

birthday

Bernice Taggart is turning 101 on Monday, March 28, 2005. Friends and family would like to celebrate with a card shower. Send cards to her at Wheat Ridge Acres, 707 Wheat Ridge Circle, 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 March display is watercolors, pen-and-ink and colored pencil creations by Diane Mahanna of Hoxie.

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

Colby Community College will offer a **workshop for health care supervisors on Thursday** in the Student Union, room 107. The workshop, worth six contact hours, is designed to help supervisors recognize and resolve potential problems in the workplace before they are allowed to escalate and affect productivity. John Mulvaney, a private management consultant in business, education and allied health, is the presenter for the workshop. Registration begins at 8 a.m. **Central Time** on March 24. The workshop is scheduled from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-3:30 p.m. There is a charge for the workshop.

the calendar

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TNT Singles will meet at 6:30 p.m. **Thursday** at Edwards Hall for supper, cards and games. Call 899-2733.

The **Goodland Regional Medical Center board** will meet at 6:30 p.m. **Monday** in the large board room at the hospital.

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

Music Boosters second annual **Basketball Madness** will be **Thursday, April 7**, at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. The **soup supper** will be at 5 p.m. and the game at 7.

SHARE sign up for the April distribution of food will be until **Monday, April 11**, at the Sherman County Health Department, Harvest America, the Regional Prevention Center or the Kanorado Senior Center. Pick up will be **Saturday, April 23**, for the April distribution.

The **American Association of Retired Persons Driver Safety Program** is having an eight-hour course from 7-9:30 p.m. **Tuesday-Thursday, April 19-21**. Call Don Kiehl at 890-6638 or call 55 ALIVE toll free at 888-227-7669. The course provides information on how to protect yourself in parking areas, avoid serious accidents and deal effectively with aggres-

sive drivers. It is designed to make participants aware of how changes in vision, hearing and physical reflexes can impact their driving. There is a fee.

The **Northwest Kansas Astronomical Society Deep Sky Eye Observatory** is having "star-b-que" parties starting **Friday and Saturday, April 22 and 23**, at the Thompson farm on county road 67. Bring your own picnic/grill, sleeping bag and tent. Call Ron at 899-2053. Other dates planned (weather permitting) are May 27-29, June 10 and 11, June 24 and 25, July 8 and 9, July 22 and 23, Aug. 12 and 13, Aug. 26 and 27; and September dates to be announced. Donations to the observatory to build a permanent structure would be appreciated. For all ages; no alcohol.

Ladies 1800s Western Feed will be at **noon Saturday, April 23**, at the Ennis-Handy House, 13th and Center, to raise money for the Sherman County Historical Society. Cowgirl, saloon or prairie attire is encouraged. Tickets need to be bought by Friday, April 15. Call Carol Baum at 890-7364.

The **Northwest Kansas Home and Garden Show** will be **Saturday and Sunday, April 30 and May 1**, in the Max Jones Fieldhouse. Kansas State University Research and Extension and/or its master gardeners will be participating.

Advance registration is required. Call Mary Herbel at Colby Community College at 785-462-3984, ext. 286.

The **Colby Booster Club 3-on-3 basketball tournament** will be **Saturday, April 9**. There are divisions for boys and girls in 3/4 grades, 5/6 and 7/8. **Entry fees** are due **Saturday**. Call Russ Martin at 785-462-5300.

The **Girl Scouts annual meeting** will be from 10 a.m.-noon **Central Time Saturday, April 2**, in the Colby Community Building basement, 285 E. Fifth. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., and lunch will be from noon-1 p.m. There is a charge.

The **2005 Sappa Valley Shoot-out** youth three-on-three basketball tournament will be **Saturday, April 16**, in the Decatur Community Junior and Senior High School gyms. Oberlin. Boys and girls in grades 3-10 are eligible to participate. The event is sponsored by the Oberlin Cyclones MAYB boys basketball team. **Entry fees are due** to Sue Glodt by **Wednesday, April 6**. Forms are available at area schools or at www.sappavalleyshootout.com. Call Glodt at 785-475-8926 or 785-475-3383 or Barbara Olson at 785-475-3602 or 785-475-7015.

In conjunction with the annual **Loyalty Day celebration and livestock show**, Greeley County will hold a **Spring Fling Festival Saturday, May 7**. In addition to the parade, there will be activities, craft booths, food booths, sidewalk sales and garage sales downtown. There are opportunities for organizations and businesses to raise money. Call Janice Elder at 620-376-4499, Judy Young at 620-376-2176, Doreen Mangold at 620-376-4499, Betty Osborn at 620-376-2689, Janet Chilson at 620-376-4489, Trina Kleymann at 620-376-4882 or Lee Holman at 620-376-2178.

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: WIC in Sharon Springs. Scheduled appointments.

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.

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.

Wednesday: Shirley Hayden, a.m., and Mazie Sutton, courtesy. **Thursday:** Faye Paxton, a.m. **Friday:** 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

school calendar

This week: Spring break. No school.

Monday, March 28: National Honor Society 6:30 p.m. at Wheat Ridge Acres.

Tuesday, March 29: Black day. Seminar — STUCO. Baseball vs. Burlington 2 p.m. here. Leadership Sherman County.

