

**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 second Thursday of every month at the Goodland Elks Lodge. Meetings are open to all interested people. For information call 890-3117 or 890-5936.

**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 **3 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.

The **Goodland Activities Center** has the following activities.

Monday: 5:30 a.m. aerobics with Tena Tompkins, 5 p.m. taekwondo and 5:30 p.m. group exercise with Lisa Malsom. Tuesday: 5:30 a.m., workout with Grady Bonsall. Wednesday: 5:30 a.m. aerobics with Tena Tompkins, 9:30 a.m. low impact class with Sarah King, 4 p.m. taekwondo classes and 5:30 p.m. aerobics with Lisa Malsom. Thursday: 5:30 a.m., workout with Grady Bonsall. Friday: 5:30 a.m. aerobics with Tena Tompkins, 9:30 a.m. low impact exercise group with Sarah King and starting at 5 p.m. taekwondo classes. For information call 890-7242. Certified personal training offered with Kyla Sheldon. Memberships options for everyone including day passes for \$5. Visit goodlandgac.com or stop by 808 Main.

**Weight Watchers** meets at **5:30 p.m. for weigh in and 6 p.m.** for the meeting every **Tuesday** at the Right Combination Dance Studio, 902 W. Hwy. 24. For information call (785) 890-3285 or visit rightcombination-dance.com.

**the calendar**

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**Prairie Land Food distribution** is **1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25**, at the Knights of Columbus, 7th and Caldwell. For information call 821-1827, 821-1275, 821-0120 or 728-7196 or order online at www.prairieiland-food.com.

Students will create unusual animals with texture painting at the **Saturday Art Classes from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday** at Carnegie Arts Center, 120 W. 12. Heather Spinney will be the instructor and the cost is \$3 per student.

A class on **Succession Planning** will take place at **5 p.m. on Thursday** at Northwest Tech College. For information call Economic Development Director Michael Solomon at 890-4500.

The **Pride of the Prairie Orchestra** will present "These are a Few of My Favorite Things" at **2:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Sunday, Feb. 26**, at the Frahm Theatre/Cultural Arts Center on the Colby Community College Campus. The concert will feature mezzo-soprano Bonnie Cameron and will be conducted by Beverly Rucker.

The **World Day of Prayer for the Brewster area churches** will be Friday, March 2, at the Brewster United Methodist Church, 202 Nebraska, Brewster. Fellowship is at 8:30 a.m. (Mountain Time) and worship service 9 a.m..

The **Republican Presidential Caucus** will meet from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 10**, at the Goodland Public Library, 812

Broadway. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

**AARP Tax-Aide** counseling, preparation, e-filing and teaching service will help you file your **2011 Tax Return from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday afternoons** at Goodland Public Library, 8th and Broadway. Call for an appointment at (785) 821-1827 or (785) 890-2287. Will also do walk ins. The service is also at the Colby Community College Library from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday. For information call (785) 821-1827.

**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.

**school calendar**

**Today:** Black day. Regional wrestling. 5:30 p.m., junior varsity and girls basketball against Hugoton at Max Jones Fieldhouse. 7 p.m. boys varsity basketball against Hugoton at Max Jones Fieldhouse. **Saturday:** State piano. Regional wrestling. **Monday:** Gold day. 3:30 p.m., boys eighth grade basketball at Oakley. 3:30 p.m. boys seventh grade basketball against Oakley at the Junior High Gym. **Tuesday:** Black day. 5:30 p.m. junior varsity and girls varsity basketball at Scott City. 7 p.m. boys varsity basketball at Scott City.

**school menu**

**West Elementary School**  
**Today:** Breakfast - biscuits and sausage gravy, cereal, fruit and milk. Lunch - pig n blanket, pick-

les, french fries, grapes and milk. **Monday:** Breakfast - donuts, cereal, fruit and milk. Lunch - taco, lettuce, cheese, potato square, rosie applesauce and milk. **Tuesday:** Breakfast - breakfast burrito, cereal, fruit and milk. Lunch - hot dog on a bun, french fries, pickles, half an orange and milk.

**Central Elementary School**  
**Today:** Breakfast - breakfast lasagna, fruit cocktail and milk. Lunch - chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, orange wedges and milk. **Monday:** Breakfast - pumpkin chocolate chip muffin, cereal, half an orange and milk. Lunch - beef and bean burrito with lettuce, mexican corn, whole corn chip, honey apple crisp and milk. **Tuesday:** Breakfast - pancake on a stick, tri-tator, juice and milk. Lunch - stromboli, green beans, carrots, strawberry shortcake and milk.

