

birthdays

**Gladys Nicholson** will celebrate her 101st birthday Monday, Feb. 21, 2005. She will have a cake and punch reception at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, at the Good Samaritan Center. Send cards to her in care of the center at 208 W. Second, 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 February display is elementary school art.

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**.

**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.

**Goodland Alcoholics Anonymous** meets at **8 p.m. Monday**, a closed meeting with Al-Anon, **Wednesday**, the book meeting, and **Saturday**, an open meeting, at 1013 Center. 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. Call Debbie at 719-346-4612.

**Goodland Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)** will meet from **6-7:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month** at the Goodland Bible Church, 109 Willow.

**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

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.

**Monday:** Holiday. Closed.

the calendar

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**SHARE sign up** for the March distribution of food will be until **Monday, March 7**, at the Sherman County Health Department, Harvest America, the Regional Prevention Center or the Kanorado Senior Center. Pick up will be **Saturday**, for the February distribution.

**Disciples on Tour** from the First Christian Church will have a **concert at 4 p.m. Sunday** at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 13th and Sherman. A bierock and dessert supper will follow. Donations are suggested; Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will provide matching funds up to \$1,000 for Charlene Cole's medical expenses.

The **American Association of Retired Persons defensive driving course** will be **Tuesday and Wednesday, March 1 and 2**, at Edwards Hall. Call Marie Edwards at 899-3323.

**Severe Weather Awareness Week** will be **March 13-19**. A tornado drill will be held at **12:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 15**. Each day that week, the National Weather Service Office in Goodland will send out a public information statement and run safety information on NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio on some aspect of severe weather. Topics will include watches and warnings, tornadoes, lightning, flooding, hail and high winds, as well as

safety information.

A **storm spotter training class** will be held at **7 p.m. Tuesday, March 29**, in the National Guard Armory. The class will last about 2 1/2 hours.

school calendar

**Today:** Black day. Seminar — Sophomores KMA on-line practice test. Regional wrestling 1 p.m. at Colby. "C" boys-JV boys-V basketball vs. Hoxie 3:45 p.m. here.

**Saturday:** Regional wrestling 10 a.m. at Colby. "C" boys basketball tournament at Benkelman.

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

**Monday:** No school. Teacher training. Black and Gold Booster Club meeting 6:30 p.m. in the library.

**Tuesday:** Black day. Seminar — AFS. Third grade music program 7 p.m. in the auditorium. "C" boys-JV-V basketball 3:45 p.m. at Lakin, dismiss lunch and 2:15, depart 12:30 and 2:30; cheerleaders dismiss 2:30. Reading Test 1 and 2.

**Wednesday:** Gold day. District spelling bee 1 p.m. in the auditorium. City/county recreation sports 7:30 p.m. in the Max Jones Fieldhouse and junior high gym. Reading Test 1 and 2.

**Thursday:** Black day. Seminar — DECA and FCS. 1A Regional Basketball Tournament in

the Max Jones Fieldhouse. Reading Test 3 and 4. KMEA State Conference.

**Friday, Feb. 25:** Gold day. State wrestling. 1A Regional Basketball Tournament in the Max Jones Fieldhouse. Reading Test 3 and 4. KMEA State Conference.

**Saturday, Feb. 26:** State wrestling. 1A Regional Basketball Tournament in the Max Jones Fieldhouse. KMEA State Conference.

school lunch menu

**Monday:** No school. Teacher training. **Tuesday:** Burritos, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, tri-tator, frosted banana and milk. **Wednesday:** Creamed turkey over rice, cooked carrots, biscuit, cinnamon apple and milk. **Thursday:** Cooks' choice. **Friday:** Grilled cheese, tomato soup, celery and peanut butter, carrot cake and milk.

senior center menu

**Monday:** Cook's choice entree, potatoes romanoff, California mix vegetables, bread and plums. **Tuesday:** Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, Spanish green beans, bread and peach cups. **Wednesday:** Ham, sweet potatoes, five-cup salad, bread and oatmeal cherry cookie. **Thursday:** Hamburger stew, orange juice, apricots, biscuit and choice compliment. **Friday:** Chef salad with meat on the side, citrus slices, crackers or bread and fruit crisp.

obituary

Bertha Duell

Bertha (Moore) Duell, 85, Cheney, a Sherman County native, died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005, at the Golden Age Home in Cheney.

She was born Dec. 31, 1919, in rural Sherman County, the daughter of Carl S. and Ella (Peterson) Moore. On May 18, 1941, she married Lowell Duell at Goodland.

She was a former secretary of the Cheney United Methodist Church and a member of the PEO of Wichita.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband on Jan. 6, 1999, and a brother, Floyd Moore.

Survivors include three sons, Roger (Margy) Duell of Salina, Bryan Duell of Wichita and Randy (Cindy) Duell of Omaha; a daughter, Joyce (Leon) Stranathan of Winfield; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Mountain Time today, Friday, Feb. 18, 2005, at the church with the Rev. Dr. Kenton D. Van officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven Gardens of Memory in Wichita.

Memorials may be made to the church at Box 237, Cheney, Kan. 67025-0237. Lanternman Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Hotel rewarded with Gold Medal

The Goodland Howard Johnson Hotel has won Howard Johnson International's Gold Medal designation to for the second consecutive year since new ownership and management took over.

The Gold Medal program rewards hotels that attain a score of 450 points or more out of a possible 500 on the firm's quality assurance evaluation. The property must maintain high standards in housekeeping and participate in all required brand programs and initiatives.

