

## activities

**Tours of the 1907 Victorian House** at 202 W. 13th are from 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Monday.

The **High Plains Museum**, 1717 Cherry Ave., is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

The **Carnegie Arts Center** is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday at 120 W. 12th. The center is always in need of host and hostesses from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sundays. Once again the center will have its Christmas Shop selling Christmas ornaments, woodwork, paintings, jewelry, organic doggie treats made by local artists. New are original satin ornaments with feather nut florals, AlBo glass ornaments, original Santa icicle ornaments and homemade goodies. Also available are locally authored books and CD's, hand-crocheted afghans, hand-knitted baby clothes, original jewelry, pottery and cards.

The **Goodland Public Library** is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Story hour for preschool children ages 3 to 5 is Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. or Wednesdays 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. or Thursdays 10 to 11 a.m. Born to Read for children ages 0 to 3 is on Fridays 10 to 10:30 a.m. Children need to be accompanied by a parent or caregiver for the Born to Read group. For information call Marcy Melia at (785) 899-5461.

**Prairie Piecemakers Quilt Guild** will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Wheatridge Acres in Goodland. The Piecemakers will have open sewing from 8 to 11 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of the month at Wheatridge. For information call Cora House at 899-2619, Joan Reid at 890-7301.

**Big Brothers/Big Sisters** of Sherman County is seeking mentors and children to mentor. Call 890-3665.

**Goodland Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)** will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month at the First Christian Church, Eighth and Arcade.

**Diabetes Support Group** meets at 4 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the large board room at Goodland Regional Medical Center. Patients, family and friends meet each month for a speaker and educational program. Call Sarah Linton at 890-6044.

**Breast Cancer Support Group** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month. Any woman with cancer is welcome. Call Cheryl at 890-5528 for more information.

**Emotions Anonymous** meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Goodland Regional Medical Center board room.

**Aerobics Classes - 5:30 a.m.** aerobics classes are offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Goodland Activities Center. 5:30 p.m. aerobics classes are offered Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Call 890-7242. The center is open from 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and 1-5 p.m. Sundays.

**Goodland Alcoholics Anonymous** meets at 8 p.m. Monday, closed meeting, Wednesday, an open meeting, and Saturday, an open meeting, at 1013 Center. For Alcoholics Anonymous, call Rob at 890-3023 or Linda at 399-2353.

**Goodland Al-Anon Serenity Seekers** group meets at 5:30 on Wednesdays at 1013 Center. For information call Cheryl at 890-3023.

The "Freedom Today" group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and 8 p.m. Fridays at 1013 Center. Call 890-8369.

## the calendar

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**TNT Singles** will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Edward's Hall for supper, cards and fun. Please bring a gift for the gift exchange. Call 899-3323.

The **free Holiday Matinees at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday** will be "Monster House" at the Sherman Theatre, 1203 Main. "Night at the Museum" will show on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 20 and 21.

**Prairie Land Food distribution** is from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 20, at the Goodland Elks Lodge back door. Anyone interested in seeing the food may stop in on distribution day.

Jodie Tubbs of the **Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs** will be in Goodland from 1 to 2:15 p.m. Thursday, December 18, in the Assembly Room on the third floor of the courthouse to help veterans and dependents with claims. Call the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at (785) 462-3572. Tubbs will be in Goodland on the first and third Thursday of each month.

**Eternity Focus** will give a free concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the Student Union Assembly Room at

the Northwest Kansas Technical College. It is sponsored by Calvary Gospel Church.

**Sherman County Kansans for Life** will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the Rock House.

### senior menu

**Today:** Macaroni and cheese with smokies, seasoned carrots, fruit cup, bread and cook's choice complement. **Wednesday:** Swedish meat balls, winter mix vegetables, beans, noodles, strawberries and bananas. **Thursday:** Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, apricots, bread and cookie. **Friday:** Tater tot casserole, corn, bread and heavenly hash. **Monday:** Smothered steak, gold rush casserole, peas and carrots, bread and rosy pears. **Tuesday:** Chicken fajita salad, citrus slices, tortilla chips and bread pudding.

### school menu

**Today:** Barbecue rib sandwich, tator tots, baked beans, pudding and milk. **Wednesday:** Chicken nuggets, seasoned rice, peas and carrots, whole wheat roll, spiced pears and milk. **Thursday:** Tator tot casserole, green beans, whole wheat roll, spiced pears and milk,

**Friday:** Macaroni and cheese with meat, beets, whole wheat roll, frosted banana and milk. **Monday:** Cook's choice. **Tuesday:** Ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, strawberry gelatin and milk.

