

about our friends

calendar

The Sherman Theatre is having **free holiday matinees at 1:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.** “Clock-stoppers” will be this weekend; “Like Mike” will be Dec. 14 and 15; and “Ice Age” will be Dec. 21 and 22.

SHARE sign up for the December distribution of food will be until **Friday** at the Sherman County Health Department, Harvest America, the Regional Prevention Center or the Kanorado Senior Center. **Pick up** will be **Saturday, Dec. 21**, for the December distribution.

Jodi Tubbs of the **Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs** will be in Goodland from **1-2:15 p.m. Thursday** 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.

Terri Tedford will be giving a **Christmas concert at 6 p.m. Sunday** at the Goodland Bible Church.

The Goodland Elks Lodge, 1523 Arcade, will have a **memorial in remembrance of members who have died** in the past year at **2 p.m. Sunday.** The lodge will honor the families of men and women in active duty in all branches of the military at **3 p.m. A blue star banner will be presented** to the families who have submitted the names of their sons or daughters who are serving. The lodge has 26 families to honor so far.

The **Goodland Arts Council** is having the **holiday home tour from 1-5 p.m. Sunday.** The Carnegie Arts Center will have an open house during the tour, and the arts council will be serving refreshments.

Camron and Lisa Paxton’s, Lisa and Dennis Malsom’s, Mike and Mary Ann Elliott’s and Kevin and Christie Rasure’s homes and the Four Sisters’ Bed and Breakfast will be on the tour.

Purchase tickets at the arts center or call 899-6442.

The **Goodland After-5 Club**, affiliated with Christian Business and Professional Women, is having their **“Tis the Season” dinner party from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday** at the Butterfly Cafe at Renner Field. Jeanne Rutledge of Boulder, Colo., will be the special speaker, and Michael Smith will perform “Songs of the Season.”

There is a charge for dinner, and reservations are required. Call Lori Titus at 899-3828.

The Gamma Rho Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi is holding a **fund-raiser** with the proceeds going to the **Topside Tots Daycare** and will hold a **drawing Tuesday, Jan. 7**, to give away two baby afghans to two winners. The afghans are on display at Western State Bank until Monday, Dec. 16.

The **Christmas Senior Citizen’s Dinner** will begin with **entertainment at 11 a.m. and lunch at noon Wednesday, Dec. 18**, at Goodland High School. Enter through the south doors on 13th Street. Call 899-5656 if you need transportation or to have a meal delivered if you are unable to go to the school.

The members of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, National Honor Society and Girls’ Athletic Association will be hosts and hostesses.

activities

Tours of the 1907 Victorian House

at 202 W. 13th are from **1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday.**

“Prairie Past Times,” a photographic history of entertainment in Sherman County, is on **display from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday** at the 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.** Anna Seeber Shaw’s watercolors, gauche and pastels will be on display until Nov. 30. The December show will be watercolors, acrylics, oils, woods and metals by local artists and will be displayed from Sunday through Dec. 31.

Born to Read will be at **10 a.m. Fridays** and **Story time** will be at **10 and 11 a.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays** at the Goodland Public Library. Call 899-5461.

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 - 7:45 a.m. aerobics classes are offered daily at the Goodland Activities Center. Tena Tompkins leads a step aerobics class at **5:30 a.m. 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** at the Good Samaritan Center. Enter the east door on Center Ave. Weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

Hanging by a Thread will meet from **7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of the month** at Wheat Ridge Acres.

Goodland Women of Faith monthly celebrations will be from 9:30-11 a.m. **the second Saturday of the month** at Wheat Ridge Acres. Baby-sitting provided.

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.

The Eller House displays furniture, clothing and objects representing farm life in the “Dirty Thirties;” the Cooper Barn, one of the largest barns in Kansas, houses an exhibit of machinery, tools and photographs telling over 100 years of agricultural and settlement history; and the Kuska Collection includes glass, ceramics, dolls, silver, toys, textiles, furniture, clothing, stamps, clocks, lamps, coins and jewelry.

Pioneer Country Development Inc. and the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission will **meet at 6:30 p.m. Central Time Wednesday** at the Elks Club in Hill City. **Dinner** will be served at **7 p.m.**, followed by the evening’s speaker and a presentation of this past year’s business loan, grant and housing activity.

The Wallace County Theater Association will present **“Amahl and the Night Visitors” at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Mountain Time Sunday** in the Sharon Springs High School auditorium.

Admission is free, but donations will

be taken at the door to benefit the lighting system in the school auditorium.

The children’s opera, sung in English, is a story of a crippled boy and his mother who receive a visit from three kings who are following a star in search of a special child. The show is less than an hour long, and the story is written by Gian Carlo Menotti.

The **Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging** is sponsoring an **information day** for senior citizens from **10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Central Time Thursday, Dec. 12**, at the Grainfield American Legion.

Guest speakers will talk about stroke and heart attack information, tax information and the SHARE program. Harriet Berg will lead the singing of Christmas carols. All attending should bring a holiday treat to share at the Christmas tea table.

Reservations for the noon luncheon are required by **Monday, Dec. 9**, and can be made by calling 800-432-7422. A \$2.25 contribution is requested for the meal.

Cal and Cindy Turner of **C.C. Turner Music Ministries** will have a concert at **3 and 7 p.m. Central Time Saturday, Dec. 14**, at the **St. Francis First Christian Church**, 118 E. Webster. There will be a new lighting system, and prizes will be given away during the concert. Admission is free.