Hotels that receive the designation are identified in the Howard Johnson worldwide directory, the firm said, and the company's reservations agents offer information on award-winning hotels to callers who are booking rooms.

"We are honored to be among those properties that have received this award," said owner Lincoln Wilson. "We strive to provide only the best to our guests and to our community."

The hotel will display the Gold Medal plaque, Wilson said, and

employees will wear the Gold Medal pins with pride.

"Our employees are the ones that make the difference here," he said, "and we are pleased to have them."

The program represents the company's motto, "A Better Quality of Life on the Road," said Mary Mahoney, president and chief executive officer.

"We commend the owners and management of the Howard Johnson Hotel in Goodland for distinguishing themselves and offering the very best to their customers."

"We are proud to offer special events and parties to our guests and our community," said Tony Dickey, assistant manager. "We can cater to any event or function with our banquet room, full-service restaurant and lounge, all on site."

The 78-room hotel, at 2218 Commerce Rd. off of K-27, offers an indoor pool with hot tub and sauna, a restaurant with room service, lounge, parking for large vehicles and high-speed wireless Internet.



Wilson

4-H news

November meeting

The Prairie Dale 4-H Club met Monday, Nov. 8, for Parents Night. Twenty-three members were present. New members Amy Floyd and Kirsten Dutton visited the meeting.

The club decided to donate three high chairs to the 4-H building. McClungs will order the wooden high chairs.

Following a soup and sandwich potluck supper, the parents gave the program. Deann Ihrig did a demonstration on making baby dolls. Scott Lockhart gave a project talk on rocketry.

Lori Titus presented a health and safety talk on germs. Dana and Whitney Schields played a duet on piano for music and other. Jeff Gray provided a three-person back to back stand up game for recreation.

Club members said the club pledge and put away chairs for dismissal.

December meeting

The Prairie Dale 4-H Club held the club Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 19, at the Howard Johnson in-

door pool. Members enjoyed snacks, swimming and ping pong. The club held a brief business meeting. Every family brought two dozen cookies, one to share with 4-H members and one for the Good Samaritan Center.

January meeting

The Prairie Dale 4-H Club met on Monday, Jan. 10, at the 4-H building. John Mosbarger called the meeting to order. Roll call was answered by 17 members and two leaders.

4-H pamphlets were handed to all members who were present, and corrections were made. Vice President Clay Schilling led the program. Jacee Herl gave a project talk on her miniature Dachshund. Audrey Titus gave a demonstration on how to make chocolate chip cookies. Brennen Clouse gave the treasurer's report.

Music was given by Brock Wilkens, who played the piano. Club members said the club pledge and put away chairs for dismissal.

Submitted by Reporter Bryan Gray.

**Tuesday:** WIC in Atwood. Scheduled appointments. **Wednesday:** WIC in St. Francis. Scheduled appointments. Blood pressures 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Goodland Senior Center. **Thursday:** WIC in Goodland. Scheduled appointments. **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 well evaluations, including testing for bacteria and nitrates. To schedule an evaluation or discuss environmental concerns, call the Health Department at 899-4888.

The group charges a \$50 letter of intent fee (similar to a permit) which is good for one year. It is required on the installation or modification of all septic systems in the protection group's area.

The group will continue to offer free testing to private individuals. However, if you are selling, purchasing or refinancing any property that requires an inspection, the group will charge a \$90 inspection fee. The inspection includes site evaluations on well and septic systems 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.

**Monday:** Ramona Livengood, a.m., and Mazie Sutton, courtesy. **Tuesday:** Anita Coleman, a.m.; Beulah McClung, p.m.; and Deb Lucas, lobby. **Wednesday:** Shirley Hayden, a.m., and Mazie Sutton, courtesy. **Thursday:** Faye Paxton, a.m. **Friday:** Carol Jolly, a.m., and Mazie Sutton, courtesy.

tax help

The American Association of Retired Persons is giving free, volunteer-run tax counseling and

preparation. The service will be available 1-4 p.m. Fridays at the Goodland Public Library and Goodland Senior Center or call for an appointment. The service can answer most of the tax issues faced by middle and low-income taxpayers and give special attention to those age 60 and over.

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 Wednesday, April 20.

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 Jeannie Topliff at 899-2426 or Candice 866-448-2366.

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.

The store needs zippered bags like those bedding and curtains are sold in, seal-a-meal bags or any bags that can be heat-sealed and

jewelry gift boxes.

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.

preschool

Sherman County Head Start is a free preschool for eligible 3 and 4 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 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.



Did You Know?

It's Time For The Second Annual Fotogirl Photography and S&T Children's Photo Competition

Call for your appointment today!

- Age categories from newborn to six
- All photos must be taken in February
- Voting will be at S&T in Colby, Goodland and Brewster from March 7 to 18

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*To Family, Friends and The Community of Goodland*

*The family of Viola Jacobs would like to say Thank You to everyone for all of your thoughts, prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, food and well wishes during her battle with West Nile Virus and her unexpected death.*

*When people ask why we live in a small community it is this kind of thoughtfulness that is our answer.*

*Thank You.*

*Elmer Jacobs*

*Jeanne Jacobs*

*Delilah and Don Leiker and Girls*

*Debbie and Doug Garber and Family*

*Jennifer and Scoot Sievers and Sarah*

*Caroline and Mark Sievers and Lucas*

*Fabio Pissarro*

Internet tonight!  
Call 899-2338.