### school calendar

**Today:** Black day. 7 p.m., fifth and sixth grade band concert in high school auditorium. **Wednesday:** Gold day. 11 a.m., senior citizens dinner. 4 p.m., central site council. **Thursday:** Black day. 5:30 p.m., varsity and junior varsity wrestling against Atwood. 3:30 p.m., seventh and eighth basketball at St. Francis. Topside Tip-off Basketball Tournament. **Friday:** Gold day. 1 p.m., varsity wrestling at Colby Invitational. Topside Tip-off Tournament. **Saturday:** 7 a.m., varsity wrestling at Colby Invitational. ACT test. High school Kansas Music Educators Association at Hays. Topside Tip-off Tournament. **Monday:** Black day. 3 p.m., junior varsity basketball tournament. First round junior high league basketball tournament. 7 p.m., high school band and vocal concert in high school auditorium. **Tuesday:** Gold day. 3 p.m., varsity, junior varsity C team basketball at Hays High.

**Bird City Alcoholics Anonymous** group meets at 6:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Fridays at the Senior Center on 4th Street. **Narcotics Anonymous** meets at 6:30 (Mountain Time) on Tuesdays at the Senior Center. Call (785) 734-2734 for more information.

**Stratton "AA by the Book" Alcoholics Anonymous** group meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays for a beginners open meeting. Families and young people welcome. Call (719) 348-5398 for men and (719) 346-8553 for women. On U.S. Highway 24 go to Statton and it is the second house on the left, 513 Iola Street.

**Fibromyalgia and Chronic Myofascial Pain Support Group** meets from 6:30 to 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.

### area events

The annual meeting of **Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission** and Pioneer Country Development, Inc. will at 5:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Wednesday at City Limits Convention Center, I-70 and K-25, Colby. For information call (785) 421-2151.

**Prairie Museum of Art and History**, 1905 S. Franklin, in Colby is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

### memorial field

The Goodland Baseball Club is planning to install sod and a sprinkler system for the infield at Memorial Field. The group also is interested in planting a windbreak around the field. They are accepting donations for this project. For questions, call Roxann Kling at (785) 899-5011, John Dautel at 899-3444, Gary Smith at 899-6166 or any other Goodland Baseball Club member.

### health department

The Sherman County Health Department at 1622 Broadway is open from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Blood pressures; infants', children's and adult's immunizations; health assessments for Kan Be Healthy, daycare and school entry; fasting blood sugar and hemoglobin; and family planning available by appointment. Sharps containers are available free. Call 890-4888. WIC program available.

If you have questions, concerns or complaints about child care, call the health department.

**Water Testing** — The Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group does well evaluations, including testing for bacteria and nitrates. To schedule an evaluation or discuss environmental concerns, call the Health Department at 890-4888.

### hospital volunteers

Gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; a.m. and p.m. volunteers are in the gift shop.

**Today:** Connie Soellner, a.m. and Emma VanVleet, courtesy. Wednesday: Leora Jones, a.m. and Mazie Sutton, courtesy. Thursday: Jessie Owens, a.m. and VanVleet, courtesy. Friday: Avis Alcorn, a.m., Jan Lambertz, p.m. and Sutton, courtesy. Monday: Fern Heckman, a.m. and Sutton, courtesy. Tuesday: Debbie Lucas, a.m. and VanVleet, courtesy.

### cell phone drive

Save a Life-Give a Phone collects used cell phones and refurbishes them to provide 911 access for domestic violence victims locally and nationwide, including all YWCA Domestic Violence Shelters. Phones are also provided to the elderly and others in need of an emergency cell phone. The group has a drop-off point at American Communications, 726 W. Business U.S. 24. Call Jeannie Topliff at 899-2426.

### thrift store

Anyone wanting to donate to the Goodland Churches Thrift Shop should call 899-2007.

### early head start

Early Head Start is a state funded program for income eligible families with prenatal mothers and children up to three. Families participate in a variety of educational activities and receive free medical and dental care.

Services include special needs of children with disabilities. If you have a family member with a special problem, such as drug or alcohol abuse, job loss or other family crisis, your family can qualify. Call 785-672-3125, ext. 187.

### preschool

Sherman County Head Start is a free preschool for eligible 3 and 4 year olds. 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 Carrie Starns at 890-2552 or go to Sherman County Head Start, 823 W. 11th.

### crimestoppers

If you have information about any crime, call the Goodland Area Crime Stoppers "Look Line" at 899-5665. Your call will be confidential and you will not be asked your name. If the information results in the arrest and/or conviction of those involved, you could be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000. Goodland Area Crime Stoppers is a nonprofit organization formed by citizens against crime.

### family shelter

The Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence Services provides help day or night to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available in Hays. Support group for women's domestic violence victims/survivors is from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Central Time on Wednesdays; a men's domestic violence victims/survivors support group from noon to 1 p.m. Central Time Tuesdays; and a youth support group is available by appointment. A sexual violence victims/survivors support group in Hays and a domestic violence support group to meet in Colby are being formed. If interested in joining or for information or help, call (800) 794-4624. In the Colby area, call (785) 443-1130 ask for Becky. For time and location of youth support group, ask for Jennifer Follis.

