

reception

**Nadine (Mallory) Kammer** will have a 90th birthday reception given by her children from 1-3 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Brewster United Methodist Church, 202 Nebraska, Brewster. Cards may be sent to her at Box 25, Brewster, Kan. 67732.

activities

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

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

The **Carnegie Arts Center** is open from **10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday and 1 to 6 p.m. on Monday** at 120 W. 12th. The center is always in need of hosts and hostesses on Sundays. New monthly exhibits and you are invited to visit the gift shop.

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.** For information call (785) 899-5461 or stop by the library.

The local **High Plains Constitutional Society** will meet the **first and third Tuesdays** of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Rock House, 6th and Caldwell, Goodland.

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

The **Good Sam Family Support Council** meets at **7 p.m.** the first Thursday of every month at the Goodland Elks Lodge. Meetings are open to all interested people. For information call 890-3117 or 890-5936.

**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.

**Cancer Support Group** meets at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Goodland Regional Medical in the large board room. Group open to any cancer patient, survivor, caregiver and family members. Call Tina Goodwin at (785) 890-6036.

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

The **Goodland Activities Center** has the following activities. Monday: 5:30 a.m. aerobics with Tena Tompkins and 5 p.m. taekwando. Tuesday: 5:30 a.m., workout with Grady Bonsall. Wednesday: 5:30 a.m. aerobics with Tena Tompkins, 9:45 a.m. finding fitness class, 4 p.m. taekwando classes and 5:30

the calendar

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The **annual book sale at the Goodland Public Library**, 812 Broadway, will **continue until Monday, Aug. 15.** Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Selling are hardback books, paperbacks, magazines, audio cassettes, DVD's, CD's and more.

Jodie Tubbs of the **Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs** will be in Goodland from **1 to 2:15 p.m. Thursday** 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.

**Prairie Land Food sign up will be until Monday, Aug. 15.** Distribution is 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Knights of Columbus, 7th and Caldwell. For information call 821-4364 or 821-1275 or order online at www.prairielandfood.com. The Prairie Pak will have lean ground beef,

bacon, flame broiled meatballs, ground turkey, chicken breast strips, fruits and vegetables. The specials are Pepperoni stuffed sandwiches, Labor Day Griller, breakfast box and full cooked barbecue chicken wings. The choice items is peanut butter chocolate cupcakes.

There will be a Red Cross Battle of the Badges **blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. on today** at the Goodland United Methodist Church, 12th and Sherman, Goodland.

A **representative from Congressman Tim Huelskamp** will hold office hours in Goodland from **12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday in the County Commissioners' Room** at the Sherman County Courthouse. For more information, call Congressman Huelskamp's Dodge City office at (620) 225-0172 or visit http://huelskamp.house.gov.

**Tuesday Flicks** are at **1:30 p.m.** at the **Goodland Public Library**, 812 Broadway. Call the library for the title of the movie at

899-5461.

**Ruleton Reunion** will be at **7 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 13** at the First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall for breakfast with doughnuts, sweet rolls, coffee, juice and fruit. The cost is \$3. RSVP by Saturday, Aug. 6, to Loretann Keith, 7753 Raritan St., Denver, Colo. 80221 or (303) 429-6060 or lorettannkeith@msn.com.

senior menu

**Today:** Swiss steak with tomatoes, creamed potatoes, German cucumbers, bread and mixed fruit. **Wednesday:** Salmon patties, green bean casserole, cantaloupe, bread and pudding. **Thursday:** Liver and onions in gravy, peas, macaroni salad, bread and cook's choice fruit. **Friday:** Barbeque chicken, hash brown casserole, corn, bread and peaches. **Monday:** Steak fingers, mashed potatoes with gravy, beets, bread and apricots. **Tuesday:** Chili dog with cheese, winter blend vegetables, watermelon, bun and bar cookie.

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 Colleen Wagner 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.

Beginning on Saturday, July 23, at 4:47 a.m. people had been seen on a roof located in the 1000 block of Main Avenue.

Graffiti has been spray painted along an extending wall belonging to 1010 Main. On Monday, July 25, there were several more reports of graffiti being located at other properties in the city.

The police has identified several people of interest and is continuing an ongoing investigation.

Actions are being taking by the police department to deter anymore graffiti and the Chief of Police asks everyone to be aware and to please report any suspicious activity or behavior.

Anyone with information is asked to come by the Goodland Police Department, 204 W. 11 or call (785) 890-4570 or contact Crime Stop-

pers at (7850 899-5665 with any information.

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.

animal shelter

Lost a pet? Call 890-4575 or go to www.petfinder.com and be sure to enter the Goodland zip code 67735.

