from the financial anxiety and hardheartedness incident to the cruel exposure of the brute creation. The weather is severe now and cattle should be properly housed and fed.

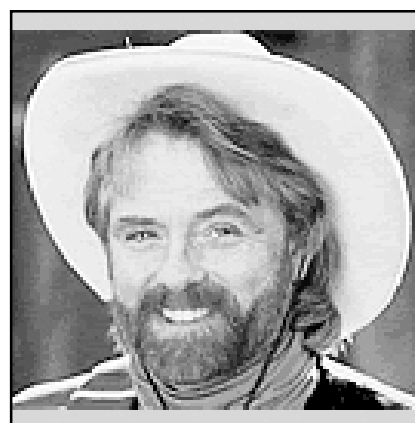
Nov. 20, 1903: District Court — Judge Smith called for the trial of the cases as recorded on the docket. The case of C.O. Miller vs. L.M. Miller, action for damages, was begun, and after the introduction of some evidence, the matter was temporarily postponed by agreement of

the attorneys interested. The action for damage brought by Charles Ruckdashel against the Kansas State Mutual Hail association was tried by jury trial, resulting in a verdict for defendants. The Barnett-Rule case, foreclosure of mortgage, attracted considerable attention and was heard by jury, the jury returning a verdict for the defendant. Rule. Several tax deed suits will be

brought up for trial at this session. A good many tax deeds have been issued on land in this county, and some of them will be brought to court to test their validity. The suit of J.B. Moore vs. L.A. Golden, an action brought by plaintiff to set aside a tax deed, was decided by Judge Smith in favor of the plaintiff. The deed itself was held to be invalid.



Michael Martin Murphey Cowboy Christmas Concert



Wednesday, November 19th
7:00 p.m. ~ Colby Community Building
Pick up tickets at the KXXX/Q100 Offices.
\$15 per ticket

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