

activities

Tours of the 1907 Victorian House at 202 W. 13th are from 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. "Nifty '50s Photograph Collection" 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. There is no gallery display this month. Elementary art will be on display starting Sunday. The Goodland Public Library will have story time for 3-5-year-olds at 10 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. Born to Read for children birth to age 3, accompanied by an adult, will be at 10 a.m. Fridays. Prairie Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at "The Rock House," 326 E. 6th in Goodland. Call Cora House at 899-2619, Joan Reid at 890-7301 or Carol Tupper at 890-5955.

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

Diabetes Support Group meets at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the large board room at Goodland Regional Medical Center. Patients, family and friends meet each month for a speaker and educational program. Call Sarah Linton at 890-6044.

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

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.

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 8-9 p.m. Tuesdays, open; 8-9 p.m. Thursdays, closed; and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Saturdays, open, at the Elks Lodge. 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.

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra meets from 7:30-9 p.m. Central Time on Mondays at the Colby High School Band Room. The all-volunteer orchestra does not require auditions and is open to anyone from northwest Kansas and northeast Colorado. The music ranges from classical to popular. Call Dr. David Younger at 899-3421 or e-mail Gail56@hotmail.com.

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

the calendar

calendar

The Sherman County Health Fair will be from 8-11 a.m. Saturday at the Goodland Activities Center.

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at the First Christian Church, Eighth and Arcade. The Five-Star Family Topic is "Love," just in time for Valentine's Day. There will be a panel of experienced couples who will answer questions and give tips from when they were raising preschoolers. Child care is provided.

SHARE sign up for the February distribution of food will be until Monday, Feb. 13, at the Sherman County Health Department, the Regional Prevention Center or the Kanorado Senior Center. Pick up will be Saturday,

Feb. 25, for the January distribution.

school calendar

Today: Black day. Seminar — AFS. National Honor Society interviews 4 p.m.

Wednesday: Gold day. Bank Day—all elementary schools. FCCLA District A Star Events at Oakley. Professional Development Council meeting at Central Elementary. City/county recreation.

Thursday: Black day. Seminar — DECA and FCS. Varsity scholars bowl, Regional Scholars Bowl, 3:45 p.m. Boys/girls junior varsity basketball tournament in Colby.

Friday: Gold day. Boys/girls varsity, junior varsity and freshman basketball at St. Francis.

Saturday: Regional Piano Festival. Boys freshman basketball at Greeley County High School. Junior varsity wrestling tournament 8 a.m. here.

school menu

Wednesday: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, Jell-o and milk. Thursday: Cooks' choice. Friday: Corn dogs, french fries, pickle spear, peaches and milk.

senior center menu

Wednesday: Oven baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, cook's choice fruit, dinner roll and mixed vegetables. Thursday: Sloppy joes, broccoli, pasta salad, bun and rosy applesauce. Friday: Liver and onions, creamed potatoes, peas, bread and mixed fruit.

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: Blood pressures 10 a.m. at the Goodland Senior Center. Thursday: WIC in Colby. Scheduled appointments. Friday: Scheduled appointments.

The health department still has flu vaccine.

Assistance with comparing prescription drug plans and enrolling in Medicare Plan D will be given every Tuesday afternoon until May 15. Call for an appointment.

Blood pressures; infants', children's and adult's immunizations; health assessments for Kan Be Healthy, daycare and school entry; fasting blood sugar and hemoglobin; family planning; and toenail clipping available by appointment. Assistance is available for the new prescription drug program, and Sharps containers are available free. Call 890-4888.

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 890-4888.

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.

tax help

AARP Tax-Aide, administered through the American Association of Retired Persons with cooperation from the Internal Revenue Service, is providing free tax help from 1-4 p.m. every Friday through April 14 at the Goodland Public Library and the Goodland Senior Center.

They can answer most tax questions for mid- and low-income taxpayers, with special attention to

those age 60 and over.

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.

tiny-k

Tiny-k Early Intervention Services, formerly the Early Intervention Networks, 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-

will be on Friday, March 10, and the Spring show will be on Friday, May 12.

The meeting as adjourned by saying the Club Motto. Following the

672-3125, ext. 115.

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 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 in Hays 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

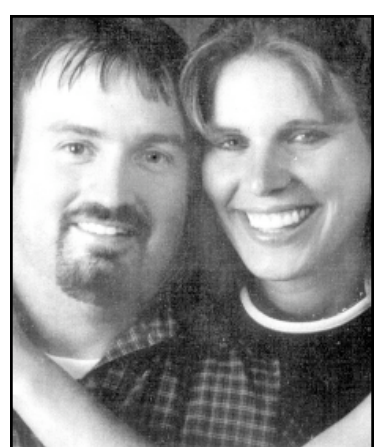
Many trees at the Goodland Cemetery have died and the cemetery board is trying to replace them. Contributions for the Goodland Cemetery Memorial Tree Fund can be left at Koons or Bateman funeral homes or sent to the Goodland Cemetery Board, Box 59, Goodland, Kan. 67735. Donations may be made in memory 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.

meeting, members enjoyed bowling, eating and exchanging gifts. Dessert was provided by Holly Wilkening and Cody Hooker. Submitted by Cody Hooker

Couple to marry in April



Hinck and Scheopner

Rita Scheopner of Goodland and Dustin Hinck of St. Mary's plan to marry Saturday, April 22, 2006, at Western Hills Baptist Church in Topeka.

