

announcement

**Goodland Regional Medical Center** is not allowing any children 12 and under to visit patients at this time because of the flu epidemic. All visitors are to report to the nurses' station prior to visiting any patient. Hospital officials encourage everyone not having a need to make visits at this time to postpone their visits.

Hospital officials want to do their best to protect patients who do not already have the flu, as well as those who come into the medical center, and would appreciate everyone's cooperation.

patient news

**Eugene Elliott** is in the hospital for cancer treatments. Send cards to him at Hays Medical Center, Room 324, 2220 Canterbury Dr., Hays, Kan. 67601.

**Jan Zwetzig**, columnist for *The Goodland Star-News*, arrived home Wednesday evening after two months of recuperating from an injury. Send cards and news to her at 416 E. 10th, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

business news

**Grass Roots Lawn Service**, 1901 Cherry, recently added the Snapper line of lawn and garden equipment to its store. The store will carry riding lawn mowers, lawn and garden tractors, zero-turn mowers, chipper/shredders, tillers, leaf blowers, lawn vacuums and snow throwers.

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**

the calendar

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**The Sherman Theatre** will be having **holiday matinees at 1:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays** "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" will be shown this weekend. It is 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.

**Grant Junior High** is now **selling candy at half price**. Stop by the junior high office or call 899-7561.

**The Peer Counselors at Goodland High School** are sponsoring a **stuffed animal drive**. The animals will go to Goodland Regional Medical Center for children who come into the hospital. Clean, new or used stuffed animals can be dropped off at First National Bank, People's State Bank, Bankwest of Kansas, Western State Bank and Goodland High School **until Feb. 1**.

**Hunter education course** will

be from **6-9 p.m. Saturday-Tuesday**, at the National Guard Armory. Call Troy Mannis at 890-3380, Bob Juleson at 821-1207 or Mike Hopper at 899-5199 to pre-register by Friday. Students under 12 must be accompanied by an adult, and students must attend all four days. There is no charge.

The **Goodland Public Library** will be **closed Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 24 and 25**, for Christmas. The library will **close at 3 p.m. on New Year's Eve and will be closed on New Year's Day**. The library will be open regular hours during the rest of December.

**The Goodland After-5 Club**, associated with the Christian Business and Professional Women, will have its **"A New Story Begins" dinner party from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12**, at the Butterfly Café at Renner Field. The speaker will be Judy Anderson of Wichita, and Karen Gillihan of Goodland will give a special feature. There is a charge for the meal. Call Lori Titus at 899-3828 or Carol Tupper at 890-5955 for reservations.

Jodi Tubbs of the **Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs** will no be 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 menu

**Wednesday:** Ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, dinner rolls, Christmas dessert and milk. **Thursday:** Chicken nuggets, tator tots, peas, dessert and milk. **Friday:** Cooks' choice.

senior center menu

**Wednesday:** Hamburger steak, hash brown casserole, spinach salad, bread and peaches. **Thursday:** Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, rosy pears, bread and cake. **Friday:** Chili, five-cup salad, crackers and cinnamon roll.

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 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 at **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 **Bird City Immanuel Lutheran Church** will be decorating sidewalks around the church with **luminaries for Christmas**. Each luminary will have the name of a soldier killed in Iraq, and they will be displayed from **6-9 p.m. Central Time** each evening from **Thursday, Dec. 18-Wednesday, Dec. 24**.

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.

**Monday:** Scheduled appointments. **Tuesday:** Scheduled appointments. **Wednesday:** WIC at St. Francis. Scheduled appointments. Voucher pickup 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **Thursday:** WIC in Goodland. Scheduled appointments. Blood pressures 9:30 a.m. at Sparks 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. Call 899-4888.

hospital volunteers

**Wednesday:** Chet Ross, p.m. **Thursday:** J. Owens, a.m. **Friday:** Fern Hawks, a.m.

obituaries

Helen Brimer

Helen D. Brimer, 89, Goodland, a homemaker, died Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, at Goodland Regional Medical Center.

