

birthdays

Clara Marie Fixsen will be celebrating her 85th birthday on Tuesday, Oct. 2. The family is requesting a card shower at Box 142, Stamford, Neb. 68777.

cards

Carmelita Clark is recovering from heart surgery and her family would like cards sent to her at 1110 Wyoming, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

activities

Tours of the 1907 Victorian House at 202 W. 13th are from **1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Monday.**

The High Plains Museum, 1717 Cherry Ave., is open from **9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.** A temporary exhibit of military uniforms from World War I and the Korean War is on display.

The Carnegie Arts Center is open from **10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday** at 120 W. 12th. On display at the present time until Sunday, Sept. 30, is the annual Flatlanders Photography Contest pictures. Visitors will be able to vote on their favorite photograph in adult and youth divisions. A People's Choice Award will be given to the winners. There is no admission charge.

The Goodland Public Library is open from **10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday** and from **10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.** Story Hour will start Wednesday, Sept. 12 to Friday, Sept. 14. On Wednesdays there will be a group at 10 to 11 a.m. and one at 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday group will meet at 10 to 11 a.m. These groups are for children ages three to five. On Friday's we will have Born to Read for infants and toddlers ages zero to three, accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Activities will include a variety of stories, music, games and art activities. Sign-up has started at the Goodland Public Library. For questions call Marcy Melia at 899-5461.

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

Goodland Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) will meet from **6 to 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month** at the First Christian Church, Eighth and Arcade.

Diabetes Support Group meets at **4 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.

Breast Cancer Support Group meets at **5 p.m. the first Monday** of the month. Any woman with cancer is welcome. Call Cheryl at 890-5528 for more information.

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

Aerobics Classes - 5:30 a.m. aerobics classes are offered **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** at the Goodland Activities Center. Call 890-7242.

TOPS Meetings - Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at **5:30 p.m. Tuesdays** at North Elementary School. Weigh-in is at 5 p.m. A new group may be started and meet at a different time. Call Norma Mullen, area captain, at (785) 689-4362.

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**, closed meeting, **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.

Goodland Al-Anon Serenity Seekers group meets at **5:30 on Wednesdays** at 1013 Center. For information 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 Goodland Elks Lodge. Call 890-8369.

Fibromyalgia and Chronic Myofascial Pain Support Group

the calendar

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National Football League **Punt, Pass and Kick Contest** will be **10 a.m. to noon on Saturday at Cowboy Stadium.** This is the local competition and is free to boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 15. Kids must wear tennis shoes but cleates are not allowed. The sectional competition will be Sunday, Oct. 14, in Denver.

The Goodland Library, Goodland Arts Council and Moonlight Entertainment are holding an **outdoor movie** at Eighth and Main on the side of the Veterans of Foreign Wars building with seating between the Goodland Activities Center and the VFW **beginning at sundown. "Space Balls" will show during the Flatlander Fall Festival.** There is no admission charge, but bring a lawn chair or blanket to spread out and enjoy the movies under the stars.

The Goodland American Legion Post 117 will host a **meeting on Veterans benefits** for veterans and their families at **9 a.m. on Tuesday, at the Veteran of Foreign Wars Hall, 824 Main.**

Jodie Tubbs of the **Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs** will be in Goodland from **1 to 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. Tubbs will be in Goodland on the first and third Thursday of each month.

Prairie Land Food sign up will be until **Monday, Oct. 8**, at the Sherman County Health Department, 1622 Broadway, and pick up will be from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Goodland Elks Lodge for the October distribution. Anyone who wants to see what is in the packages can stop at the lodge on distribution day.

The Hunter Education Course will be 6:30-9:30 p.m. **Tuesday, Oct. 16, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18** and 8 a.m. to finish **Saturday, Oct. 20**, at the Kansas National Guard Armory, 720 E. Armory Road. Attendance is required on all four days. Students must be no younger than 11 years old. There must be at least 10 students for the course. For information contact Troy Mannis at (785) 890-3380 or Mike Hopper at (785) 899-5199.

The First Baptist Church will have **children's and adults' services at 9:30 and regular church services at 10:30 a.m. Sundays**

at Bateman Funeral Home, 11th and Broadway, while moving from Fifth and Center to 12th and Main.

school calendar

Today: Black Day. 6:30 p.m., Homecoming football game against Hay High School. **Saturday:** 8 a.m., volleyball at Oakley. 8 a.m., girls junior varsity tennis at Colby. 8:30 a.m., girls varsity golf at Lakin. 10 a.m. Junior Cowboys football. **Monday:** No School. 8:30 a.m., Kids for Kansas Solid Waste. 4:30 p.m., junior varsity football vs Hays High School. 4:30 p.m. **Tuesday:** Black Day. West Elementary School pictures. 3:30 p.m., 7th grade football at Scott City. 3:30 p.m., varsity, junior varsity and C team volleyball at Oberlin Quad.

school menu

Today: cook's choice. **Monday:** No school. **Tuesday:** Ham and cheese sandwich, French fries, lettuce, pickle and onion, frosted banana and milk.

senior center menu

Today: Chili with beans, con-fetti cole slaw, cook's choice fruit, crackers and cinnamon roll.

meets from **6:30 to 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.

area events

Registration for the annual Oberlin Holiday Arts and Crafts Show is **Monday** with the show being from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 24, at The Gateway. It is sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission. For information call Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel (785) 470-0218.

Admission to the **Prairie Museum of Art and History** will be free from **noon to 4 p.m. Mountain Time Sundays** at 1905 S. Franklin in Colby. The museum is also open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time Monday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Hunter Safety Education Course will be held 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Mountain Time) on **Saturday, Oct. 27**, and noon - 4 p.m. on **Sunday, Oct. 28**, in Cheylin High School Library. Free lunch provided on Saturday. Must be at least 10 years old to participate. For information call Laurie at (785) 734-2502.

