

business news

Joshua Dechant, vice president at Bankwest, and **Daniel Hayden**, assistant vice president at the bank, recently completed the 2004 Agricultural Lending School held July 19-23 in Kearney, Neb. The school is sponsored by the Kansas and Nebraska Bankers Associations and is endorsed by the Colorado and Louisiana Bankers Associations. Course content is designed to instruct students in agricultural lending concepts and practices.

Dale Goodwin, president at Bankwest, was appointed to a one-year term as a representative to the Kansas Bankers Association.

lottery news

Mary Callahan, Goodland, won a racing weekend package at the Kansas Speedway in the Kansas Lottery second-chance drawing. Her prize includes two tickets for the Oct. 9 and 10 NASCAR races at the speedway, hotel accommodations for Oct. 8 and 9, transportation between the hotel and the speedway, food and beverages, \$300 cash and mandatory state and federal withholding taxes.

The winners entered non-winning \$2 Kansas Speedway instant scratch tickets in the drawing. More than 13,595 tickets were entered.

activities

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

“Kansas Quilts of Old” is on display from **9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday** and from **9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday** at the High Plains 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**. Watercolors by Elwyn Vatcher will be on display through Tuesday, Aug. 31.

The **Goodland Public Library** will have **story time** for 4-year-olds at **10 a.m. Wednesdays** and at **11 a.m. Thursdays beginning Sept. 15 and 16**. Story time for 3-year-olds will be at **10 a.m. Thursdays beginning Sept. 16**. **Born to Read** for children birth to age 3, accompanied by an adult, will be at **10 a.m. Fridays beginning Sept. 17**.

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

Century Families, for people whose family came to Sherman County more than 100 years ago, meets at **7 p.m. the second Monday** of the month at the Senior Center. For information, call 899-2835.

Aerobics Classes - 5:30 and 7:30 a.m. aerobics classes are of-

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The annual **Goodland High School academic awards banquet** will be at **6:30 p.m. tonight** in the high school gym. Any high school student who was on the semester honor roll in either semester of the previous school year is invited. There will be a potluck banquet; bring a main dish plus a salad or dessert. Beverages and table service will be provided. Call Tammy, Sonya or Patty at 899-5656 to R.S.V.P.

The **Smoky Gardens Archery Club** will have a **shoot at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 12**, at the range east of Arcade by the railroad tracks. Call Chuck Engel at 890-5174 or William McKnight at 890-5358.

SHARE sign up for the August distribution of food will be until **Monday, Sept. 13**, at the Sherman County Health Department, Harvest America, the Regional Prevention Center or the Kanorado Senior Center. Pick up will be **Saturday, Sept. 25**, for the September distribution.

ferred **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** at the Goodland Activities Center. Yoga is offered at **8:30 a.m. Wednesday**. Call 890-7242.

TOPS Meetings - Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at **5:30 p.m. Mondays** at North Elementary School. Weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous S.O.S. Group holds open meetings at **7 p.m. Monday** at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Seventh and Senter, Burlington. Call Pamela at 719-346-7711 or Dave at 890-2858.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at **8 p.m. Monday-Thursday and Saturday** at 1013 Center. Saturday is an open meeting with Al-Anon, families of alcoholics, meeting in the same room. **Al-Anon also meets at 8 p.m. on Monday** in a different room. For Alcoholics Anonymous, call Rob at 890-3023 or Linda at 399-2353. For Al-Anon, call Cheryl at 890-3023.

The “Freedom Today” group of **narcotics anonymous** meets at **8 p.m. Tuesdays and 7 p.m. Saturdays** at the Elks Lodge. These are open meetings. Call 890-8369.

Fibromyalgia and Chronic Myofascial Pain Support Group meets from **6:30-8:30 p.m. the third Wednesday** of every month in the Emergency Medical Services building, 257 15th St., in

ber distribution.

The **Goodland Public Library** is **enrolling children for the Story Hour program** for the 2004-05 year. There will be two sessions each week for 4-year-olds, 10 a.m. Wednesday and 11 a.m. Thursday. Three-year-olds will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday. The Born to Read group, children under 3 accompanied by an adult, will meet at 10 a.m. Friday. Story Hour sessions begin Sept. 15, 16 and 17 and continue through the school year. They will not meet on days school is not held. Call Karen Gillihan at 899-5461.

school calendar

Tuesday: Black day. Seminar — STUCO. Tennis 2 p.m. at Phillipsburg. Academic banquet 6:30 p.m. **Wednesday:** Gold day. **Thursday:** Black day. Seminar — FCCLA. Golf 2 p.m. at WaKeeney, dismiss 11 a.m., depart 11:10. Cross country 4 p.m. here, dismiss 2:30, depart 2:45. Tennis 2 p.m. at Larned, dismiss

Burlington. Call Debbie at 719-346-4612.

