

anniversary

R.D. and Jean Russell are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary Friday, Dec. 31, 2004. Their children are requesting a card shower. Send cards to 2283 Caldwell, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

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.** Work by local artists is on display in December.

The **Goodland Public Library** will have **story time** for 4-year-olds at **10 a.m. Wednesdays** and at **11 a.m. Thursdays.** Story time for 3-year-olds will be at **10 a.m. Thursdays.** **Born to Read** for children birth to age 3, accompanied by an adult, will be at **10 a.m. Fridays.** The library will be closed **Friday-Monday for Christmas** and Friday, Dec. 31-Saturday, Jan. 1, for New Year’s Day.

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 offered **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 Burlington.

the calendar

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The **Goodland Public Library** is offering the **“Food for Fines”** program during the month of **December.** Any patron with an outstanding fine at the library may bring in a food item for Genesis in exchange for the fine. Food items needed include Jell-o, pudding, cake mixes, cereal, pancake mix, peanut butter or any canned goods.

The library will be closed **Friday and Saturday** for New Year’s Day. Library hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

SHARE sign up for the January distribution of food will be until **Monday, Jan. 10**, at the Sherman County Health Department, Harvest America, the Regional Prevention Center or the Kanorado Senior Center. Pick up will be **Saturday, Jan. 22**, for the January distribution.

The City of Goodland will of-

fer **free dog licenses** from **7 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14**, at the administration building, 204 W. 11th. To get free licenses, dog owners must provide written proof that the animals have current rabies vaccinations.

school calendar

This week: Winter break. No school.

Monday, Jan. 3: Classes resume. “C” Boys basketball 5 p.m. at St. Francis, dismiss 3:15, depart 3:30. Project Graduation 2005 meeting 7 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Tuesday, Jan. 4: Gold day. Seminar — GAA and G-Club. “C” boys-JV-V basketball vs. Stanton County 3:45 p.m. here. Scholar’s Bowl 3 p.m. at Oakley, dismiss 1:35, depart 1:45.

Wednesday, Jan. 5: Black day. Seminar — Softball meeting in the cafeteria. City/county recreation sports 7:30 p.m. in the Max Jones Fieldhouse and junior high gym.

Thursday, Jan. 6: Gold day. Seminar — STUCO. “C” boys basketball 5 p.m. at Tribune, dismiss 2:30, depart 2:45.

Friday, Jan. 7: Black day. Varsity wrestling at Liberal, depart 7 a.m. “C” boys-JV-V basketball vs. Colby 3:45 p.m. here.

Saturday, Jan. 8: Varsity wrestling at Liberal. JV wrestling tournament 8 a.m. at WaKeeney, depart 5 a.m. KMEA state auditions in Salina.

Sunday, Jan. 9: Knight of Columbus free throw competition noon-3 p.m. in the high school gym.

school lunch menu

This week: No school. Winter break.

senior center menu

Wednesday: Cook’s choice entree, asparagus, sweet potato casserole, bread and peaches. **Thursday:** Chili with shredded cheese, pineapple ambrosia, crackers and cinnamon roll. **Friday:** Closed for New Year’s.

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 needs 5,000 phones nationwide and has a drop-off point at American Communications, 813 Main. Call Jeannie Topliff at 899-2426

recycling

The **Goodland High School library is recycling used cell phones, ink jet printer and LaserJet cartridges.** The school receives from nothing to \$2 for cartridges and nothing to \$5 for cell phones. Drop them by the high school library or office. If you have several and would like them picked up, call the library at 899-5656 to make arrangements. The money goes to support National Honor Society, Scholar’s Bowl, Science Olympiad, Electric Car and extra library projects.

thrift store

Anyone wanting to donate to the Goodland Churches Thrift Shop should call 899-2007 to arrange to meet by the door in the alley and take donations directly from the car to the warehouse.

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.

tiny-k

The Early Intervention Networks

has a new name, Tiny-k Early Intervention Services. The program promotes development among infants and toddlers with special needs. The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center in Oakley provides these services free of charge to children in this area.

Services include speech, developmental, vision and hearing screenings to all children and physical/occupational therapy and developmental training to children who qualify. Call 785-672-3125, ext. 115.

preschool

Sherman County Head Start is a free preschool for eligible three and four 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 Julie Dautel or Carrie Starns at 899-2552 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 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.

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



Dick Nestor

Man turns 80 in January

The family of Richard “Dick” Nestor is requesting a card shower in honor of his 80th birthday on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2005. Cards may be sent to him at 307 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

obituary

Kenneth Hemmert

Kenneth Hemmert, 74, Oakley, owner of the Oakley Livestock Commission Co., died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004, at the Logan County Hospital.