**Goodland High School**  
**Today:** Breakfast - scrambled eggs, toast, cereal, juice or fruit and milk. Lunch - corn dog, french fries, salad bar, rosy applesauce and milk.

**senior menu**

**Today:** Barbecue meat balls, potato salad, corn, dinner roll and pears. **Monday:** Chili dog with cheese, tater rounds, broccoli, bun and peaches. **Tuesday:** Paprika chicken, buttered potatoes, green beans, bread and applesauce gelatin.

**USS Maddox Destroyer Association** (DD731, DD622 and DD168) will have its reunion Aug. 16 to 19. For information contact Dennis Stokhaug, 571 W. 14562 Hidden Creek Ct. Muskego, Wis. 53150 or (262) 679-9409 or email maddox64@aol.com.

**Prairie Museum of Art and History**, 1905 S. Franklin, 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.

**thrift store**

Anyone wanting to donate to the Goodland Churches Thrift Shop, 1002 Main, should call 890-2000. The store is open 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

**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 adults' 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. WIC program available. Call 890-4888 or go to www.sherman.kansas.com.

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: a.m.

**early head start**

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

**obituaries**

**Shathen LaVere Sawyer**

Shathen LaVere Sawyer, 25, McAlester, Okla., grandson of Dareld and Carolyn Dizmgang of New Braunfels, Texas and formerly of Goodland, died Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012 in Okmulgee, Okla., following an illness.

He was born Aug. 1, 1986, to Kevin LaVere and Rodena Lynn (Dizmgang) Sawyer in Goodland.

In 2005 he graduated from Indianola, Okla., High School where he was active in the agricultural department. He was studying diesel gas compression at Oklahoma State University Tech in Okmulgee, Okla.

A certified welder, he was a member of the New Hope Free Will Baptist Church in Indianola.

Preceding him death was his grandmother, Beverly Brannick of Colby and grandfathers, Terry Sawyer and Merrit Walker Jr.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Rodena and Steve Brannick of McAlester, Okla.; his father and stepmother, Kevin Sawyer and Nicole Sawyer of Paola; siblings, Lexus (Daniel) Morrison of McAlester, Okla., Riley Sawyer and Lyndsay (Nathan) Carter, all of Paola; Jacob Clayton of Lawrence and Sandra Nichole Barrero of Wichita; Atina Simpson of Kansas City, Kan.; and grandparents, John Brannick of Colby, Gail Sawyer and Dorothy Hunnicutt, both of Paola.

Services were held Friday, Feb. 3, 2012, at the church, RR 2 Box 187, Indianola, Okla. with the Rev. Fred Morrison officiating and burial in the Indianola Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Saint Francis Hospital Neurology Department, 6161 South Yale, Tulsa, Okla. 74136.

**Sondra A. Franz**

Sondra A. (Cloyd) Franz, 63, Colorado Springs, daughter of Ruby Cloyd of Goodland, died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012, at Colorado Springs.

She was born March 20, 1948, to Vernon (Jack) and Ruby Cloyd in Hamburg, Iowa., and grew up in Estherville, Iowa, and then the family moved to Fairfield, Ill., where she graduated from high school in 1966.

On Nov. 7, 1970, she and Joel Franz were married at the Kanorado Methodist Church.

Mrs. Franz attended Colby Community College completing her L.P.N. and worked at the Goodland Samaritan Center and Goodland Regional Medical Center. At Colorado Springs she worked at Pikes Peak Care Center and Cheyenne Mountain Care Center.

She attended the Church of All Nations in Colorado Springs and enjoyed playing the guitar.

Preceding her in death were her father and husband.

Survivors include Holly Bradshaw of Colorado Springs, a son, Justin (Giana) Franz of Burlington, two daughters, Jolynne (Eric) Hoyda of Kirk, Colo. and Jasalyn (Casey) Hays of Burlington; asister, Twila (Kelly) Hawbaker of Rawlins, Wyo.; and six grandchildren.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 17, 2012, at Bateman Funeral Home, 211 E. 11, Goodland. Visitation was from 2 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012, at the funeral home. The casket will remain closed at Mrs. Franz' request.

Memorials to be designated by the family later may be sent to the funeral home.

**Kenneth Wayne Hill**

Kenneth Wayne Hill, 62, Guymon, Okla., former Goodland City Manager from 2004 to 2008, died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2012, following a brave battle with cancer.