### tree donations

Many trees at the Goodland Cemetery have died and the cemetery board is trying to replace them. Contributions for the Goodland Cemetery Memorial Tree Fund can be left at Koons or Bateman funeral homes or sent to the Goodland Cemetery Board, Box 59, Goodland, Kan. 67735. Donations may be made in memory of a loved one.

### animal shelter

Lost a pet? Call the Goodland Police Department at 890-4570. Interested in adopting a pet? Call the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter at 821-4142 or 821-4146.

## obituaries

### Lynda Melton

Lynda S. (Ricciutti) Melton, 62, Salina, mother of Tisha (Kenneth Claytor) Melton of Goodland, died Thursday, Nov. 20, 2008.

She was born on April 16, 1946, in Hopkinsville, Ky.

Preceding her in death were her daughter, Melissa McClain of Goodland and a sister, Ruth Anne Rich.

Survivors include another daughter Amanda McClain of Pensacola,

Fla.; a son Michael Skyler of Grand Island, Neb.; her mother Wanda Rich-Foster of Fairview, Ky.; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Tom Hellerud Fund in care of Bankwest, 924 Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

Ryan Mortuary of Salina handled the arrangements.

### Glenn Coker

Glenn B. Coker, 82, Sharon Springs, died Friday, Dec. 5, 2008, at the Wichita County Long Term Care Unit in Leoti.

He was born on Sept. 3, 1926, to Eddie and Verna Coker and Eakley, Okla., and went to school there. Mr. Coker was in the Army from 1945 to 1946. On Sept 15, 1951, he and Claudine Wertz were married in Sharon Springs.

Mr. Coker was a truck driver, a cook at the City Cafe and worked at Henderson Titanium and Nevada Test Site.

He belonged to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Elks and enjoyed hunting, fishing and coffee time with his friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a son, Eddie Coker; a daughter, Donna Marie Coker; a grandson, Michael Langdell, a

brother, Thomas Coker; and a sister Mary Coker.

Survivors include two sons, Wayne (Shelly) Coker of Sharon Springs and David (Sherry) Coker of Apache Junction, Ariz.; a brother, Jim Coker of Hill City; two sisters, Sue Makik of Hawaii and Bettie Hammonds of Thomas, Okla.; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

Services are at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008, at the High Plains Baptist Church of Sharon Springs and burial with military honors provided by Fort Riley in the Shapron Springs Cemetery.

Visitation was from 1 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 8, 2008, at the church.

Memorials may be sent to Bateman Funeral Home, Box 278, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

## Library accepting food for book fines

If you owe the library overdue book fines or have an overdue books they are offer the "Food for Fines" program during the month of December.

People can bring in a food item for Genesis at the library in exchange for the fine. Food for Genesis could

include gelatin, pudding, cake mixes, peanut butter or any canned items. Canned items should not be past expiration dates and not home canned.

The Goodland Public Library is at 812 Broadway.

## matters of record

### District Traffic

The following fines have been paid in the Sherman County District Court. All ages are at the time of the ticket.

**Nov. 2:** Mary L. Walz, 56, St. Francis, \$135 for not having a child in a safety restraint.

**Nov. 3:** Benjamin R. Finley, 73, Sharon Springs, \$159 for speeding, 84/65, and \$30 for not wearing a seat belt.

### Municipal Court

These are cases decided by the Goodland Municipal Court:

**Oct. 16:** Janell S. Cole, battery - simple, diversion, \$360.

Mohedine Shafei, speeding in

school zone 1-10 mph over limit diversion, \$240.

**Oct. 20:** Thomas A. Terry, speeding in school zone 1-10 mph over limit, fined, \$140.

**Oct. 22:** Jennifer A. Arnold, driving under influence, diversion, \$1,050.

James M. Barrera, driving on suspended or canceled or revoked license, illegal tag or no tag and no proof of insurance, fined, \$600.

Kole A. Dennis, speeding 18 mph over limit, diversion, \$232.

Gerardo Herrera, driving under influence, diversion, \$1,260.

Joschua D. Moreno, disorderly conduct, fined, \$160.

## Craft Fair

### 1st Annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale!

Saturday, December 13 from 9 AM to 3 PM at the Kanorado Senior Center.

Lunch will be served. Vendors welcome!

For more information call (785) 399-2348.



### Thank You Friends!

The family of Doris Curry thanks everyone for the prayers, cards, phone calls, memorials, food and expressions of sympathy.

\* Special thanks to the nurses and staff at Good Samaritan Center for their loving care. Lisa Varney with Hospice of Sherman County, who was there for our every need and helped mom and us those last few days in her pain and our grief. \* Minister Chet Ross for the beautiful eulogy, kind words and spirited support. \* Crusader Club for the delicious meal after the service. \* Koons Funeral Home for their excellent and caring service. In the loss of our dear mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, words cannot express our gratitude. May God Bless all of you!

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