

about our friends

calendar

A **garage sale and bake sale** will be held at **9 a.m. Saturday** at the Veterans of Foreign Wars to support the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter.

An **opening reception** for a show of paintings by Phyllis Liljegren Newson will be held from **2-4 p.m. Sunday** at the Carnegie Arts Center. The show runs through April 5.

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

Project Graduation 2002 will meet at **7 p.m. Monday** in the high school cafeteria. All senior parents are invited.

The **Swinging Senior Band** will be playing at **10 a.m. Tuesday** at Wheat Ridge Retirement Home. They will play at **12:30 p.m. at Wal-Mart** and at **2 p.m. at the Good Samaritan Center**.

Jodi Tubbs of the **Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs** will be in Goodland from **1-2:15 p.m. Thursday, March 7**, in the Assembly Room on the third floor of the courthouse to help veterans and dependents with claims. Call the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at (785) 462-3572.

“Financial Exploitation of the Elderly” will be the theme of a free program from **1:30-3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 7**, at the Goodland Public Library, sponsored by High Plains Mental Health.

A **Hunter Education Course** will be held from **6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, and Thursday, March 21 and at 8 a.m. Saturday, March 23**. To register, call Troy Mannis at 899-3380 or Mike Hopper at 899-5199.

activities

“Prairie Past Times,” a photographic history of entertainment in Sherman County, is on display at the High Plains Museum, 1717 Cherry Ave.

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 from 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. the first and third Tuesday** at Bowladium Lanes. 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. Tena Tompkins leads a **step aerobic class at 5:30 a.m.** Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On Tuesday and Thursday, a less intense class is offered. Call 899-7242.

Goodland Activities Center will have third-sixth grade boys **basketball at 6-8 p.m. Thursdays** through Thursday, March 7. The third-fifth grade girls will play from **6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays** through Monday, March 11.

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. Students will play games, create crafts and share snacks with preschool children at 3:30 p.m. in the home economics room or cafeteria.

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

Water Testing — The Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group does free well evaluation, including testing 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** is open from **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday** and from **1-4 p.m. Saturday**,

Sunday and Monday. Paintings by Phyllis Liljegren Newson will be on display **March 3-April 5.**

school calendar

Saturday: Sub-state basketball finals at Pratt. Kansas State DECA career development conference at Overland Park. AFS round-up at Wichita. **Sunday:** Kansas State DECA career development conference at Overland Park. AFS round-up at Wichita. **Monday:** Kansas State DECA Career Development Conference at Overland Park. Project Graduation 2002 meeting 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. **Tuesday:** Gold Day. Seminar — Math Assessment Test for sophomores. Kansas State DECA Career Development Conference at Overland Park. City/County recreation sports 7 p.m. high school gym. Grades due 8 a.m. for down list. **Wednesday:** Black Day. Seminar — Math Assessment Test for sophomores and Science Olympiad. City/county recreation sports 7:30 p.m. in the Max Jones Fieldhouse. **Thursday:** Gold Day. Seminar — Math Assessment Test for sophomores and G-Club/GAA. State basketball: boys first round. City/County recreation sports 7 p.m. high school gym. **Friday, March 8:** Black Day. State basketball. Sample lesson plans with QAR to Sharon Hall. **Saturday, March 9:** State basketball. 4-H Days in auditorium and classrooms. **Sunday, March 10:** Junior olympics volleyball 1-3:30 p.m. in the junior high gym. Ambassador fund raiser for X-Pressos 1-4 p.m. in auditorium and library. Dana Murray’s team 2-5 p.m. in the high school gym.

school lunch menu

Monday: Burritos, lettuce and tomato, tri-taters, fruit and milk. **Tuesday:** Chicken nuggets, green beans, tater tots, pudding and milk. **Wednesday:** Roast beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, hot roll, apple half and milk. **Thursday:** Pigs in a blanket, french fries, baked beans, Jell-O and milk. **Friday:** Cooks’ choice.

