

## patient news

**Elmer and Viola Jacobs** have appreciated the prayers, cards and calls during her illness and would like the prayers and cards to continue. Send cards to her at St. Francis Hospital, Select Specialty Care, 1700 S.W. Seventh St., Room 809, Topeka, Kan. 66606.

## 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 aero-

## the calendar

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**The Sherman Theatre** will be having **holiday matinees at 1:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays** "The Wild Thornberrys" will be shown this week; "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.

The Goodland Public Library will be offering the **"Food for Fines" program during December**. Any patron with an outstanding fine may bring in food for Genesis in exchange for the fine. Genesis needs Jell-o, pudding, cake mixes, cereal, pancake mix, peanut butter and canned goods.

**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, Dec. 20**, for the December distribution.

Jodi Tubbs of the **Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs** will be no traveling during December. The office in Colby will be closed from Dec. 8-Jan. 5. Her next visit to Goodland will be from **1-2:15**

**p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15**, in the Assembly Room on the third floor of the courthouse to help veterans and dependents with claims. If there is a situation that needs immediate attention, veterans may call the American Legion in Wichita at 800-827-1000, ext. 6814, or the Veterans of Foreign Wars at 800-827-1000, ext. 6801.

### school activities

**Monday:** Student of the week-family and consumer sciences.

**Tuesday:** Black day. Seminar — GAA and G-Club. Scholar bowl 3 p.m. at Tribune, dismiss 1:45, depart 2 p.m. Basketball scrimmage 6 p.m. in the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

**Wednesday:** Gold day. Seminar — School newspaper meeting. City/county recreation sports 7:30 p.m. in the Max Jones Fieldhouse and junior high gym.

**Thursday:** Black day. Seminar — STUCO and GRACE. Scholar bowl 3 p.m. at Atwood, dismiss 1:30 p.m., depart 1:45. NEA-G 6 a.m. in the ITV room. City/county recreation sports 7:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

**Friday, Dec. 5:** Gold day. Pep rally 11:05 a.m. JV-V wrestling 5:30 p.m. at Hoxie. JV-V basketball 5:30 p.m. at Imperial, dismiss 2, depart 2:15. Cheerleaders to Imperial, dismiss 2:30, depart 3

p.m. DECA dance decorating in the high school gym.

**Saturday, Dec. 6:** JV wrestling tournament 9 a.m. here. DECA dance 9 p.m.-12 a.m. in the high school gym. Varsity wrestling 8:30 a.m. at St. Francis.

### school menu

**Monday:** Burrito with cheese, lettuce, tomato, potato square, frosted banana and milk. **Tuesday:** Hoagie, potato salad, baked beans, pudding and milk. **Wednesday:** Lasagna, lettuce salad, bread stick, pears and milk. **Thursday:** Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, fruited Jell-o and milk. **Friday:** Grilled cheese sandwich, french fries, deviled eggs, 1/2 apple and milk.

### senior center menu

**Monday:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, bread and rosy pears. **Tuesday:** Chicken and rice casserole, winter mix vegetables, applesauce gelatin, rolls and pudding. **Wednesday:** Beef stew, 1/2 orange, biscuits or crackers and fruit cobbler. **Thursday:** Ham, scalloped potatoes, peas, bread and apricots. **Friday:** Taco salad, tropical fruit salad, chips and strawberry shortcake with topping.

## area events

The twenty-seventh annual **meeting of the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission and Pioneer Country Development, Inc.** will be held on **Wednesday evening, Dec. 3**, at the Elks Club in Hill City. Registration will begin at **6:30 p.m. Central Time** with dinner being served at 7:00 p.m. followed by the evening's speaker, Mike Bacon of Gothenburg, Neb. For reservations, contact Kathie Terry at the Northwest Kansas Planning Commission office at (785) 421-2151 or e mail nwkpcd@ruraltel.net by Monday.

Ken Lerman, a past Heinz, Pizza Hut and Taco Tico executive, will present a **one-day workshop from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Central Time Wed-**

nesday, Dec. 3, at the Wichita County Community Building in Leoti to help owners and managers grow their businesses with "Strategic Marketing in the New Economy." Advance registration is \$30; registration at the door is \$50. Registration and information are available from Sharla Krenzel at Wichita County Economic Development, Inc., 620-375-2182 or wced.gwbsnet.org.

**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.

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

**Monday:** Mazie Sutton, courtesy; D. Akers, p.m.; and Martha Gunderson, a.m. **Tuesday:** Anita Coleman, a.m., and Beulah McClung, p.m. **Wednesday:** Mary Schippert, a.m. **Thursday:** Mary Lou Franklin, a.m., and Patty Gensil, courtesy. **Friday:** Fern Heckman, a.m.

## obituaries

### James Leichliter

James J. Leichliter Jr., 63, Goodland, a retired railroad dispatcher, died Monday, Nov. 24, 2003, at his home.



Leichliter

He was born Jan. 26, 1940, in Norton, the son of James J. and Iris (Jones) Leichliter Sr. He grew up in Westminster, Colo., then moved to Goodland and graduated with the class of 1958. He attended college in Denver, Colby and Hays.

Leichliter married Verna Middleton, but they were later divorced. They lived in Westminster, where he worked at the hardware store, and later moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where he worked for the Rock Island Railroad as a clerk and a dispatcher. He returned to Goodland in 1983 and worked until he retired in 2002.