The annual meeting of **Western Prairie Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc.** will be **Thursday, Oct. 11 at 5:30** (Mountain Time) at Sugar Hills Golf Club, 6450 County Road 16.

health department

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

Friday: Scheduled appointments.

Benefits for Seniors, including Medicare and application for Patients Assistance Drug Program. 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. 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.

hospital volunteers

Gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; a.m. and p.m. volunteers are in the gift shop.

Friday: Debbie Lucas, a.m. and Mazie Sutton courtesy.

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, 726 W. Business U.S. 24. Call Jeannie Topliff at 899-2426 or Candice at 866-448-2366.

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 to 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 785-672-3125, 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 has changed its name to Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence Services and provides help day or night to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available in Hays. **Support group for women's** domestic violence victims/survivors is from **3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Central Time on Wednesdays;** a **men's** domestic violence victims/survivors support group from **noon to 1 p.m. Central Time Tuesdays;** and a **youth support group is available by appointment.** A sexual violence victims/survivors support group in Hays and a domestic violence support group to meet in Colby are being formed. If interested in joining or 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.

Alzheimer's group to meet Tuesday, Oct. 9

The Sherman County Alzheimer's support group will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 9 at the Goodland Public Library with a special guest from the Alzheimer's Association who lives in Liberal. The meeting will be to discuss the differences between Alzheimer's and dementia. A second program will be presented from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15 at the library. The Sherman County Alzheimer's support group meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday at the Good Samaritan Society, Second and Center. For information call 899-5770.

obituary

Ann Marie Wright

Ann Marie Wright, 57, Goodland, died of a massive heart attack on Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2007, at the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

She was the fifth of six children and was born on Jan. 3, 1950, to Robert Curtis Miller and Elsie Pauline (Cook) Miller at the Cheyenne County Hospital in St. Francis. She grew up on the family farm 8 miles north of St. Francis.

In April of 1966, she was married to David Lynn Wright and they had two children.

In her younger years, some of the things she enjoyed were spending time with her family, racing motorcycles, bowling, playing cards, cooking and working at Harland's Grill. One of her favorite things to make was banana cream pie, which was a delicious memory of everyone who ate a piece. She also loved knitting which she continued to do throughout her years and was quite an accomplishment being blind.

In March of 1977, she had a tragic vehicle accident that left her blind, mentally and physically handicapped. She spent four years at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis and in 1981, she was moved to Goodland to Golden West Skills Center.

Mrs. Wright lived in the Golden West facility until 1998 at which

point she moved into her own home in the Goodland community with three other patients and 24-hour supervision from home workers employed by Golden West. Her home family consisted of Jean Gaschler, Carrie Babcock and Tonya Heinrich.

One of her closest companions in the last seven years was house manager, Merla Staehnke, who spent a lot of extra time with her, bringing her to St. Francis to have lunch with her family, going to concerts, shopping and doing special things with Ann that they both enjoyed.

She was always happy, loved to laugh and make others laugh. She was always easy going and when asking what she wanted to do, her reply was always "whatever."

Survivors include her mother of St. Francis; a daughter, Tina (Kirby) Elliott of St. Francis; a son, Rob Wright of Atwood; a brother, Sam Miller of St. Francis; four sisters, Ester Finkbinder of Clifton, Doris Fleckenstein of Jennings, Janice Agger of Sussex, N.J. and Toni (Lex) Landenberger of St. Francis; and two grandchildren.

The memorial service was held on Friday, Sept. 7, 2007, at the First Christian Church in St. Francis, with Rev. Jeff Landers officiating and burial in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Couple weds at Gulick House



Tara and John Simmonds

Tara Neitzel of St. Francis and John Simmonds of McDonald were married Saturday, Sept. 1, 2007, on the front steps of the former home of bride's late great-grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Gulick in Goodland. Marcine Farmer was the officiate.

The bride was chauffeured by her brother Tim Neitzel and arrived in a restored 1931 Model A Ford owned by her grandfather, Glen Neitzel. She was met by her older brother, Todd Neitzel, who escorted her to strains of "Trumpet Voluntary" played by Pete Fitzgibbons.

She wore a lightly-beaded, two-piece candlelight, halter-top gown. Her silk bouquet was brimming with roses, tiger lilies, calla lilies, berries and fall leaves.

The men and boys all wore black single-breasted tuxedos.

The bridesmaids were attired in black as well. The flower girls wore matching short dresses of maroon and on their heads a fall halo adorned with long-maroon ribbons.

Ring "bear"ers were Colton and Cutter Neitzel and flower girls were Reagan Ramsey and Sarah Jaquay. Colton and Cutter carried duplicate Beanie Bears.

The attendants were: matron

of honor, Trish Neitzel Ramsey; bridesmaid, Rebecca Jaquay; best man, Specialist Kelly Ray Simmonds and groomsman, Tadd Neitzel.

Guests were greeted by Heidi Rohweder as they signed the mat of a picture of the couple. They were then given a program fan and were seated by ushers Brad Ramsey, Blake Krien and John Moyer. Alex Ramsey was his grandmother's special escort.

Musical accompaniment was provided by Althea Lebow. Tracy and Cutter Neitzel sang "Over the Rainbow" and Tracy and Cutter, Annie Hengen and Althea sang "Seasons of Love."

Parents of the couple are Karen and the late Bill Neitzel of St. Francis and Diane and Kelly Simmonds of McDonald.

Grandparents attending were Glen Neitzel, Fern Kellogg, great-grandmother of the groom and Patricia Simmonds, grandmother of the groom.

There was a dinner reception at the Elks Lodge.

The couple honeymooned in Riviera Maya, Mexico, and will live in Hays.

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