senior center menu

Monday: Barbecue chicken sandwich, coleslaw w/carrots, baked beans, bun and apricots. **Tuesday:** Pepper steak, spinach cheese salad, corn, dinner-roll and berry applesauce. **Wednesday:** Ham and beans, citrus salad, cornbread and cherry crisp. **Thursday:** Meat loaf, baked potato asparagus, bread and pineapple. **Friday:** Macaroni and cheese, tuna salad sandwich or little smokies, stewed tomatoes, bread and cinnamon apples.

hospital report

Goodland Regional Medical Center
Admitted on Thursday: Andrea McClain, Goodland. Swing bed: Nola Ione Kehlbeck, Goodland.
Dismissed on Thursday: Clara Scheopner, Goodland.
Specialists for Monday: Theodore Clarke, orthopedist.

Hospital Volunteer Schedule:
Monday: Mary Schippert, a.m.; Mazie Sutton, courtesy; and Aurabelle Isernhagen, p.m. **Tuesday:** Beulah McClung, p.m. **Wednesday:** Carmelita Clark, courtesy; Margie Richards, p.m. **Thursday:** Mary Lou Franklin, a.m.; Patty Gensil, courtesy. **Friday:** Fern Hawks, a.m.; Ruth Morton, courtesy; Virginia Bell, p.m.

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: Scheduled appointments. **Tuesday:** Technical college 8:30-10:30 a.m. **Wednesday:** WIC in Goodland 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m. Appointments only. **Thursday:** Office closed 8-9 a.m. for a staff meeting. WIC in Goodland 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Appointments and voucher pickup. **Friday:** Walk-in blood pressure and blood sugar screening 8 a.m.-noon. Immunizations 1-4 p.m.

Children’s physicals and family planning are available by appointment.

today in history

March 1, 1902: Sleuths followed 12-inch pointy toed footprints for several blocks west of Dawson’s, where they were lost. The sleuths were completely baffled

March 2, 1902: Solved! Mr. Austin

next door to Dawson’s had fired shots at noisy dogs and was unaware a shot had hit a window in their home.

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

area events

The Tri-State Antique Thresher Show annual meeting will be at **1:30 p.m. Central Time Saturday** at the thresher grounds in Bird City. A Townsend tractor owned by state Rep. John Faber from Brewster is shown on this year’s button.

obituaries

Naomi Gregory

Naomi (Willis) Gregory, 94, a resident of the Sherman County Good Samaritan Center, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002, at the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

She was born April 28, 1907, at Carlisle, Ind., the daughter of Thomas and Mabel (Calvert) Willis. Her father was a minister.

She lived in Indiana, Michigan and Oklahoma before moving to Kansas. Mrs. Gregory graduated from high school in Fedonia in 1925 and moved to Syracuse in 1931, where she met Henry Ward Gregory while she was teaching at the Rising Star School southwest of town. They married on June 8, 1941, at Toronto.

In 1992, she moved to Goodland to be near family and became a resident of the Good Samaritan Center in 1999.

She taught school for six years and was a homemaker. She had been a member of the Wesleyan Church in Syracuse, where she taught Sunday school, made flower arrangements for the sanctuary and played the piano.

She was a former board member for the Rising Star School, and enjoyed growing vegetables and fruits and sharing them with friends. She loved flowers and took a correspondence course in floral arranging. She was a 4-H leader, an avid rock hound, and did handiwork, sewing, crocheting, tatting and knitting.

She was preceded in death by her husband in January of 1987; her parents; a brother, Joseph Samuel Willis; and a sister, Mildred Keller.