The **Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging** board and advisory council will **meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17**, in the Black and Gold Room at Fort Hays State University. Call 800-432-7422.

school activities

Thursday: Black day. Seminar — STUCO. Scholar’s bowl 3 p.m. at Atwood, dismiss 1:30, depart 1:45. City/county recreation sports 7:30 p.m. in the high school gym. **Friday:** Gold day. JV-V basketball versus Imperial 5:30 p.m. here. After game party at the Elks Lodge. Pep assembly 3 p.m., dismiss band and cheerleaders 2:45. **Saturday:** Varsity wrestling 8:30 a.m. at St. Francis. JV wrestling tournament 9 a.m. here. **Sunday:** Junior olympics volleyball 1-3 p.m. in the junior high gym. Open gym 1-3 p.m. in the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

school lunch menu

Thursday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot roll, peach crisp and milk. **Friday:** Burrito, lettuce, tomato, cheese, tri-tators, spiced pear and milk.

senior center menu

Thursday: Philly steak sandwich, cheesy hash browns, green beans, bread and pineapple crunch. **Friday:** Lasagna, spinach salad, peach cup, garlic bread and pudding.

health department

The Sherman County Health Department at 1622 Broadway is open from 8 a.m.- noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Thursday: Office closed 8-9 a.m. for a staff meeting. Blood pressure checks 9 a.m. at Wheatridge Acres. WIC in Goodland 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Voucher pickup and scheduled appointments. **Friday:** Scheduled appointments.

Children’s physicals, immunizations, fasting blood sugar and hemoglobin, family planning and toenail clipping available by appointment. Sharps containers are available free of charge. 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 free well evaluations, including testing for bacteria and nitrates. To schedule an evaluation or discuss environmental concerns, call the Health Department at 899-4888.

today in history

Dec. 4, 1902: Brakeman Bruner was seriously hurt in the caboose which was jammed into a freight car while switching. He remains in a comatose condition.

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

reunion

The Southern Arizona All Airborne Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association will host the 13th annual mid-winter **conference March 13-16** in Tucson, Ariz.

Veterans from all airborne units will attend, including troopers from the 11th, 13th, 17th, 82nd, 101st and today’s special forces.

Write the Western Airborne, 5459 Northcutt Pl., Dayton, Ohio 45414, call 1-937-898-5977 or e-mail srgabn@aol.com.

food drive

Harvest America Corp., 212 E. 17th, needs non-perishable food, personal hygiene items and household supplies to distribute to low income, elderly and disabled people in Sherman County. Harvest America is also looking for a freezer. Bring donations to the office on Mondays or call 899-3878 for pick up.

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. For information or help, call (800) 794-4624.



Linda Michelle Cook and Richard R. Liess

Pair wed in Kansas City

Richard R. Liess and Linda Michelle Cook of Overland Park were married Saturday, July 20, 2002, at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Kansas City, Kan.

Richard and Sherlyn Liess of Goodland are the groom’s parents, and Don and Helen Cook of Kansas City are the bride’s.

Ryan Liess, brother of the groom, was the best man, and Jeremy Jones, Chad Welter and Brian Woods, friends of the groom, were groomsmen.

Jennifer Hawks, friend of the bride, was the matron of honor, and Becky MacAuley, Jennifer Cobb and Susan Sherman, friends of the bride, were bridesmaids.

A reception and dance were held at Painted Hills Country Club.

The groom graduated from Goodland High School in 1990, the University of Kansas in 1994 with an accounting degree and from Washburn University in 1997 with a master’s in business administration. He is chief financial officer for Mid America Pump Inc. of Kansas City.

The bride graduated from Bishop Ward High School in Kansas City in 1989. She is enrolled in the business program at Fort Hays State University. She is the accounting manager at Thales ATM in Lenexa.

The couple are at home in Gardner.

matters of record

Goodland Police

The following crimes were reported to the Goodland police department: Nov. 26 — Danny R. Fisher was ar-

rested for battery and disorderly conduct against Juanita Wood and obstruction against Cary Amos at 2810 Commerce Rd.

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Poinsettias thrive in moderate temperatures

Poinsettias are once again very abundant in may stores this year. It’s the Christmas season.

Modern poinsettia varieties stay attractive for a long time if given proper care. Place your poinsettia in a sunny window or the brightest area of the room, but don’t let it touch cold window panes.

The day temperature should be 65 to 75 degrees Fahrenheit with 60 to 65 degrees at night. Temperatures above 75 degrees will shorten bloom life and below 60 degrees may cause root rot.

Do not place the plant on top of a television set because it becomes too warm while it is on. Move plants away from windows at night or draw drapes between them to avoid damage from the cold.

Poinsettias are somewhat finicky in regard to soil moisture. Avoid over-watering as poinsettias do not like “wet feet.”

On the other hand, if the plant is al-



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lowed to wilt, it will drop some leaves. So how do you maintain a proper level of moisture?

Examine the potting soil daily by sticking your finger about one inch deep into the soil. If it is dry to this depth, the plant needs water. When it becomes dry to the touch, water the plant with lukewarm water until some water runs out of the drainage hole, then discard the drainage water.

Are poinsettias poisonous? It seems that every year about this time the rumor is resurrected that poinsettias are poisonous.

This is NOT true. Though there may be an allergic reaction to the milky sap,

there has never been a recorded case of poisoning. This rumor has been so persistent that members of the Society of American Florists

have sought to dispel it by eating poinsettia leaves for the press.

The 1985 American Medical Association Handbook of Poisonous and Injurious Plants says the poinsettia “has been found to produce either no effect (orally or topically) or occasional cases of vomiting.”

This plant does not contain the irritant diterpenes which is the toxin in other members of the genus euphorbia to which poinsettia belongs.

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