Goodland Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) did not meet from the **first Monday of the month** during the summer but had some fun activities. The final activity is a barbecue at **6 p.m. Saturday** at Steever Park; meat, drinks and table service provided; bring side dish or dessert. The whole family, friends and neighbors are welcome.

Prairie Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet at **7 p.m. the second Thursday** of each month. Call Cora House at 899-6551, Joan Reid at 899-7301 or Carol Tupper at 890-5955.

area events

The Kansas Livestock Association and Kansas State University are presenting an **educational session on managing an intensive irrigated grazing system Wednesday, Sept. 8**, at the Vaughn and Vaughn ranch south of Rexford. The field day will begin with registration in the late afternoon and conclude with a free dinner. Call the livestock association at 785-273-5115.

Smart Start Northwest Kansas and the Colby Community College Resource and Referral Agency are sponsoring a **class for anyone interested in becoming a licensed child care provider**. It will be from **7-10 p.m. Central Time Thursday, Sept. 9**, in the college’s Student Union Room 106. There is no fee. Call 888-634-9350 ext. 250.

10 a.m., depart 10:30. **Friday:** Gold day. Seminar — GAA. Varsity football 6 p.m. at Hoxie. **Saturday:** Tennis 8 a.m. at Colby. Kansas Wesleyan vs. Colorado College football scrimmage 11 a.m. at Cowboy Stadium.

school lunch menu

Wednesday: Hoagie sandwich, lettuce, pickle, onion, french fries, watermelon and milk. **Thursday:** Tuna salad on lettuce, cucumber, carrots, crackers, 1/2 apple and milk. **Friday:** Pizza, lettuce salad, corn, fruit cup and milk.

senior center menu

Wednesday: Liver and onions, oven-browned potatoes, green beans, bread and orange pineapple salad. **Thursday:** Bierock casserole, cheesy cauliflower, cook’s choice fruit and oatmeal raisin and walnut cookie. **Friday:** Swiss steak, scalloped potatoes, orange juice, bread and blueberry dessert squares.

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Celebration on the High Plains will be from **noon-10:30 p.m. Central Time Saturday, Sept. 11**, at the Southwind Plaza, I-70 exit 53, Colby. Featured performers are Wild Ride at 6 p.m., No Parking at 7 p.m. and Trick Pony at 8:30. There will be a patriotic tribute at 8:15. Tickets are available at the Thomas County Chamber of Commerce and area Peoples State banks, First National banks and Farmers and Merchants banks. Call 800-611-8835.

United Methodist Youthville is hosting **foster parent training classes** beginning **Monday, Sept. 13, in Colby**. Anyone age 21 or older, married or single, living in an apartment or house, who is interested in foster parenting is asked to call 800-560-4226, ext. 194, to enroll.

Rural Route’s Horsin’ Around Gymkhana will be at **1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19**, at the Kit Carson County fairgrounds in Burlington. Registration will be from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. There is a fee. Events include barrel racing, pole bending, flag race, key hole, goat tying and sack race (a roping event). Team roping will be held after the events and awards. Call Debbie at 719-346-7280.

Nursing home abuse prevention training will be held at **2 p.m. Central Time Thursday, Oct. 21**, at Lantern Park Manor in Colby.

Kansas Advocates for Better Care received a grant from the Kansas Department on Aging to present training sessions at several Kansas nursing homes.

The **Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development Area** is sponsoring a **grant-writing workshop** at the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range, Colby. **Grant Writing III** will be **Tuesday-Thursday, Oct. 26-28**. Dr. Don Udell, a grant writer, will present the workshops. There is a charge. Call 785-462-2602 to register.

Admission to the **Prairie Museum of Art and History** will be free from **1-5 p.m. Central Time Sundays** at 1905 S. Franklin in Colby. The museum is also open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Central Time Monday-Friday and 1-5 p.m. Saturday.

health department

The Sherman County Health Department at 1622 Broadway is open from 8 a.m.- noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Wednesday-Friday: Scheduled appointments.

Blood pressures; infants’, children’s and adult’s immunizations; health assessments for Kan Be Healthy, daycare and school entry; 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

Thursday: Patty Gensil, courtesy. **Friday:** Fern Heckman, a.m.

