

about our friends

calendar

Girl Scout cookie sales are on through Friday, Feb. 1. If you have not been contacted by Jan. 31, call Jeannie Topliff at 899-5133 or Mary Reasoner at 899-5054.

SHARE sign up will be from **9 to 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 4**, at 824 Main for the February distribution of low-cost food.

Congressman Jerry Moran will discuss the State of the Union Address and his priorities for the second half of the 107th Congress during a **live television appearance from 8:30-9:30 p.m. Friday** on Smoky Hills Public Television.

Life Line Screening will check for vascular disease and osteoporosis **Tuesday, Feb. 5**, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Pre-registration is required. **Call (800) 404-4557**. For more information, visit their web site at www.lifelinescreening.com.

"Sew Bee It" — What will be the name of the new needle club? Bring your name ideas to the next meeting from **7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14**, at Wheat Ridge Acres. The name contest will end on **March 14**.

activities

Born to Read — The **Goodland Public Library** offers **Story Time** for children under 3 from 5-5:30 p.m. on the **second and fourth Tuesday evening**, and 10-10:30 a.m. **every Friday**.

Emotions Anonymous — meets at **7:30 p.m. every Wednesday** 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.

The **Goodland Development Corp.** meets at **6:30 p.m. every Tuesday** at 910 Main. Call 899-2342 or 899-6200 for information.

Aerobics Classes — 7:45 a.m. morning aerobics classes are offered daily at the Goodland Activities Center. Marilyn Imel leads a step aerobic class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On Tuesday and Thursday, a less intense class is offered. Call 899-7242

TOPS Meetings — Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at **5:30 p.m. Mondays** in the small board room at

Goodland Regional Medical Center. Weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of Goodland High School holds **Little Brothers and Little Sisters the third Thursday** of every month. High school students will play games, create crafts, and share snacks with pre-school children at 3:30 p.m. in the home economics room or cafeteria.

House Tours — Tours of the 1907 Victorian "Handy House" at 202 W. 13th are from **1-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays**.

Water Testing — A representative of the Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group will be available for a free well evaluation, including testing well water for bacteria and nitrates. To schedule an evaluation or discuss environmental concerns, call the Sherman County Health Department at 899-4888.

The **Carnegie Arts Center** will be closed in January. The center will reopen in **February from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday** and from **1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday**.

school calendar

Tuesday: Black Day. Seminar — FCCLA. NHS interviews. Junior varsity and varsity wrestling vs. Colby 5:30 p.m. City/County Recreation sports 7:30 p.m. in the high school gym. Governance Committee Meeting. **Wednesday:** Gold Day. City/County Recreation sports 7:30 p.m. at the Max Jones Fieldhouse and junior high gym. **Thursday:** Black Day. Seminar — GAA & G-Club. Regional Scholar's Bowl at Larned. Junior varsity basketball tournament at Colby. "C" team basketball tournament 3 p.m. at Max Jones Fieldhouse. **Friday, Feb. 1:** Gold Day. Junior varsity and varsity wrestling vs. St. Francis 5:30 p.m. here. Senior parent night. Junior varsity and varsity basketball at St. Francis 5:30 p.m., depart 3:30 p.m. **Saturday, Feb. 2:** Regional Piano Festival. Junior varsity and varsity basketball 5 p.m. vs. Hays here. 9-10 Wrestling tournament 8 a.m. here. "C" team girls basketball 9 a.m. at Atwood. Snoball Dance 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. high school gym. **Sunday, Feb. 3:** Open gym 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Max Jones Fieldhouse. Junior Olympics volleyball 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. junior high gym. Dana Murray's team 2-4 p.m. high school gym.

school lunch menu

Tuesday: Cavatini, lettuce salad, bread sticks, cookies and milk. **Wednesday:** Cooks' choice. **Thursday:** Chili dog with cheese, lettuce salad, tri-tators, cake and milk.

senior center menu

Tuesday: Chili, orange pineapple salad, crackers and cinnamon roll. **Wednesday:** Roast pork, candied sweet potatoes, spaghetti salad, bread and apple berry sauce. **Thursday:** Chicken enchilada casserole, pea salad, peaches, tortilla and peanut butter cookies. **Friday:** Beef stew, mixed fruit with mandarin oranges, bread and brownies.

hospital report

Goodland Regional Medical Center

Admitted on Sunday: Hunter Helton and Floyd Smith, both of Goodland.