Survivors include a son, Gary Ward (Sharon) Gregory of Goodland; a daughter, Carol Ann (Clarence) Rothfus of Fort Collins, Colo.; six grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Greene-Fellers Funeral Home, Syracuse. Burial will follow at the Syracuse Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. today, from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday and from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday at the fu-

The Burlington Wrestling Club will be holding a **Pee Wee/Junior Tournament Saturday, March 9**, at the Burlington High School gym. Call Doug Duell at the Burlington Middle School (719) 346-5440 or at home (719) 346-8210 or Bobby Rhoades at (719) 346-7350.

birthday

Florence A. Studer will be turning 80. Her family is holding a come-and-go reception in her honor from 2-4 p.m. Saturday in the Sparks Tower dining room at 515 E. Fifth.

Hugh Deakin

Hugh Wallace Deakin, 88, a former roadmaster here for the Rock Island Railroad, died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, at Council Bluffs, Iowa.

He was born on a farm near Stratton, Colo., to Earnest R. and Zelta J. (Hodge) Deakin. When Hugh was 10, the family moved to a farm 1 1/2 miles west of Vona, Colo., and he graduated from high school there in 1931.

He began working for the Rock Island in June 28, 1938 at Vona as a laborer at 28 cents per hour. He served as track supervisor in Goodland from 1944-1949, when he was promoted to roadmaster. He served as roadmaster at Liberal; Pratt; Dalhart, Texas; Atlantic, La.; and Council Bluffs, Iowa, and retired April 1, 1975, after 36 years of service.

He married Leola M. Smith on March 17, 1955. He was a member of Broadway United Methodist Church and the Liberal Elks Lodge.

He was preceded in death by his wife on Feb. 2, 2002; his parents; an infant brother; two sisters, Helen Deakin Adkins and Jean Dale Deakin Lux; and a brother, Max Hodge Deakin.

Survivors include a daughter, Doona Sheree (Jerry) Callender of Omaha; a son, Duane Hugh Deakin of Council Bluffs; and a sister, June D. Hawks of Portland, Ore.

Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Claremont Cemetery at Stratton, Colo., with the Rev. Jeff Babb officiating. Love Funeral Home of Burlington is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Railwest Railroad Museum and HO Model Railroad, 16th Ave. and S. Main St., Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501.



Jodi Eslinger and Justin Murphy

Couple wed in Harper

Jodi Eslinger and Justin Murphy were married Sept. 1, 2001, at the Harper Christian Church with Clayton Partenier officiating.

She is the daughter of Eric and Beth Eslinger of Rago. He is the son of Charlie Murphy of Scott City and Relda Murphy of Morland.

Her grandparents are Harold and Tuddy Eslinger and Bertha Ewertz of Harper, Betty Murphy and the late Robert Murphy of Scott City and Merle Anderson and the late Florence Anderson of Hill City, formerly of Ruleton. Her great grandparents are Dan and Lola Thomas of Harper.

She is an employee of Hinkle, Eberhart and Elkoui LLC. He works

for SBK Supply and Mill Work. The couple lives in Wichita.

Tamara Eslinger, sister of the bride, served at maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Kim Hamilton, sister of the bride, and Jessica Mark, friend of the bride. Sandra Brown served as bride’s assistant.

The spirit of the late Tyler Murphy, brother of the groom, was best man. Groomsmen were Kevin Dykstra, Josh Turpin and Cliff Schoff.

Following the ceremony, a reception, dinner and dance were held at the Harper Fair Barn, catered by Hog Heaven of Attica.

The couple honeymooned in Branson, Mo.

PG <small>Parental Guidance Suggested</small> DELUXE DIGITAL	A WALK TO REMEMBER <small>PG: Thematic elements, language, some sensual material.</small> www.goodlandnet.com/movies	<small>Bring this Ad to the theatre for \$1 Off on a large popcorn & 2 med. EXP: 12/31/02</small>	Fri. & Sat.: 7:00 & 9:00 p.m. Sun. 1:30 & 7:00 p.m. Mon. - Thurs. 7:00 p.m. <small>Movie Bucks Make Great Gifts!</small> Sherman <small>1203 Main - Phone 899-6103</small>
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obituary