Joe Scheopner of Goodland is the bride-elect's father, and Dustin and Karen Hinck of Harveyville are the prospective groom's.

She graduated from Goodland High School and Fort Hays State University with a degree in elemen-

tary education. She works for the Burlingame School District.

He graduated from Mission Valley High School and works at Custom Woods in St. Mary's.

obituaries

Irene Kruse

Irene Kruse, 82, Selden, mother of Michael Kruse of Goodland, died Friday, Jan. 27, 2006.

She was born Irene Heim on Dec. 27, 1924, in Sheridan County. She was a homemaker. Her husband John Marlin Kruse died in 1995.

Other survivors include four other sons, Bernard Kruse of Hoisington, John Kruse of Arvada, Colo., Daniel Kruse of Topeka and Steve Kruse of Selden; six daughters, Marlene Tignor of Cheyenne, Wyo., Donna McGee of Olathe, Patricia Brown of Joplin, Mo., Mary Doyle of Imperial, Neb., Susanne Johnson of Belleville, Texas, and Christina Immelman of Washington, D.C.; three brothers, Ed Heim of Dennison, Texas, Ray Heim of Westminster, Texas, and Alfred Heim of St. Joe, Texas; three sisters, Mildred Green of Colby, Lorene Reinert of Lincoln, Neb., and Berniece Halle of Mission Digo, Calif.; 27 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Mountain Time today, Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Selden. Burial will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery in Leoville.

Memorials may be made to the Irene Kruse Memorial Fund in care of Pauls Funeral Home, Fourth and

Illinois, Selden, Kan. 67757. The family will decide their use later.

Edgar A. Moore

Edgar A. Moore, 69, Minneola, formerly of Goodland, a farmer, died Thursday, Jan. 26, 2006, in the Minneola Long Term Care Unit.

He was born March 2, 1936, at Springfield, Mo., the son of Virgil and Merti (Goodman) Moore.

He lived in Goodland many years and was a member of the Kanorado Methodist Church. He had lived in Fowler and then Minneola since 2002.

Preceding him in death were two sons, Warren and Gerald Moore.

Survivors include a son, Robert Moore of Goodland; two daughters, Debra Christopher of Natoma and Jenny Lampe of Fowler; a brother, Charles Henry Moore of Murdock; a sister, Virginia Woods of California; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Mountain Time today, Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006, at the Goodland Cemetery with the Rev. Chet Ross officiating.

Cremation has taken place. There will be no visitation.

Memorials may be made to the Minneola Long Term Care Unit in care of Minnis Mortuary, Box 459, Minneola, Kan. 67865.

vfw auxiliary news

The Department of Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars announced the annual Voice of Democracy state winners Saturday in Topeka, and a Goodland student finished third, receiving a \$500 scholarship.

The announcement was at the 33rd annual Voice of Democracy Banquet in conjunction with the Mid-Winter Conference. The contest is jointly sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary.

Students in grades nine through 12 from across the state competed in the speech-writing contest by taping a three to five minute speech on the theme, "How I Demonstrate My Freedom." There were 480 students from 75 posts and auxiliaries entered.

Local winning entries were sent to the district level. The nine district winners competed for the top state award.

The district winners were Michael Smith from Goodland, Tia Oelschlager from Toganoxie, Scott Anderson from Paola, Chris Hall from Arkansas City, Ashley Brunkey from Onaga, Michelle Pomeroy from Hesston, Mary Rose Biltz from Haven and Diana Sanchez from Plains.

Smith was the third place department winner and received a \$500 scholarship. Pomeroy was the second place winner and received a \$750 scholarship, and Ted Hodges from Salina was the first place winner. He received a \$1,000 scholarship and will be a guest of the VFW at the Washington Community Service Conference in March, where the national winners will be announced.

There are 54 scholarships given at the national level, ranging from \$1,000 to the top prize of \$25,000. Hodges will also be a guest of the VFW at the Freedom Foundation in July in Philadelphia.

The Voice of Democracy is an annual contest, and students can find further information about the theme for next year at the VFW website, <http://www.vfw.org>, or from any local post or auxiliary member.

Michael Smith is the son of Celia Smith and is a junior at Goodland High School. Members of the Goodland post attending were Joe and Jo Ann Wahrman and Mary Porterfield.

The Wahrmans have been the department chairs for the Voice of Democracy program for the past two years. At the banquet, they received a citation from the VFW for their outstanding work with it.

4-H news

December meetings

The Ruleton Eager Beavers met at the Methodist Church on Saturday, Dec. 3, to collect food for Genesis. Following the food collection, the member met at Wal-Mart to buy gifts for five children listed on the Angel Tree for Genesis.

On Thursday, Dec. 15, the members again met at the Methodist Church to box the food and re-stock the bank shelves.

January meeting

The Ruleton Eager Beavers meeting was called to order by saying the Pledge of Allegiance on Sunday, Jan. 8, at the Bowladium. Lanes for the club's Christmas bowling party.

Fourteen members, three leaders and one guest answered roll call by stating what they got for Christmas. Minutes were read and approved. Correspondences were read. Treasurer, 4-H council, and leader reports were given. There was no old

business.

For new business, members were asked to come up with ideas for the 2006 Fair theme. Announcements were: 4-H Days and Talent Night

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