You can also call the Goodland Police Department at 890-4570 or Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter at 899-4398 or 821-2144.

Interested in adopting a pet call the animal shelter or go to the website www.nwkasgoodland.webs.com.

obituary

Lawrence D. Tedford

Lawrence D. Tedford, 84, retired district conservationist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service at Goodland, died Saturday, July 30, 2011, at Wesley Medical Center at Wichita.

He was born Nov. 12, 1926, to Walter and Lelia Tedford at Mineola.

Mr. Tedford was in the U.S. Army in the infantry and a construction machine operator in the Philippines from Feb. 2, 1945 to Dec. 14, 1946. He attended Sterling College and Fort Hays State University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science at Agriculture.

On June 29, 1951, he and Evelyn Macy were married in Hanston and moved to Goodland.

In 1981 he retired as conservationist after 30 years. Mr. Tedford most recently resided at Wheat Ridge Acres Retirement Community.

Mr. Tedford was a charter member of 55 years of the Goodland Lions Club, president of the City of Goodland Tree Board for over 20 years and a member of the First Baptist Church.

He was a single engine aircraft pilot for over 60 years, a fan of Kansas University in basketball and football and enjoyed watching track and field.

Preceding him death were his parents and a brother, Louis Tedford.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn; a daughter, Jolienne Tarvin of Shawnee; two sons, Terry (Linda) Tedford of Castle Rock, Colo. and Donald Tedford of Colby, a brother, Max (Bernice) Tedford of Goodland; a sister, Loretta (Jack DeWerff) of Mesa, Ariz.; a sister-in-law, Ann Tedford of Scott City; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2011, at the church, 1121 Main, Goodland and burial in the Goodland Cemetery with military honors provided by Fort Riley.

Visitation was from 3 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 1, 2011 at Bateman Funeral Home, 11th and Broadway.

Memorials to the First Baptist Church can be left at the funeral home.

Newborns getting bunnies and reading packets

By Ron Wilson

Director

Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University

The bunnies are multiplying. This is not some biology experiment, but rather the rapidly growing number of toy bunnies and reading packets that are being distributed to families of newborn children in Emporia and beyond. Thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers, they are being provided to encourage young families to read together and stimulate infants' language capacity.

Janice Romeiser and Eleanor Browning are founders of a project in Emporia called Read to Your Bunny. Janice and Eleanor are long-time teachers with roots in rural Kansas. Eleanor is originally from Woodbine. She met her husband

at Emporia State University. They made their home on his family farm near Emporia. Janice grew up in Rush County and now lives with her husband at the rural community of Hartford, population 499 people. Now, that's rural.

Janice is director of the Teacher's College Resource Center at Emporia State. She and Eleanor are both special education reading instructors.

In 2007, Janice attended a reading conference in Chicago. One of the speakers was an author named Rosemary Wells who had written a book called Read to Your Bunny.

"It gave me goosebumps," Janice said. "Every family needs this book." The book reinforces the importance of parents reading regularly to their children at the earliest age.

When Janice returned to Kansas, she told her office-mate, Eleanor Browning, "Wouldn't it be great if every child and young family could have this book?" Eleanor said she'd seen in the Emporia Gazette that the Emporia Community Foundation was seeking community projects, so Janice wrote a grant proposal to accomplish just that. The foundation staff loved it.

With grant funding and then ongoing support from the Emporia chapter of the National Education Association and others, every newborn at Emporia's Newman Memorial Hospital now receives a packet to encourage reading. The packet includes a hand-made, stuffed toy bunny, a copy of the Read to Your Bunny book, a discount coupon for a children's book at Town Crier, an invitation to the library for a free

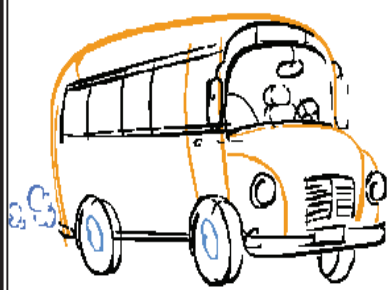
library card, and a refrigerator magnet which reminds parents to read to their baby 20 minutes a day.

"We call the hospital every day," Janice said. They hand-deliver the packets at the hospital and ship to other newborns when notified. Bunnies and packets have been shipped as far away as Nebraska, California, Florida and even Germany.

The bunnies themselves are unique. They are hand-made, washable cloth bunnies. Volunteers fill them with soft batting during Bunny Bees at the library. Janice does the sewing. Eleanor paints smiling faces on them. Bunnies come in all colors and designs of fabrics, most of which are donated.

Besides being a free toy, the bunnies serve as a reminder of the importance of reading to young children.

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