James T. Coons

September 21, 1909
- February 27, 2002

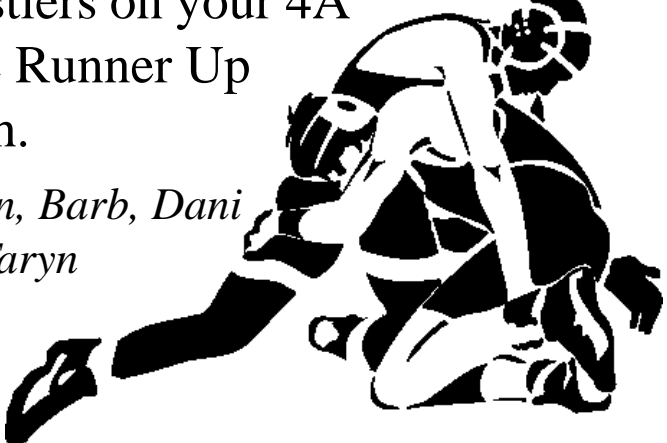
James Thomas Coons was born September 21, 1909 in a sod house in Sherman County, Kansas, as the third child of Everett and Dora Coons. As a child, he enjoyed playing ball with his siblings and spending his summers with relatives in Denver, Colorado. In 1915, at the age of 5, he had an appendectomy performed at St. Luke’s Hospital in Denver by Dr. W.W. Grant, the first surgeon to perform this procedure. Jim graduated from Kanarado High School in 1927. He worked and lived in Cheyenne, Wyoming for several years. On October 30, 1938, he married Dorothy Pauline Williams, daughter of Merton and Alta Williams. In 1940, Jim went to work for Goodland Natural Gas Company as a gas serviceman. They had two children, Bonnie Lou and James Thomas “Tom” Jr. Jim began hunting and collecting Indian artifacts with his father-in-law, Merton Williams. With his father-in-law, and other civic leaders, he helped to found the Sherman County Museum, and loaned, among other Sherman County treasures, a Folsom Indian Point. Jim was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Order of the Knights Templar. He also served as President of the Goodland Chamber of Commerce. In 1963, Jim transferred to Cortez, Colorado with Plateau Natural Gas as a District Manager, and retired in 1971. In Cortez, Jim was the President of the Rotary Club and again, served as President of the Chamber of Commerce. Dorothy and Jim traveled the southwest United States extensively and learned about Native American history and culture. They also enjoyed mushroom hunting, bottle hunting, fishing and camping with their children and grandchildren. In 1974, they moved to Hutchinson, Kansas. Over the next 25 years, Jim was an active Grandparent; attending concerts, recitals, football games and wrestling matches. He continued to collect antiques and developed as a stained glass artisan and master gardener. Jim spent many years researching family genealogy and countless hours relating oral stories of family history. In his final years, he most enjoyed his gift of 7 great-grandchildren. He died of natural causes on Wednesday, February 27, 2002 at the age of 92. He was proceeded in death by his father Everett, his mother Dora, brother Melvin “Mike” Coons, and sister Irene Coons Weikel. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Dorothy Coons of Hutchinson, Kansas, his daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie and Lyle Neville of Hutchinson, Kansas, his son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Kathy Coons of Montrose, Colorado, his sister Viola Bauman of Gresham, Oregon, his brother Shelby Coons of Goodland, Kansas, 8 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Visitation will be held at Koons Funeral Home in Goodland, Kansas on Sunday, March 3rd, from 3 to 7 p.m.MST. Funeral services will be held at the Koons Funeral Home Chapel at 10 a.m. MST on Monday, March 4. Committal will take place at the Goodland Cemetery following the service. Memorials can be sent in the name of James T. Coons to the Buhler Sunshine Home, P.O. Box 380, Buhler, KS, 67522 or to Hospice of Reno County, 3 Compound Drive, Hutchinson, KS, 67501.

Internet tonight! 899-2338.

Congratulations Cowboy Wrestlers on your 4A State Runner Up finish.

Dustin, Barb, Dani and Taryn



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