# patient news

Opal Vandonge is recuperating from a fall at her daughter's in Wyoming. She fell while working in the yard at her home on Friday, Sept. 28. She underwent surgery at Prebysterian St. Luke's of Denver to fix her arm. She would like to hear from her friends and her address is 2106 Apache Street, Cheyenne, Wyo. 82009.

**Arlo Hansen** is getting a bone marrow transpant and would like to hear from his friends. His address is Townplace Suites, 10740 N. 90th Room 108, Scottsdale, Ariz.

#### activities

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

The **High Plains Museum**, 1717 Cherry Ave., is open from **9a.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 until Wednesday, Oct. 31, will be Laurie Albin. She is a freelance artist whose work includes a variety of subjects from custom portraits and still lifes to landscapes and homesteads using a variety of mediums such as water color, oils and pencil. There is no admission charge. The show is sponsored by American Family Insurance and Prints and the Paper.

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 on Wednesdays 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. For questions call Marcy Melia at 899-5461.

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

Goodland Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. the first Monday Wednesdays at 1013 Center. For indaycare and school entry; fasting

# the calendar

#### calendar

Prairie Land Food pick up will be from **10:30 to 11:30 a.m.** Saturday 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.

Goodland High School fall clean up will be on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is a free community service project by the students. Call the high school at (785) 890-5656 to schedule a spot. They will not pick up tires, large appliances and household hazardous waste.

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 month** at the First Christian

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 edu-

cational program. Call Sarah Linton

**Breast Cancer Support Group** 

meets at **5 p.m. the first Monday** of

the month. Any woman with cancer

**Emotions Anonymous** meets

at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the

Goodland Regional Medical Center

Aerobics Classes - 5:30 a.m.

aerobics classes are offered Mon-

day, Wednesday and Friday at the

Goodland Activities Center. Call

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,

Alcoholics Anonymous S.O.S.

**Group** holds open meetings at 7

p.m. Monday at the Trinity Lu-

theran Church, Seventh and Senter,

Burlington. Call Pamela at 719-

Goodland Alcoholics Anony-

mous 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

Seekers group meets at **5:30 on** 

890-3023 or Linda at 399-2353.

346-7711 or Dave at 890-2858.

area captain, at (785) 689-4362.

is welcome. Call Cheryl at 890-

5528 for more information.

Church, Eighth and Arcade.

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.

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.

The Shine on Sherman County Youth Committee will have a skate park fund-raising break**fast** from 5:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10, at Sugar Hills Golf Course.

school calendar

formation call Cheryl at 890-3023.

p.m. Tuesdays and 7 p.m. Satur-

days at the Goodland Elks Lodge.

**Myofascial Pain Support Group** 

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 Burling-

ton. Call Debbie at 719-346-4612.

Admission to the Prairie Mu-

seum of Art and History will be

Monday through Friday and 1 to 5

**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

health department

The Sherman County Health De-

partment at 1622 Broadway is open

from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m.

Today: Scheduled appoint-

Benefits for Seniors, including

Medicare and application for Pa-

tients Assistance Drug Program.

Blood pressures; infants', children's

assessments for Kan Be Healthy,

ments. Monday: Scheduled ap-

call Laurie at (785) 734-2502.

Monday through Friday.

area events

Fibromyalgia and Chronic

Diabetes Support Group meets Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8

Call 890-8369.

The "Freedom Today" group of

Today: Gold Day. 6 p.m., varsity football vs Hugoton. Saturday: Regional cross country and girls sub-state volleyball. Monday: 7 p.m., Goodland School Board meeting at administration building. **Tuesday:** Gold Day.

#### school menu

Today: Pizza, lettuce salad, corn, brownie and milk. Monday: Macaroni and cheese with meat, broccoli, whole wheat roll, half an apple and milk. Tuesday: Sloppy joes, tator tots, pickle spear, spiced pear and milk.

#### senior center menu

Today: Turkey, sweet potatoes, beets, bread and cranberry apple salad. Monday: Cook's choice entree, party potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread and peaches.

blood sugar and hemoglobin; family planning; and toenail clipping available by appointment. Sharps containers are available free. Call

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-

# hospital volunteers

free from **noon to 4 p.m. Mountain** Gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to noon Time Sundays at 1905 S. Franklin and 1 to 4 p.m.; a.m. and p.m. volunin Colby. The museum is also open teers are in the gift shop. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time

Today: Fern Hawks a.m. and Mazie Sutton courtesy. **Monday:** Fern Heckman a.m. and Sutton

# 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.

# thritt 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 Park. donations directly from the car to

# obituaries

# Joleen A. O'Hare

Joleen A. O'Hare, 50, Selden and Oberlin; a companion, Carl Bogaart of Goodland, died Monday, Oct. 15, 2007, at her home.

She was born on Sept. 14, 1957, to Elton and Mildred (McCashland) O'Hare in Oberlin. She graduated from Decatur County High School in 1975 and attended Pikes Peak Community College in Colorado

Ms. O'Hare had been a bookkeeper for the Dixon Paper Co. in Colorado Springs and Hilmer Motor Company in Scott City.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Bruce LaVerirge in 2003, and her mother.