Dismissed on Sunday: Logan Cross, Goodland.

Specialists for Tuesday: none.

Hospital Volunteer Schedule: **Tuesday:** none. **Wednesday:** none. **Thursday:** none. **Friday:** Fern Heckman, a.m., Carmelita Clark, courtesy and Jan Lambertz, p.m.

today in history

Jan. 28, 1902: Railroad News: Of the 4,842.56 miles of railroad operated by the Rock Island, 1,057.45 miles are in Kansas.

From *The Goodland News*; provided by the Sherman County Historical Society.

area events

The Northwest Kansas Area Health Education Center will offer **The Trying Trio: Stress, Depression, and Suicide**, from **10 a.m. to 3 p.m. next Wednesday** at 221 W. First, St. Francis. To register, call (785) 628-6128.

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 you give results in the arrest and/or conviction of those involved, you could be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000. The Goodland Area Crime Stoppers is a nonprofit organization formed by citizens against crime.

child care issues

If you have questions, concerns or complaints about child care in Sherman County, call the county health department office at (785) 899-4888.

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 in the northwest Kansas area. For information or assistance, call toll-free (800) 794-4624.

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.

wheelchairs

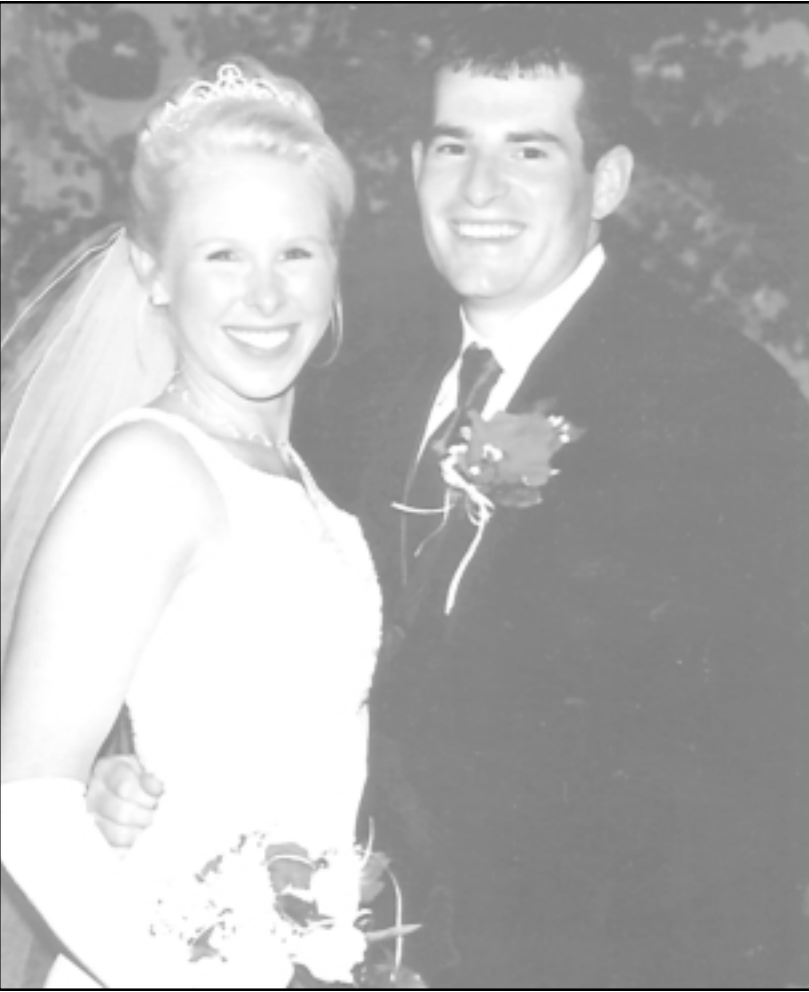
The Senior Wheels USA Program offers electric wheelchairs to senior citizens (65 and up) and the permanently disabled at no cost. The wheelchairs are for those who can't walk or use a manual wheelchair. If your need is for home use and you want to find out if you qualify, call Leon Johnson at (800) 246-6010.

free trees

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins the **National Arbor Day Foundation** during January. Membership requires a \$10 contribution to be mailed to: Ten Free Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb. 68410 **by Jan. 31**. The free trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time to plant them, between Feb. 1 and May 31.

asthma medication

Breathing medications and nebulizers are available to people with severe breathing conditions **at no cost** if they qualify. Call the LifeStyle Medical Program at (800) 519-4480 to find out if you qualify.