She was born Nov. 8, 1914, at Haddam, the daughter of Nettie (Smith) and Lester Larabee. In 1917, her mother died, and she was raised by her father, step-mother and sisters.

She graduated from Belleville High School and then worked at a Manhattan cleaning company for five years.

On Sept. 28, 1940, she married George Brimer at Alma. They moved often with the Rock Island Railroad, finally settling in Goodland in 1953.

Brimer served funeral dinners, was president of her Extension Homeclub, served as chair of the tuberculosis mobile unit, led a Girl Scout troop, raised orchids to make

corsages for weddings and celebrations and grew flowers in her yard. After George's retirement, the couple enjoyed traveling in their trailer and fishing.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her step-mother, Edna, five sisters and two brothers.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Nancy (Rudy) Zimbelman of Goodland; two granddaughters; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003, at Koons Chapel with the Rev. Janet Hernandez officiating.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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

George and Donna Gustin

Donna (Connelly) Gustin, 71, died Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003, and her husband George Gustin, 76, died Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, both at Hutchinson.

He was born April 21, 1927, at rural Almena, near Norton, the son of Fred Lambert and Anna Ondrasek Gustin. She was born July 8, 1932, in Sherman County, the daughter of William T. and Hazel Harper Connolly.

Donna graduated from Sherman County High School in 1950 and attended nursing school in Garden City. He graduated from Norton High School. They married Dec. 29, 1957, in Weskan.

She was a registered nurse and had been residential program coordinator at Dynamic Dimensions Inc. in Burlington before she retired. He was a salesman for the former Sim Hudson Motor Co. and later Vince's Chevrolet of Burlington before retiring.

The couple had moved to Hutchinson recently to be near their daughter. They were members of the First Church of God in Hutchinson. He had served in the Army.

Preceding them in death were her parents; three of his brothers, Maurice, Byron and Charles Darrell Gustin; and his sister, Vivian Gustin.

Survivors include a son, Brian

(Marcia) Gustin of Colby; a daughter, Kay (John) Carney of Hutchinson; her brother, Rex Connolly of Thornton, Colo.; his sister, Mildred Wingstrom of Fort Collins, Colo.; and two grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held in January in Burlington, with burial to follow in the Fort Logan National Cemetery near Denver.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Reno County or Dynamic Dimensions Inc. of Burlington in care of Elliott Mortuary, 1219 N. Main, Hutchinson, Kan. 67501.

Ricky Nelson

Ricky Joe Nelson, 40, New Almelo, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, at Lowry City, Mo., of an illness.

He was born Jan. 16, 1963, in Winnebago, Minn. He enjoyed time with his family and loved to play games and watch television with his nieces and nephews and taking them on long walks.

Preceding him in death were his father, John Nelson, and his grandparents.

Survivors include his parents, Helen and Randy Rhea of New

Almelo; two brothers, Steve (Cinnamon) Nelson and Randy (Carrie) Rhea, Las Vegas; and three sisters, Beverly (Mike) Elliott of Garland, Texas, Sandra Lundberg of Las Vegas, and Nicole Rhea of New Almelo.

Visitation was from 6-8 p.m. Monday at Harrison Chapel in Colby.

Graveside services will be at 9:30 a.m. Mountain Time today, Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003, at Beulah Cemetery in Colby.

DaSan Walker

DaSan Terrel Walker, 18, Fremont, Neb., a former Goodland High School student, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, following a stroke as a result of complications of sickle cell anemia.

He was born Sept. 17, 1985, at

Long Beach, Calif., the son of Darryl and Cheryl Walker. At age 2, he moved with his family to Baxter Springs. He later moved to Goodland, where he attended school through the ninth grade.

At the time of his death, he was a junior at Fremont High School.

Preceding him in death was a grandfather, Kenneth L. Martin.