He was born June 11, 1949, to Kenneth Theodore and Filomena Kay (Chiusano) Hill at Guymon. He attended the Guymon school system and in 1967 graduated from Gymon High School. After attending Panhandle State University, where he graduated with a degree in biology and chemistry, he taught high school chemistry and biology in Kansas before returning to Guymon.

On March 19, 1996, he and Rita Kay Ackley were married at the Methodist Church at Guymon.

Mr. Hill worked many years as a chemist and manager of Calorific Recovery at Guymon before beginning his career with the City of Guymon. In October of 1985 he started in the utilities authority and was public works director from 1987 to 1991. Then he became city manager until he became city manager for Goodland. Awards he received during his work at Guymon were the Don Rider Award in 1996 and the GMAO Gerald Wilkins Award for Outstanding City Manager in 1997. He was president for the City Managers Association, was on the Solid Waste Management Advisory



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Council from 1993 to 2000 and received the Seaboard Foods Appreciation Award in October 2010. Mr. Hill was also a graduate of Leadership Oklahoma.

He enjoy fishing and spending time at the cabin in Colorado. Mr. Hill had served as a Boy Scout den father, assistant scout master and scout master for 10 years, receiving the Scoutmaster Merit Award. He was a past Rotary president, named a Paul Harris Fellow and had served as Guymon Chamber of Commerce Director and Ambassador.

Preceding him in death were his father; his step-father, Floyd Ritter; and his son, Diren Wayne Hill.

Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Tanya (Mickey) Esters of Oklahoma City and Kelly (Gerry Siscel) Hill of Guymon; his mother, Kay (Norman) Wilmeth of Guymon; and three grandsons.

Services will be at 1 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Friday, Feb. 17, 2012 at the Victory Memorial United Methodist Church, 6th and Roosevelt, Guymon with the Rev. Gary Holdeman officiating.

Bunch - Roberts Funeral Home, Box 1112, Guymon, Okla. 73942 is handling the arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Raoma Jean Johnson**

Raoma Jean Johnson, 78, Bird City, mother of Alan (Ana) Johnson of Goodland, died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012, at Good Samaritan Village at Atwood.

She was born July 19, 1933, to Ray and Naida Purvis. Mrs. Johnson was raised in the Atwood area where she attended school until her high school years. She graduated from Bird City High School in 1952.

Shortly after graduation she and Harold Johnson were married. While living in Bird City she was a part-time dispatcher for Cheyenne County, waitressed at the local diners and eventually attended cosmetology school in 1968 at Northwest Kansas Area Technical School. When the C-F Trucking Company moved from the area, the couple moved to Torrington, Wyo. After 17 years Harold Johnson retired and they moved back to Bird City in 1998.

She enjoyed crocheting, making ceramics, playing bingo and Keno and meeting friends in the afternoon for coffee and conversation.

One of the most enjoyable things that she did was talking on the CB radio, where everyone knew her as "Petunia."

Preceding her in death was her parents; her daughter, Christina Johnson; a brother, Darrel Purvis; and a grandson-in-law, Spencer Riddle.

Survivors include her husband, Harold of Bird City; another son, Ray (Pam) Johnson of Bird City; a sister, Yvonne Underwood of McCook, Neb.; a sister-in-law, Shirley Purvis of Hays; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. (Mountain Time) Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012, at Wesleyan Community Church, West Highway 36, Bird City and burial in the Bird City Cemetery.

Visitation was from 1 to 6 p.m. (Mountain Time) Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012, at Knodel Funeral Home, 202 S. Benton, St. Francis.

Memorials may be made to Rawlins County Hospice Services, Box 116, Phillipsburg, Kan. 67661.

**J. Darel Graves**

J. Darel Graves 77, Goodland ham radio enthusiast, died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012, at Good Samaritan Society - Sherman County at Goodland.

Cremation was chosen and a memorial service will be held later.

Bateman Funeral Home, 211 E. 11, Goodland is handling the arrangements.

A full obituary will follow.

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**Classifieds work! 899-2338**

**Happy 80th Birthday!**

Join us for a Happy 80th Birthday Celebration for Merlyn Yonkey. Enjoy cake and punch on **Sat., February 25, from 3-5:30 p.m. CST** at **Peace Lutheran Church (202 N. College) in St. Francis.**

If you are unable to attend, please send cards or letters to: **PO Box 42, St. Francis, KS 67756.**

Let your presence be your gift.

**Thank You!**

We have sold our "Fred's Auto Repair Shop". We would like to take this time to thank all of our very important customers for their support and business over the last 26 years. Good luck to the new owners, Jarod and Kim Smades.

**-Our sincere thank you, Fred and Lenna Studer**