He served in the Marine Reserves from 1958-61. He was active in Boy Scouts and the Elks Lodge. He enjoyed his computer, reading, trap shooting and his pet dogs.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

Survivors include two daughters, Deborah (James) McClung of Kansas City, Kan., and Ruth (John) Parker of Des Moines; two sisters, Phyllis (Robert) Winslow of Long Island, Kan., and Jeanett (John) Cozadd of Goodland; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, 2003, at Bateman Funeral Home with burial to follow in Goodland Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 1-7 p.m. today, Friday, at the funeral home. Contributions may be made to the family memorial fund in care of the funeral home, Box 278, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

### Norma Pizel

Norma N. Pizel, 78, a former Sherman County homemaker, died Monday, Nov. 24, 2003, at her daughter's home in Wichita, where she had been living the last year and a half.

She was born Aug. 4, 1925, in Cheyenne County, the daughter of Christina (Walz) and Henry John Richers, and attended rural schools in Cheyenne County.

On April 11, 1944, she married Chester N. Pizel at Mineral Wells, Texas. The family farmed and made their home 14 miles north of Goodland until moving to Goodland in the early 1980s. Mrs. Pizel was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Goodland.

Preceding her in death were her husband on Sept. 1, 2000, and a son-in-law, Carlos Craig.

Survivors include a son, Eugene Pizel of Dallas; a daughter, Brenda Craig of Wichita; three sisters, Elvera Neitzel of St. Francis, Arlene (Don) Bruder of Bird City and Viola Wright of Fort Morgan, Colo.; a brother, Elmer Richers of Golden, Colo.; two step-grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 1, 2003, at the church with Pastor Scott Grimshaw officiating. Burial will follow in the Goodland Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Sunday at Koons Chapel in Goodland and before the service Monday at the church.

Memorials may be made to the church in care of the funeral home at 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.

# Man spun yarn about unusual game of betting on flies

By Evelyn Ward

*Sherman County Historical Society*  
**November 28, 1903:** (Printed in the Goodland News — From the St. Joseph Gazette) — Rainmaker Town Liar Puts All in Shade — "Fly Lit," He Said, "Originated in Goodland and Spread All Over Kansas — Pride is a funny thing. It is likely to be particularly funny when it is local pride.

It was a miscellaneous group at the depot last night. Those who composed it had gathered around one of the radiators and were spinning yarns to beguile the time until the late trains.

After listening to several, a man from Goodland snarled, "You fellows are setting in here to brag about your towns. Mine ain't much. I never claimed it was. If you get the breeze that we get in Kansas with a lot of sand and railroad shop smoke, you wouldn't be so much stuck on wind.

"We don't amount to anything. We don't raise anything but a little wheat and corn. All we've got in our town is railroad shops, and there are bigger ones anywhere you'd happen to name.

"The 'pops' still carry the county. But we've got something to be proud of I'll tell you that. Goodland is the home, the birthplace, of the laziest, triflingest, utterly queerest gamblin' game that ever existed under the sun.

## today in history

"Fly Lit," never heard of it, did you? 'Fly Lit' was born and raised there. It will always be played there and everywhere else in the short grass. I'm givin' it to you straight.

"There is a game by that name, and it was raised right in that town. It's spread all over the state now. Four or five loafers get out on the sunny side of the depot and lay down by the side of a box and spread out a penny or a nickel or something apiece. Then they just lay there 'till a fly comes along and lights on one of them pennies or nickels and the one that owns it, pulls in the pile.

"Funny thing about the origination of that game. It was back in the '90's and awful dry. Goodland was only a little place then. The country all dried up, and the farmers hadn't nothin' to do and so they came and pitched horse shoes and played checkers.

"Well, one day an old chap that kept a general store was sittin' playin' checkers with a farmer, and the wind was blowin' up the street and bringing a carload of dirt every whiff. They finally got tired of checkers, and they laid back in their chairs and didn't even pick up the pennies on the corner that they had put just to make things interestin'.

"They were sittin' there half asleep and wonderin' if it was ever

goin' to rain west of the Missouri river, when a fly comes along and buzzes around over the board for awhile.

"Then the old storekeeper says 'I'll bet you that fly lights on my money first.' And the farmer said, 'I'll bet you my penny he lights on mine.'

Well, he lit on the storekeeper's copper first because he had sugar on his hand when he was handlin' it, and he raked in both and the game was born Well, those fellows and few others played 'fly lit' for a long time and then the cowboys got to playin' it and pretty soon much of everybody in Kansas got to playin' it."

**November 29, 1903:** Rock Island Pays Taxes — The Rock Island paid its tax on the company's property in Sherman county to the county treasurer last week, the amount \$12,631.87. The assessed valuation of their holdings in this county was \$309,630, which besides the road bed, includes the shops, round house, buildings of all kinds and the rolling stock kept on this division.

**November 30, 1903:** A Cure for

Scarlet Fever — I have a valuable recipe, one I have tried in my own family, and know it to be a sure cure for scarlet fever.

The following is the recipe: sulfate of zinc, 1 grain; foxglove (digitalis), 1 grain; 1/2 teaspoonful of sugar mixed with 2 teaspoonfuls of water; when well mixed add 4 ounces of water; take a teaspoonful every hour, for a child a smaller dose according to age. Either small pox or scarlet fever will disappear in 12 hours; it is also a preventative given every hour. J.A. Shirley

Pack of Eleven Wolves Down a Big Yearling Steer on Albert Robidoux's Ranch — A steer on the ranch of Albert Robidoux, on the Smoky at the boundary between Wallace and Logan counties, was killed by a pack of eleven wolves.

When Robidoux had discovered that they were preying upon something in a gulch not a great ways from his house, he went after them with a gun, and as he came up, six out of the pack of eleven still gnawed at the flesh of the steer until he was within 100 yards of the carcass.

He says the wolves have become so bold they go in packs of ten or a dozen and when very hungry will

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## China Gardens

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## Internet tonight!

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