

anniversary

R.D. and Jean Russell are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary today, 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.

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

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 today 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.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the post, 824 Main.

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 offer free dog licenses from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, at the ad-

ministration building, 204 W. 11th. To get free licenses, dog owners must provide written proof that the animals have current rabies vaccinations.

The American Legion will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars post, 824 Main.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, at the post, 824 Main.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, at the post, 824 Main.

school calendar

Monday: 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: 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: 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: Gold day. Seminar — STUCO. "C" boys basketball 5 p.m. at Tribune, dismiss 2:30, depart 2:45.

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

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

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

school lunch menu

This week: Not available.

senior center menu

Monday: Ground beef stroganoff, broccoli, cook's choice fruit, noodles and pudding cup.

Tuesday: Ham, scalloped potatoes, peas, bread and ambrosia fruit salad. Wednesday: Turkey, sweet potatoes/peaches, tossed salad, dinner roll and 1/2 banana.

Thursday: Liver and onions, hash brown casserole, green beans, bread and applesauce. Friday: Chicken and dressing casserole, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables and plums.

tems and testing the water. The group will also charge a \$25 fee for child care and foster care inspections.

hospital volunteers

The gift shop hours are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.; a.m. and p.m. volunteers are in the gift shop.

Wednesday: Mazie Sutton, courtesy. Thursday: Faye Paxton, lobby.

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, 813 Main. Call Jeanne Topliff at 899-2426 or Candice 866-448-2366.

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.

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.

obituaries

Kenneth Stegeman

Kenneth Stegeman, 60, Almaena, brother of Agnes (Bob) Regnier and Mary Jane (Tom) Sponsel of Edson, died Sunday, Dec. 26, 2004, at the Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

He was born July 12, 1944, in Colby, the son of Xavier and Lela (Dancer) Stegeman. On Sept. 24, 1966, he married Linda Nondorf in Atwood.

He later married Mary Lou Sanborn-Towery on March 1, 1983, in Norton and they lived in Almaena. He served in the U.S. Army from 1967-1969 and in the National Guard from until 1969-1982.

He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Colby American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Ernest, and two step-brothers, Harry and Bob.

Other survivors include his wife Mary Lou; four daughters, Lesley (Dan) Rogers of Colby, LeAnn Bliss of Ozark, Ark., Charlotte (Adam) George of Almaena and Amy (Allen) Fisher of Dunnellon, Fla.; three sons, Phillip Stegeman and fiance Kim of Kansas City, Kan., Jason Stegeman of Colby and Mark (Janny) Towery of Geneseo; two brothers, Richard (Rachel) Stegeman of Virginia and Mike Stegeman of Denver; three other sisters, Helen (Wally) Perry and Alice (Bob) Ruthe, both of Texas, and Annie (Ollie) Fyle of Levant; and 12 grandchildren.

Services were Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004, at the Norton Christian Church with Jeff Nielsen officiating. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery in Almaena.

Memorials may be made to the Kenneth Stegeman Memorial Fund in care of Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.

William Sullivan

William F. Sullivan, 79, Salina, a former Wallace County High School teacher and coach, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2004, at Salina.

He was born Oct. 3, 1925, in Salina, the son of Francis and Genieve (Dunn) Sullivan. He had been a business instructor and coach at the Sharon Springs, Fontana and Salina Sacred Heart high schools.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his wife Norma in 1988; and a brother, Maurice Sullivan.

Survivors include two sons, Greg (Cindy) Sullivan of Overland Park and Kevin (Janeil) Sullivan of Riley; a long-time friend, Myrna Muir of Salina; and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Mountain Time today, Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Salina with the Rev. Steve Henna officiating. Burial will be in the Mount Calvary Cemetery in Salina.

Visitation was from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday at Ryan Mortuary, 137 N. Eighth St., Salina, Kan. 67401, with the family on hand from 4-6 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Salina Regional Health Center Foundation in care of the funeral home

Catherine Ungles

Catherine Mary (Lehman) Chambers Ungles, 78, Loveland, Colo., a former Goodland resident, died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2004, at Berthoud Living Center.

She was born April 14, 1926, in Kress, Texas, the daughter of Walter and Carrie (Pfiefer) Lehman. She attended school in Goodland and also lived in Loveland while growing up. She married Bill Chambers, who preceded her in death.

On Aug. 27, 1969, she married Lavern Ungles at Loveland. She was a cook and a certified nurse aid. She loved cooking, gardening, the Broncos and crafts.

Also preceding her in death were her husband Lavern in 1997 and a brother, Lester Lehman.

Survivors include two sons, Richard Chambers of Loveland and Edward (Chris) Chambers of Merced, Calif.; a daughter, Vickie Chambers of Loveland; four sisters-in-law, Isabel Lehman of Goodland, Maxine Butter, Rene Butter and Arvella Ungles; a granddaughter; and two great-grandsons.

Graveside memorial services were Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2004, at the Goodland Cemetery with the Rev. Janet Hernandez officiating.

Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555, was in charge of the local arrangements.