He was born Aug. 16, 1930, in Logan County, the son of Mary Elizabeth (Moos) and Pete Theodore Hemmert. He was a rancher, farmer and stockman and owned the livestock sales firm for more than 30 years.

On July 27, 1954, he married Margaret Mae Schulte in Angelus. He served in the Marines.

Mr. Hemmert was a member of the St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Oakley and its parish council, and a third degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a member of the Oakley Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, the Kansas Livestock Association and the Kansas Cattleman’s Association, a past member of the Oakley City Council and a past member of the Logan County Fair Board.

Preceding him in death were his parents and a brother, Alfred Hemmert.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Mark Hemmert of Rio Rico, Ariz., Kyle (Barb) Hemmert and Eric Hemmert of Oakley, and Kirk (Debbie) Hemmert of WaKeeney; two daughters, Mari (Dave) Hopper of Oakley and Lori (Jim) Salmon of Fayetteville, Ark.; two sisters, Verlene Scott of Oakley and Marilyn Headings of Amarillo, Texas; and 15 grandchildren.

Services were set for 8 a.m. Mountain Time today, Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2004, at the church with Father Roger Meitl and Father James Grennan officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph’s Cemetery with military graveside rites by an Army unit from Fort Riley.

Visitation was scheduled for 1-8 p.m. Monday at the Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley. A rosary was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the St. Joseph’s School or the Logan County Hospital in care of the funeral home at 217 Freeman, Oakley, Kan. 67748.



Hemmert

Daughter of Goodland couple had poem published

By Evelyn Ward

Sherman County Historical Society
December 27, 1904: Miss Anna B. Sexson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Sexson of Grant township, who has the position of stenographer with a Denver real estate firm, has written a poem entitled “Heaven” which recently appeared in the *Denver Times* as follows:

HEAVEN
“Ofttimes our path seems rugged
and our burdens hard to bear,
Our weary hearts are saddened by
an overwhelming care,
Yet our hearts may be gladdened
and forget its load of woe,
When we think heaven’s near us,
if we only make it so.

If our friendship has been
slighted by the ones we do most
love,
It is not lost, but moves onward
to the realms of light above.
And the lowly all around us feel
the brightness of its glow,
For heaven is within us if we only
make it so.

When some loved one has passed
onward to the better land above,
Where there is no death or sickness
but where all is peace and love,
Heaven then seems very near us
as the rugged way we go,
For heaven is within us if we only

today in history

make it so.”

This plaintive song feels true, and heaven is nearer than we are wont to think it so.

December 28, 1904: DEWEY’S RANCH IDLE — The big 300,000 acre Dewey ranch in Rawlins county is idle, according to a report just given out by F.L. Ball, who for two years has been superintendent of the famous Oak ranch, but who resigned the position recently.

Mr. Ball gave to a reporter of the *Abilene Reflector* the following: “The ranch is no longer operated as before, owing to the litigation over the estate, and there is practically nothing to do except oversee the property.

“The foreman is in charge of the ranch, house and buildings, and all the cattle, except about 500 head, have been shipped to market.

“Two other men are all that remain of the big force that once looked after the thousands of cattle and hundreds of horses. When the lawsuits are ended, it is possible that the ranch will be restocked.

“There is no more trouble with the settlers; all are on the best of terms with the ranch people and

have been throughout my residence there. The Berrys, who were mixed up in troubles at one time, have moved away, and the sentiment of the community is one of friendliness.

“A great land movement is under way in northwest Kansas, and many new settlers are going to that section, buying the lands owned by mortgage companies and investors and making homes. It is changing conditions greatly and may result in the breaking up the big ranches.”

December 29, 1904: New Year’s Day, Jan. 1, 1905, marks the beginning of the fifth year of the Twentieth Century of the Christian Era, which is now almost universally observed as the epoch for measuring the flight of time, and recording of events personal, social, national and world wide and from the conflict of embattled hosts “with confused noise and garments rolled in blood” to treaties of peace and jubilees of emancipation.

When God set “great lights in the firmament of heaven, to divide the day from the night,” He said “Let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and for years, and it was so.”

The sun, the great, glorious central luminary of our system; the earth upon which we live, bowling ceaselessly with inconceivable velocity through the ecliptic; and our moon, Earth’s satellite in the celestial waltz with sister planets among the constellations — all these are the chronometer marking the days, weeks, months, years and centuries of duration!

How wonderful that in modern times an era lengthened now into nearly 20 centuries should be fixed from the birth of Him who died upon the cross. We have both the

solar universe and the natal day of the One who “bowed the heavens and came down,” to mark the Christian era, the most distinct and most glorious, an era the most marvelous in the present and promising in the future.

Is it an accident that Christian nations are the van of the world’s progress? This is the Christ age!

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