Survivors include his mother and step-father, Cheryl and Robert L. Petry of Goodland; his father and step-mother, Darryl and Lynette Walker of Indianapolis, Ind.; two brothers, DeVant (Lisa) Walker of Omaha and Keelan (Melissa) Walker of Wichita; a sister, Tisha (Norman) Coquillet of Galena; and his grandparents, Pauline Martin of Baxter Springs, Ruth and Howard Barbeaux of Long Beach, Lonnie Walker of California and Dan and June Newlin of Colby.

Services were scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 15, 2003, at Moser Memorial Chapel in Fremont, with Mike Simon officiating. Visitation was from 2-7 p.m. Sunday with the family present from 2-4, and from 9-11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Berry family slayers got change in venue, were to be tried in Norton

By Evelyn Ward

*Sherman County Historical Society*

**December 16, 1903:** To Be Tried In Norton County — Change In Venue For Slayers Of The Berry Family — Chauncey Dewey, William J. McBride and Clyde Wilson Must Answer Charges Before District Court in Norton County in February — Upon petition of the attorneys for the defense, Judge Geiger in St. Francis granted change of venue to Norton County for the three men charged with murder of three members of the Berry family last June, when the District court sits in February.

The three men will still be at liberty under bond for \$75,000. Chauncey Dewey and his two companions were supposed to appear for trial Monday, Dec. 7, at the

today in history

opening of the court, but it was the forenoon of Thursday before they arrived in St. Francis, and then only hastening there in response to a telegram from their attorney saying that the court had given them until noon, Thursday, Dec. 10, to appear and failure in this would work the forfeiture of their bond.

The three men started from Manhattan, coming west as far as Colby, and going overland on horseback from there to St. Francis. Before leaving Manhattan, Chauncey Dewey hired a man by the name of Miller, an ex-policeman of Topeka, to go with them, and had him secure for each of the party a rifle and 500 rounds of ammunition.

Thus equipped, they made the trip and met with no hostile demonstration of any kind, but this precaution of firearms perhaps has its own significance in the mind of a man by whose lead the fatal shooting began last summer.

The voluntary taking up of the sword makes a person suspicious of his surroundings even when danger is most remote.

What course the attorneys for the defendants will pursue has not as yet leaked out, but if possible there will doubtless be instituted some legal proceeding for the continuance of the case.

**December 17, 1903:** New Gasoline Lights — Dawson & Dawson

have taken the right step toward illumination, and at night the inside and outside of their big store is as light as day.

This is because they have put in four twelve hundred candle power gas lamps, three of which are used in the interior, and the fourth is suspended from a crane in front of the building.

The outside lamp casts such a powerful light that the street for half a block on each side of the store is illuminated and the sidewalk for a greater length than this well lighted.

Two other lamps of the same power are hung in the dry goods department and one in the grocery department, all of which add to the attractiveness of the place. Though the four lamps cost \$112, the management of the Dawson store think

that the expenditure may be more properly called an investment.

**December 18, 1903:** Goodland Needs Connection With St. Francis to Unite All Northwest Kansas for Long Distance Telephone — That Goodland needs a long distance telephone with St. Francis, which would unite all the principal towns of northwest Kansas, is a public want that is daily felt.

When it is remembered that St. Francis has telephone connection with Atwood, which has communications with Colby and Oberlin, a line from Goodland to St. Francis, a distance of 35 miles would place all these county seats in closer relation and would be a benefit to all.

St. Francis does not have a direct line to Atwood but through the use of a stretch of the Dewey private

line the distance can be covered. The Wray Colorado Telephone company is trying to finance the building of a direct line from St. Francis to Atwood, and if this goes through, Wray will be put in connection with St. Francis, and a line will be in operation through Colorado points as far west as Denver.

So it may be easily seen that a line from this place to the county seat of Cheyenne would be of great and lasting service to the interests of northwest Kansas. A movement to build between these two towns should be put on foot.

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