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. The group has a drop-off point at American Communications, 813 Main. Call Jeannie Topliff at 899-2426 or Candice 866-448-2366.

farm services

Farmers in Sherman, Cheyenne and Wallace counties who suffered crop or livestock losses because of natural disasters can apply for U.S. Farm Service Agency emergency loans. The farm service office at 210 W. 10th in Goodland is open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Call 899-3070. Applications for loans will be accepted until Thursday, Sept. 23.

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.

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 Family Shelter provides services day or night to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available for women and children. **Support groups** that will be available beginning March 2 are two **women’s** domestic violence victims/survivors support groups, one from **9-10 a.m. Central Time on Tuesdays** and **one from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Central Time on Wednesdays**; a **men’s** domestic violence victims/survivors support group from **noon-1 p.m. Central Time Tuesdays**; and a **youth support group**. All groups will meet in Hays. For information or help, call (800) 794-4624. For time and location of youth support group, ask for Donna Munsch.

animal shelter

Lost a pet? Call the Goodland Police Department at 899-4570. Interested in adopting a pet? Call the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter at 899-6464.

Sherman County farmer moved to Dighton

By Evelyn Ward

Sherman County Historical Society
August 31, 1904: Amos Smith Leaves — Goes to Take Possession of His New Home Near Dighton, Lane County — Amos Smith, for 18 years a resident of Sherman county — except a short time when he went west discontented, but soon came back with a homelike feeling in his bosom and a glad look on his face — will go to Dighton, Lane County, this week to take possession of a 480-acre farm he recently purchased.

He sold his Sherman county farm several months ago, and two weeks ago he disposed of some of his stock at auction sale. He will ship 45 head of cattle to his Lane County farm.

This man Smith, if not an alchemist, is of the Robinson Crusoe kind. Cast him on a desert island and he will find out what it’s good for and coin it into money.

True, he has trod no flowery path, but he has made things go. His wealth in crops and cattle did not grow up in a night. His is no mushroom history, and among his discouragements was bedfastness for six months with muscular rheumatism., which took him out where the

today in history

ice was thin and the water deep. But he is a big healthy man now.

His farm is situated between two towns, four miles east of Dighton, the county seat, and four and one half miles west of Shields. The Missouri Pacific railroad runs through one of these towns and the Santa Fe through the other.

The regret is Amos Smith did not stay long enough here. Dame Fortune’s golden smile frequently unsettles a man, and he looks for greener and more delightful realms.

While this is natural, the men who have left western Kansas with a “wad” will own up that this country has been their financial salvation. They make their money in western Kansas and then buy eastern farms. This cannot be so easily done in any other place in the world.

In other news — “I am pleased to note the good work being done by the temperance union in Sherman county. You should stand by your county attorney who has accomplished so much good and by your support is the only way it can be

done. Yours for home and native land.” Olive Blunt, secretary, Women’s Christian Temperance Union, Selden, Kan.

September 1, 1904: Cheyenne County Attorney Loses His Life In Republican River — Hotchkiss the Prosecuting Attorney in the Famous Dewey-Berry Murder Trial at Norton Last Winter — L.D. Hotchkiss, county attorney of Cheyenne county, while bathing with a party of friends in the South Fork of the Republican River, was drowned.

Mr. Hotchkiss was elected county attorney of that county at the 1902 election. He was the prosecuting attorney in the Dewey-Berry murder trial, and with his assistants, made a vigorous fight to convict Chauncey Dewey, W.J. McBride and Clyde Wilson of the charge of murdering Burch Berry.

As is well-known, the Deweys were acquitted, but Mr. Hotchkiss was still unremitting in his labors to bring down punishment upon the men whom he believed, up to the very day of his death, had outraged justice, and against whom there still

stands several untried indictments.

What effect the death of Attorney Hotchkiss will have on the pending charges against the three men is difficult to determine.

The Norton trial had only to do with the killing of Burch Berry, and two other charges of murder for killing Alpheus and Daniel Berry and another of assault with intent to kill Roy Berry, have never been dismissed, and it was expected that these cases would come up before Judge Geiger’s court for trial.

Hotchkiss was about 35 years of age. It is probable that Attorney Finley of St. Francis may be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Hotchkiss.

September 2, 1904: Canary Birds For Sale — Would you like a fine singer? If so, buy a canary. Several for sale. Inquire at Republic office.

From weekly issues of The Goodland News, provided by the Sherman County Historical Society. Since the paper was published weekly, some items were arbitrarily assigned a date.

THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone who made my 90th birthday such a happy occasion. Those who did all the work involved and those who came to wish me well. I truly appreciate all of you.

Over 100 family and friends came, and those who couldn't sent beautiful cards.

Thank you all,

Troy Dillinger

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