

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.

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,** the book meeting, **and Saturday,** an

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Prairie Land Food sign up will be until **Monday, Jan. 12.** Distribution is from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24, 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, Jan. 8,** 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.

senior menu

Today: Chili, cook's choice vegetable, orange pineapple salad, crackers and cinnamon roll. **Wednesday:** Chicken and rice casserole, California blend vegetables, pears, bread and cherry cobbler. **Thursday:** closed. **Fri-**

day: Hamburger stroganoff, spinach, noodles, bread and applesauce. **Monday:** Sausage patty, hash brown casserole, corn, bread and apricots. **Tuesday:** Hamburger stew, gelatin with fruit, biscuits and cook's choice complement.

school menu

Wednesday to Friday, Jan. 2: No school.

school calendar

Wednesday to Thursday, Jan. 1: No school.

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.

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 **Dane G. Hansen Museum** of Logan will have "The Flint Hills: A Kansas Treasure" on display from Friday, Jan. 9 to Sunday, Feb. 1. The photographs were taken for the Nation Geographic Manazine's April 2007 issue by a Kansas native photojournalist Jim Richardson. The museum is open from 8 to 11 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m. (Mountain Time) Monday to Friday, 8 to 11 a.m. and noon to 4 p.m. (Mountain Time) Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Sunday and holidays. For information call (785) 689-4846.

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: Van Vleet, courtesy. **Wednesday:** Sutton, 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.

thrft 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.

obituaries

Shirley Joan Amack

Shirley Joan Amack, 72, St. Francis, was killed in a car accident on Friday, Dec. 26, 2008.

She was born on Sunday, Dec. 29, 1935, to Olinda (Peter) and Murlin Donoho McClung on their farmstead five miles north and two miles east of Goodland. Mrs. Amack went to grade school in Goodland and graduated from Sherman County Community High School in 1954.

On Nov. 7, 1954, she and William Henry Cecil were married in Goodland. The couple raised their two children, Pam and Mike, on the Keller Ranch about 30 miles west of St. Francis. She was a homemaker and cooked for any extra hands at the ranch. William Cecil was killed in a farm accident on Oct. 2, 1972. The family then moved to St. Francis.

She went to work for Bud Stewart at Stewart's Jewelry Store of St. Francis and then became the secretary for the Republican Valley Veterinarian Clinic of St. Francis. She worked for several different vets including Bill Panbacker, Tom Keller, Judy Baxter and Ron Mayfield.

On Sept. 3, 1981, she and Alvin Amack were married in St. Francis. She retired from the veterinarian

clinic in the summer of 2006 after 33 years.

Preceding her in death were her father; step-father, Jim Hesse; and her first husband.

Survivors include her mother, Olinda Hesse of Goodland; a daughter, Pam (Doug) Whitson of Goodland; a son, Mike (Karen) Cecil of Goodland; three step-sons, John (Anita) Amack of St. Francis, Glenn Amack of Loop City, Neb., and Robert Amack of Denver; and four step-daughters, Patty (Neil) Zweygardt of St. Francis, Helen Kershaw of Dalton, Neb., Vickie Blea of Denver and Mary Ann (John) Cline of Benkelman, Neb.; three grandchildren; 14 step great-grandchildren; and eight step great-grandchildren.

Services were at 9:30 a.m. (Mountain Time) on Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008, at St Francis Community Church, 204 N. Quincy, St. Francis.

Visitation was from 3 to 7 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Monday, Dec. 29, 2008, at Knodel Funeral Home, 202 S. Benton, St. Francis.

Memorials to the Shirley Amack Memorial can be left at the funeral home.

Thelma Louise Gemmer

Thelma Louise Gemmer, 92, Goodland bookkeeper, died Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2008, at Goodland Good Samaritan.

She was born on July 2, 1916, to Frank and Eva (Howell) Trablik in Sherman County. Mrs. Gemmer graduated from Sherman County Community High School in 1934.

On March 30, 1940, she and Rudolph H. Gemmer were married at the Christian Church parsonage in Goodland.

She worked as a bookkeeper for a local implement dealer. Mrs. Gemmer was a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Goodland.

Preceding her in death were her

parents; her husband in 2005; and four brothers, James L. Trablik, Phillip E. Trablik, Robert L. Trablik and V.R. "Lucky" Trablik.

Survivors include three sisters-in-laws, Katherine Trablik and Freda House, both of Goodland and Theda Trablik of Long Beach, Calif.

Services were Saturday, Dec. 27, 2008, at Koons Chapel, 211 N. Main, Goodland with Pastor Jane Rothman officiating and burial in the Goodland Cemetery. Visitation was prior to the service.

Memorials to the nursing home or Emmanuel Lutheran Church may be left at the funeral home.

Marie N. Terrell

Marie N. Terrell, 90, Denver, died Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2008, at Denver.

Services will be at 9 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 2, 2009, at Underwood Crown Hill Mortuary, 7495 W. 29th Avenue, Wheat Ridge, Colo., and burial at Fort Logan, Colo.

Visitation is from 3 to 6



Terrell

p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009, at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Glenn Monroe Youth Scholarship Fund, Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star, 2445 S. Quebec Street, Ste. B, Denver, Colo. 80231.

Use current year to improve the next

As 2008 comes to a close, take some time to review this past year.

What worked? What didn't work? What can you change to make your business better? Take some time to write down your thoughts and ideas.

Get your employees involved. Make goals and determine action steps to reach them.

Here's to making 2009 your best year yet!

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matters of record

Cases filed in the U.S. District Bankruptcy Court, 167 United States Courthouse, 401 N. Market Street, Wichita. Definitions: Chapter 7, liquidation, business or personal; Chapter 11, business reorganization; Chapter 12, farmer re-

organization; Chapter 13, personal reorganization. Dba: doing business as; aka: also known as.

Goodland McGillivray, Scott Anthony, liabilities \$75,391, assets \$4,675.

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899-2338

It's interesting to watch an amaryllis

We recently purchased an amaryllis bulb and have started it growing.

Its been a few years since we have had an amaryllis. It is interesting to watch its progress in contrast to the winter landscape outside the window it sits in.

The amaryllis is a tender bulb that is ready to bloom when purchased. The genus name for this plant is Hippeastrum, which means "horse star," an appropriate name for a plant that produces massive blooms as much as 8 to 10 inches across.

These plants can produce three to four blooms on a 1- to 2-foot stem. Often, a second flower stalk follows the first at about the time the flowers on the first stem fade. The leaves usually start to appear when the flowers begin to open.

Amaryllis bulbs can be huge, approaching the size of a grapefruit.



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The flower bud may start to appear right away or the plant may remain dormant for a period of time, but eventually all mature bulbs do bloom. Move the plant to a cooler

location and out of direct sunlight when the flower buds begin to show color so that the flowers last longer. Amaryllis can remain in bloom for about a month.

Flowers should be cut off after blooming to keep the plant from expending energy to form seeds. Place the plant back in a sunny location until it is warm enough to be placed outside. Sink the pot in the soil in an area that has dappled shade.

The plant can be gradually moved to sunnier locations until it receives full sun for a half day. Continue to fertilize with a balanced house plant

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