Dianna Gozdecki and Gary Johnson

Couple wed at sunset

Dianna Gozdecki and Gary Johnson were united in marriage on Nov. 23. At sunset, the couple exchanged their vows under a beautiful gazebo in the Paradise Garden at the Flamingo Hilton in Las Vegas, Nev. After the ceremony, a dinner reception was held in the dining room of the Flamingo Hilton for several family members and friends in attendance.

The maid of honor was Kelly Hanebrink. Margaret, Joyce and Lisa Gozdecki, sisters of the bride, and Jodi Foster were bridesmaids. The best man was Jason Foster. Groomsman were Michael Vanloenen and Robert Thomas.

Other family members in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gozdecki and William Gozdecki, Chicago, Ill.; Debora Faraci, Kansas City; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Johnson and Harold

Johnson, Goodland; Drs. Michael and Juliana Konkright, San Diego, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Kay Tappendick, Shaun and Shanelle and Brandi Devere of Salina.

On Nov. 30, a dinner reception was held at the Leawood Town Hall in Leawood for family members and friends.

Dianna and Gary are criminal justice graduates from Kansas University and Kansas State University respectively.

The bride is a law enforcement officer in the city of Leawood and the groom is a law enforcement officer in the city of Shawnee.

Following a honeymoon in the mountains of Pine, Ariz., the couple are at home in Shawnee.

Gary Johnson is the grandson of Sparkey and Eilene Nolan and the late Jeauanne Nolan.

obituary

Hazel Nordmann

Hazel Marie Nordmann, 94, charter member of Friends of the Library in Goodland died Saturday at Goodland Regional Medical Center.

She was born March 17, 1907, at Barada, Neb., the daughter of Eva Elizabeth (Taylor) and George Andrew Coon. She attended school in Richardson County, Neb., and came to Sherman County in November of 1925.

She and Carl Nordmann were married on Sept. 31, 1931. They lived on a farm south of Goodland before moving to Goodland. They enjoyed traveling together.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday school for many years; a past worthy matron of the Order of Eastern Star; and a guardian of Jobs Daughters.

She was a Farm Bureau board member and district Farm Bureau Women's Leader. She was a library board member during the time the current library was built and was president of the Friends of the Library when money was being raised to erect and dedicate the memorial at the Kidder Massacre site.

She was a charter member of the Goodland Regional Medical Center Auxiliary, a High Plains Museum volunteer, a third ward committee woman and a 4-H club sponsor.

Preceding her in death were her husband, an infant son, her parents and three brothers, Loy Coon, Leonard Coon and Bob Coon.

Survivors include nieces Debora Crouch and Phyllis Dickey of Goodland, Virginia Elliott of California and Joan Jessee of Arizona and nephews Keith Coon, Gary Coon and Lawrence House, Jr. of Goodland and

College graduate joins dealership

Jon Yost has joined the sales and management team of Yost Farm Supply, a farm equipment dealership established by his grandfather.

Jon graduated from St. Francis High School in 1997 and went on to receive a degree in Business Management from Fort Hays State University in December 2001.

Jon said he is excited to work with



Jon Yost

dealership.

the team at Yost Farm Supply.

"I've grown up around it all my life," he said. "It's just something I've always wanted."

The dealership, with its home base in St. Francis, was established by Robert Yost, Jon's grandfather, in 1967. Jon's father, Dave Yost, is the president of the

Jon will work at the Goodland business and has purchased a home in Goodland. He said he is eager to be a part of the area. His positive attitude and aggressiveness will be good for customers and employees, Dave said.

Dave is excited to have his son join the business, he said, as he will bring new ideas on helping customers save money by purchasing and leasing equipment from Yost Farm Supply.

Besides the Goodland and St. Francis dealerships, Yost Farm Supply

Rural counties afraid of losing representatives

TOPEKA (AP) — Two isn't always better than one, according to some community leaders and legislators.