Debate raged about meaning of 'blizzard'

By Evelyn Ward

Sherman County Historical Society December 30, 1904: Coldest Wave of the Season, Accompanied by Snow — Sunday night the wind blew bitter cold, and Monday the thermometer hovered around zero with a blow of snow now and then. This was the third snow of the season, and since the ground has been soaked and cracked open with the cold, farmers think the ground is in better condition than for years.

People have taken to calling these severe storms blizzards, which is objected to by F.D. Colburn: "I wish the newspapers would not call this storm a 'blizzard,'" said Secretary F.D. Colburn of the State Agricultural society Monday.

"The weather bureau has officially stated that we don't have 'blizzards' in Kansas, and it does not look well to advertise every little storm that comes along as a 'blizzard.'

"Kansas has had enough troubles of its own without getting the credit of having 'blizzards.' I never saw a blizzard; nobody in this country ever saw a blizzard, unless they happened to be up in the extreme northern part of the prairies near the Canadian boundary. This storm we are having today is about as much like a blizzard as a gentle water spring is like a flood."

Northwest Kansas has not had a blizzard for years, but it has nevertheless been visited by that very thing. Webster's International dictionary says that a blizzard is a "gale of piercingly cold wind, usually accompanied with fine and blinding snow; a furious blast."

To the old timers, Webster does not begin to tell what these furious, killing storms were back in the latter part of the '80s. Man or beast

today in history

could not weather them; to see one's way was as hopeless as in a wilderness of utter darkness; men were frozen to death within a stone's throw of their homes. Those days and the blizzard are embalmed in history, with no desire for their return.

Ernest Grieger sold 153 head of mixed cattle to Dr. L.A. Golden and W.J. Detwiler, of McPherson township. The bunch consisted of 100 two-year-olds and 53 yearlings, and the price averaged \$20.75, or \$3,174.75.

New General Store Will Occupy the Heston Brick With A.M. Darling, Proprietor — A new store will be in operation in Goodland about the first of the year in the Heston Brick, with A.M. Darling as proprietor.

Boxes of goods for the stock are now arriving, and the interior of the store room is being arranged with shelving and counters. Mr. Darling, the proprietor, has spoken for advertising space in the paper, and his 'ad' may appear next week.

He has been in Goodland for about a month, coming here from Sterling, Colo., where he recently conducted a general store. Before that he was interested in a general merchandise business in Fullerton, Neb.

December 31, 1904: There's A Good Time Coming — Land Is Moving In This County, and Next Year Great Activity Is Predicted — In western Kansas, the young men have begun to see visions and the old men dream dreams.

Western Kansas finds herself in the midst of a great land sale move-

ment. There is a great influx of people who desire western land, many who have been renters in the more populous centers of Kansas.

Prices range from \$3 to \$10 per acre, and on this investment has been yielding great returns during the past two or three years when down to wheat.

Go to any thrifty farmer's place in this county and you will find plenty of grain in the granary, perhaps a large amount of corn and an abundance of rough feed for cattle. He has a good herd of cattle, and every indication points to the fact that our western people are on easy street.

Their homes are free from debt, and few are borrowers. While land is cheap, they are extending their holdings, and tomorrow they will be men of greater financial power than their eastern neighbors.

Whenever the Campbell system of agriculture has been employed, the success has scarcely been short of marvelous. All are agreed that by the employment of better farming methods, good wheat crops will be certain in western Kansas.

Hence it is that old timers, who thought for many years that this is nothing but a cattle country, have changed their views; they can see a big agricultural future for the west.

Helen Kimber, president of the

Kansas Equal Suffrage association and who promoted a Kansas agricultural exhibit in Chicago last fall, second to none, has placed before the people of the east, writes: "I believe that western Kansas is going to be even more profitable as an agricultural section than that of the eastern part."

Miss Kimber has been in Goodland several times and has traveled over western Kansas enough to support her predictions with reason.

"Where ever the Campbell system is given any sort of chance," she said, "it has more than made good. The farmer who takes the time to become acquainted with what the experiment stations of this state are doing for him will find that his brains will save his feet many useless steps, and his time will become more valuable, although he will put less of it in grubbing away as he did in the past. Brains count, and the outcome of scientific agriculture is making the practical modern farmer a better and richer man."

The farmer of Sherman County should get hold of a sufficient acreage of land before a sharp rise in price puts it beyond his reach, for there is a good time coming, and he that hath shall be made fat.

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.

The family of Anne Mann wish to invite everyone to her 90th birthday party. It will be Sunday, January 2nd from 2 to 4 p.m. at Wheat Ridge Acres. Please come and help us celebrate.

Nicolas Cage National Treasure PG: Action violence; some scary images www.goodlandnet.com/movies

Florida Winter Getaway!! February 18 - 28, 2005 Departs Colby & Goodland \$899 pp / double occ. 11 Days In The Sun! COLBY/HEARTLAND TRAVEL & TOURS For reservations, call 785-462-3163 or 1-800-488-3509