Wednesday, March 30: Gold day.

Thursday, March 31: Black day. Seminar — FCCLA. Parent-teacher conference 4-8 p.m. Farm Bureau 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

Friday, April 1: No school. Parent-teacher conferences 8 a.m.-noon. Baseball 3 p.m. at Garden City. Softball vs. Garden City 3 p.m. here.

Saturday, April 2: Track 9:30 a.m. at Ogallala. Regional music solos and ensembles.

Sunday, April 3: Daylight Savings Time begins.

school lunch menu

This week: No school. Spring break.

senior center menu

Wednesday: Swedish meat balls, seasoned broccoli, apple-sauce gelatin, noodles and oatmeal cherry cookie. **Thursday:** Turkey stew, five-cup salad, crackers and bread pudding. **Friday:** Egg and hash brown casserole, orange juice, peas and carrots, bread and coffee cake.

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.

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.

March wedding planned

Amy Harris and Ted Busse of St. Francis planned to marry Monday, March 21, 2005.

JoAnn Busse Scott of Goodland and the late Paul Busse are the groom's parents. Lloyd and Susie Harris of Bozeman, Mont., are the bride's.



Harris and Busse

County got soaked, expected big harvest today in history

By Evelyn Ward

Sherman County Historical Society

March 20, 1905: Soaked By Continuous Rain — Unprecedented Since 1892 — The best singers of our agricultural prospects for this year have quit merely humming and in their enthusiasm have begun to sing. 'The Harvest Shall Be Great' — Sherman County is so wet that it can't remember when it was more water soaked.

Mud handicaps everybody and is on everything. These equinoctial rains, which have soaked the land to a depth that discourages investigation, date back more than a week.

The first appearance was in the form of snow that melted as soon as it touched the ground. A little later, the temperature turned the precipitation to rain.

Then for forty eight hours, the land was wrapped in a London fog. The moisture-laden atmosphere collected into rain clouds, dispensing a liberal and continuous rain.

As far as the eye can see, the sky is dark and the sun has not been able to penetrate the clouds. The oldest farmers look into each others faces and say that a better winter and spring never come to the west, and that the crop year of 1892 can no more than rival thus far the present year.

They point to the fact that great crop years in western Kansas must be preceded by a hard winter, copious spring and summer rains. These requirements thus far have been admirably met, and they reason

well enough that where a chain of three events produce a certain result, and two of the links are regular and positive, the third and last will probably follow.

Then who can brook the belief that Sherman county is not destined to redeem all her people from the pinch of poverty and to bless them with one of the finest climates the sun shines on.

March 21, 1905: St. Patrick's day, March 17, was celebrated in the evening by a masque ball at the opera house. There was a large attendance, and vari-colored costumes, some of which were homely as the homeliest, while others were elaborate and gaudy.

March 22, 1905: James Boda has a boot and shoe repair shop in the room south of the Seaman Sisters building. He is a first class mechanic in his line, as his work shows. Don't forget him when we want repair work done.

March 23, 1905: Nineteen counties in Kansas have county high schools, diplomas from which will admit to the freshmen class at the state university. Nine of these counties are located in the western part of the state, including Sherman, Thomas, Cheyenne, Lane, Gove, Norton, Decatur, Scott and Sheridan.

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.

4-H news

The regular monthly meeting of the Sunflower 4-H Club was held Monday, March 14, at the 4-H building.

It was the Model Meeting and started at 6:15 with the club having 35 minutes to complete it.

Roll call was "What is your favorite television show?" and was answered by 20 members, five parents, two leaders and no guests. Chris Irvin led the group in a song called "Old McDonald had a Farm."

The business meeting was rather short; leader Sonya Vandiver informed club members that they need to be thinking of ideas for the

hay bail contest for the fair and said to tell her if they have any. The club was also told it is in charge of the Spring Show this year.

The program had Ryan Irvin doing a project talk on "Jr. Leaders." Sammie Raymer gave a demonstration on how to make mini cheese-cakes. A health and safety tip finished off the program with Austin Rains telling the club about bus safety.

Recreation was led by Kathy Wood in a game called Ball Race. Refreshments were served by the Vandiver and Holloway families.

Submitted by Club Reporter Chelsie Gausman.

Thank You

Brian and Janda Linin, parents of Brianna Danae Linin, and the extended family express their sincere appreciation to all those who donated, made purchases and gave contributions to Brianna's Benefit Auction on Sunday, March 6.

We know many people worked many hours to make this auction a huge success.

We are overwhelmed at your generosity. We are so grateful to be a part of such a wonderful and loving community.

Internet tonight! 899-2338

First Christian Church Disciples of Christ
Wish to invite you to the following **Holy Week Events:**
Tenebrae Service, Thursday, March 24th 7 p.m.
An ancient special service of communion, scriptural reading and extinguishing the Candles of Tenebrae
Good Friday Service, March 25th, 7 p.m.
Experience the last few hours of Christ's life through the eyes of the mothers that were present as presented by the CYF
Easter Cantata, Easter Sunday, March 27th, 10:30 a.m.
Presented by the DOT
All programs are must see events
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