Some cities and counties, especially in rural areas, are concerned with how their legislative districts would look under the latest Republican redistricting plan. Among the most vocal opponents of a House plan are southeast Kansas residents who would lose a representative.

"To deprive southeast Kansas of a seat in the Legislature is simply putting a new face on a very old political practice of gerrymandering," wrote Mary Ellen Otto, a Cherokee resident, in an e-mail to the Legislature. "In this case it is not necessary."

The city of Atchison, which would be split in two, is concerned that dual representation would be detrimental for the growth in the city.

"I would hate to see the largest employer in Atchison represented by someone in Lansing or Leavenworth," John Kujawa, president of Atchison Steel Casting and Machining, said during a hearing on the GOP plan last week.

Residents in Hays also were concerned with the division of their town into three districts.

"I feel that the current redistricting proposal hinders our ability to remain an economically viable rural community," wrote Hays Mayor Henry Schwaller. "I ask you to reconsider the current boundary and maintain our current representation."

But the House Redistricting Committee's chairman said he can't understand why people wouldn't welcome more representation.

"I'm somewhat perplexed by rural counties that want to keep an entire district in one county," said Rep. Mike O'Neal, R-Hutchinson.

The state's population has continued to shift toward urban centers and away from rural areas. The 2000 census showed that a dozen rural counties, mainly in western Kansas, lost 10 percent or more of their population.

Legislators are attempting to balance the concerns of both rural and urban communities while adjusting district lines to reflect that change and meet court mandates of keeping districts as nearly equal as possible in population.

"There are some legitimate concerns we're trying to address," said Rep. Doug Mays, R-Topeka, committee vice chairman.

Democrats would welcome another look at the GOP map. Republicans hold a 79-46 majority in the House.

"To this point, the process has not been collaborative whatsoever," said Rep. R.J. Wilson, D-Pittsburg. "I don't think it is necessary to split Atchison and Hays. We would love to have a voice in this process."

To this point, both sides have been working separately, each proposing different maps and different solutions. But over the past week, both sides have discussed ways to present a map that would pass without a lot of floor amendments.

"We hope to have an agreement with the Democrats by Monday or Tuesday of next week and then committee," Mays said. "Hopefully we can avoid a bloody floor fight when we introduce the bill."

The bipartisan tone was also present in the 40-district Senate, where Republicans hold a 30-10 edge. Democrats hoped to join with some Republicans who are unhappy with a GOP plan they fear will reduce rural representation.

The Senate Redistricting Committee has a hearing on the proposed plans

Monday. Senate Democrats hope Republicans will disagree among themselves.

"We're in negotiations with some Republicans right now, and I don't think we're in any real big hurry until we feel like we can get a coalition put together," said Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, D-Topeka. "Right now, I don't think there are enough votes to pass any map."

club news

The Goodland Business and Professional Women's Club met Monday, Jan. 7, at Ray's Cafe.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Cindy Robben. Roll call was answered by five members.

All the members answered by saying the Club Collect followed by the Flag Salute.

Guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Dan Golden, a chiropractor. Did you know that acupuncture has been

has a dealership in Imperial, Neb. The Yosts pride themselves on giving the best service and having high business standards.

They have added six service vehicles within the past month and have updated one of their four semi tractor trailer delivery trucks.

The dealership sells New Holland, Buhler Versatile, Agco Combines, White Planters, Heston, Quinstar, MacDon, Haybuster and many other lines.

The Kansas Supreme Court automatically reviews legislative proposals, and a panel of federal judges is likely to scrutinize the congressional plan.

In 1992, the debate dragged out, and the state was forced to postpone its June 10 candidate filing deadline for two weeks. But House Republicans are hoping to complete redrawing their districts by mid-February.

used in China for 5,000 years? Acupuncture does not hurt, and many people are helped by acupuncture.

If you would like to know more about acupuncture, you can get in touch with Dr. Golden at his office at 1002 Broadway.

A delicious dinner was enjoyed with plenty of conversation.

The next meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 4, with Velma Holste and Myrtle Murphy hosting.

American Profile

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Larry Coon of Missouri.

Burial will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Goodland Cemetery with Pastor Carol Moore Ramey officiating. There will only be the graveside service.

Memorials may be made to the High Plains Museum and may be left at Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

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7:00 • Ends Thursday



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