

announcement the calendar

Goodland Regional Medical Center is not allowing any children 12 and under to visit patients because of the flu epidemic. All visitors should report to the nurses' station prior to visiting any patient. Hospital officials encourage everyone 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.

birthday

Falster (E.F.) Johnson will be celebrating his 90th birthday Thursday, Jan. 1, 2004. Send him cards at 521 W. Eighth Apt. 5, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

stork report

Caden Thomas Swanson was born Saturday, Nov. 1, 2003, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and at 21 inches long. Mark and Dette Swanson of Kansas City are his parents. He was welcomed home by a brother Teegan, 2 1/2.

Cole Daweson Piltz was born Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003, weighing 8 pounds, 10 ounces, and at 22 inches long. He is the first child of Steve and Dara Piltz of Denver.

Don and Phyllis Dawes of Goodland are the grandparents of both boys.

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 **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.**

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.

calendar

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.**

The **Goodland Public Library** will be **closed Wednesday and Thursday** 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 Churches Thrift Shop** will be open today

and Wednesday, **closed Thursday-Monday** and then open Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 30 and 31, **closed Thursday, Jan. 1,** open Friday and Saturday, Jan. 2 and 3, and then back to regular hours.

The **Goodland Activities Center** will have an **open house from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday** for its 20th anniversary.

Free dog licenses will be available from **8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9,** at the City of Goodland administration building, 204 W. 11th. To obtain a free license, provide written proof that the animal has current rabies vaccination.

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 activities

Dec. 22-Jan. 2: No school.

school menu

Monday-Friday: No school. Christmas break.

senior center menu

Wednesday: Cook's choice entrée, tater tots, orange/pine-apple salad, blueberry muffins and cookie. **Thursday and Friday:** Closed for Christmas. **Monday:** Hot dog or polish sausage, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, bread or bun and rosy applesauce. **Tuesday, Dec. 30:** Ground beef stroganoff, California blend vegetables, plums, noodles, bread and crispy rice bar. **Wednesday, Dec. 31:** Ham and beans, coleslaw with carrots, cornbread and ambrosia fruit salad. **Thursday, Jan. 1:** Closed for New Year's Day.

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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

Friday: Carol Jolly, 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.

obituary

Eunice Coburn

Eunice E. Coburn, 86, Sharon Springs, died Tuesday morning Dec. 16, 2003, at Goodland Regional Medical Center, where she had been a patient for two days.

She was born Feb. 22, 1917, in Saline County, the daughter of Samuel and Laura Alice (Fulton) Coburn. She attended school in the Salina area, and then attended two years at Calvary Bible College.

After finishing college, she lived in Golden, Colo., before moving to Sharon Springs, where she spent the rest of her life. She had been a resident at Prairie Manor Good Samaritan Center since August 1999.

Coburn was fond of working with children and animals and of doing mission work.

Preceding her in death were her parents and two brothers.

Survivors include two nieces and an nephew, all of Colorado, and close friends in Sharon Springs.

A private burial was held in Golden, next to her parents, according to her wishes.

Memorials may be made to the nursing home, 408 E. Sixth, Sharon Springs, Kan. 67758.

Bateman Funeral Home of Goodland and Sharon Springs was in charge of the arrangements.

Business tech classes available at college

Spring business technology courses are available to the public on a class-by-class basis at the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

Instructor Tina Perry said a payroll procedures course is scheduled to begin Thursday, Jan. 8. This 45-hour course will run from 8 to 9:45 a.m. weekdays through Friday, Feb. 6, in the administration building on the Goodland campus.

Desktop publishing starts on Thursday, Jan. 8. Also a 45-hour course, it is scheduled daily from 10:15 to noon through Feb. 6.

A 30-hour human relations

course is scheduled from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. daily from Thursday, Jan. 8, through Wednesday, Jan. 28.

An evening adult education course, fundamentals of computers, is being offered to the public from 5-8 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays at the college. This 30-hour course will run from Monday, Jan. 12, through Thursday, Feb. 12. The cost is \$60, including tuition and supplies.

For information on course content, enrollment or tuition, call Perry at 800-316-4127 or 899-7609, weekdays. To enroll, call Bonnie Hawks at 899-7630.

Driving home from holiday parties a serious concern

Driving after drinking alcohol or using illicit drugs is a serious concern, especially around the holiday season, when many people attend parties where alcohol and drugs may be available.

In 2002, approximately one in seven (or 33.5 million) Americans drove after using alcohol or illicit drugs at least once in the previous 12 months, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

Additionally, the survey found that about 11 million Americans drove while under the influence of an illicit drug during the previous 12 months.

The only way to guarantee that



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you are driving safely is to avoid alcohol and illicit drugs completely. Even one drink can slow reflexes and make you sluggish, as it alters your blood alcohol concentration.

Factors such as gender, body weight, rate of alcohol consumption, alcohol tolerance and amount of sleep cause each person to react to alcohol differently. To ensure you

are safe while behind the wheel of a car, you should not have had a single drink.

Don't be a statistic this holiday season or throughout the year. When you attend parties, designate a driver, who will abstain from alcoholic drinks so that he or she can safely drive impaired persons home. Better yet, avoid drinking yourself.

Sober ride programs are another option available in many communities during the holidays. These programs offer safe rides home to

people who have consumed too much alcohol.

December has been designated National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month (3D Month) in the hopes of raising awareness of the risks associated with driving after drinking or using drugs.

Contact the administration's National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information for more information about preventing impaired driving and alcohol and drug abuse in our community.

The survey can be reached on the Internet at <http://ncadi.samhsa.gov> or by phone at 1-800-729-6686 or call us here at the Regional Prevention Center, and we can help provide technical assistance.

Celebrate Christmas

at St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Wednesday, December 24
5:00 p.m. - Mass at the Manager
Families with young children
11:00 p.m. - Midnight Mass
With Christmas Carols
12th and Center, Goodland, Kan.
785-890-2115

See and enjoy our holiday decorations

Holiday Open House

Sunday, December 28
1 to 5 p.m.
Ennis-Handy House
202 W. 13th
Refreshments served
Admission by donation

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\$9.99 NY Strip
\$1 Draughts • \$3 Wings
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In Loving Memory
of our father, grandfather, brother and uncle
Joe Phillips died December 18, 2002
Buried December 6, 2003

Card of Thanks
Christmas greetings from Goodland. After spending from September 26 to December 10th in Fort Collins, it is great to be home. Still in a brace, limited walking, but doing okay. Thanks to all that helped me at the accident, ER at the hospital and flight to Fort Collins. Surgery placed 16 pins/screws, plate and rod in my right leg. Thanks for all the calls, cards, flowers and visits and prayers during my stay. Special thanks to Dan Finley, police, ambulance crew, my neighbors Mike, Tia, Gary, Laura, Terry and a man still unknown. Thanks to staff at PVH, Centre Rehab and Drs. Durbin and Whitsitt.
All played major roles to get me to where I am now. Special thanks to the Beymons who brought me home. Hope all have a Blessed Christmas and New Year Holiday. God's Blessing to all.
Jan Zwetzig

Internet tonight! Call 899-2338.