Survivors include her father, Penn, Oberlin, Kan. 67749.

a sister of Roger (Connie) O'Hare of Selden; two daughters, Amanda (David) Allen of Falcon, Colo., and Melissa (Joe) Johnson of Chipita Park, Colo.; two other brothers, Rodney (Janice) O'Hare of Norcatur and Ronald O'Hare of Denver; three sisters, Mary Morse of Beaver City, Neb., Devra Beyers of Hays and Cynthia Hattrup of Littleton, Colo.; and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, at Sappa Valley Manor, 202 N. Elk, Oberlin. No visitation.

Memorials may be made to the Joleen O'Hare Memorial Fund in care of Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N.

# Sharon Kay Stephens

Sharon Kay (Bowker) Stephens, 61, Newton, sister of Jim (Sharon) Bowker and Alta Mae (Lawrence) House of Goodland, died Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007, at her home of a brain Mrs. Stephens was born on Nov.

26, 1945, to Kline Phillip and Mary Lucille (Willie) Bowker at Goodland. She graduated from Sherman County Community High School in 1965 and married Kenneth Edward Stephens on June 13, 1965, in Sharon Springs.

She was preceded in death by her parents; grandaughter, Danielle Frazell; and a sister, Janice Young.

Other survivors include her husband of the home; three daughters, Newton, Kan. 67114.

Stephanie Stephens and companion Don Mattlack of Newton, Patricia (Robert) Stewart and Katherine (Stanley) May; two other brothers, Bruce Bowker of Littleton, Colo., and William Bowker of Simla, Colo.; six other sisters, Elsie Miller of Reno, Texas, Carol (Ron) Tracy and Nancy (Loren) Michael of Limon, Colo., Phyllis Dering of Simla, Colo., Beverly Huddelston of Callahan, Colo., and Jackie (Sib) Sandaval of Littleton, Colo.; eight grandchildren; and two great-

Services will be scheduled later. Memorials may be sent to Petersen Funeral Home 215 N. Main,

# Couple to marry in March in Missouri

Margaret Marian Williams of Overland Park and Jeffrey David Hansen originally of Goodland plan to marry in March 2008 at Hawthorne House in Parkville, Mo.

Her parents are Geoffrey and Nancy Williams of Overland Park. His parents are Wallace and Pat Hansen of Goodland and Gary and Lana Holmes of Franklin, Neb.

The future bride graduated from Shawnee Mission South High School in 1996 and from Kansas State University with a degree in apparel and textile marketing and a minor in business in May 2001. She works for Macy's in Overland

Goodland High School in 1996 Lenexa.



and from Kansas State University with a bachelors degree in fine arts and graphic design in Dec. 2000. He works at Precision Printing The future groom graduated from in prepress and graphic design in

# Sherman County had first auto death in 1906

On the far western plains over a century ago transportation ranged from horses and wagons to trains and automobiles. Northwest Kansas was experiencing all of this in the fall of 1906. Of course every mode of conveyance had its benefits and pitfalls. On October 5, 1906, Sherman County recorded its first fatal car accident, according to The Goodland News.

> **DEATH UNDER** AUTOMOBILE Robert Vance Killed in Accident Last Friday

The first fatal accident in automobiling in Sherman County happened at a bridge on the South Beaver, five miles north of Goodland, Friday morning, October 5 (1906), at 10 o'clock when the fifty-horse power machine, driven by the owner, William Seyler, run off the Murray bridge, capsizing and falling upon the occupants, breaking the neck of Robert C. Vance, who was riding in the front seat with the driver. The machine weighs 3,000 pounds, and as it toppled over in the dry and sandy bottom of the creek six feet below, the back of one of the seats caught Mr. Vance at the neck and pinioned him hard and fast to the ground. It is doubtful if he



# marcia smith

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ever knew what struck him, as the witnesses to the terrible accident say that Mr. Vance must have been instantly killed.

The other occupants of the automobile, William Seyler, a real estate agent of this city; G.T. McKinney and A.D. Burr of Long Island, Kan., prospective land buyers, escaped without injury. The sorrowful spectators to the deadly plight of Mr. Vance could not remove him by hand. They had to tear planks from the bridge, and using lime rocks for a fulcrum, pried up the monster machine that held him down.

In this work of rescuing the body, the automobile party was assisted by George Murray, living nearby, and a horse buyer who was mounted and driving a bunch of horses north on the road at this point. Mr. Murray, who had a team hitched up for the purpose of driving to Goodland, brought the three men and their dead companion to town, and the body of Mr. Vance was placed in Bower's undertaking rooms. The news of the calamity was broken to

Happy 80th

**Birthday** Phyllis Martin

Oct. 22, 2007

few friends and neighbors, and her life has since been laden with • from the vault an anguish that has no tongue.

> The accident was caused by a deposit of soft earth on one side of the approach to the bridge, which, when struck at a speed of about 10 miles an hour, caused Mr. Seyler to lose control of his machine. The automobile was in gear and in a moment the tremendous force carried away the right wing of the bridge and cast itself helpless in the sand below. The approach was about 12 feet wide, and the earth was solid except on the right side where, from the heavy traffic in hauling wheat, the ground had become rutted and the rut filled with pulverized soil. So when the front wheels of the auto struck the soft and unresisting earth, they were twitched from the plane of the road at almost right angles into the

Coroner Dr. Gulick held an in-

Mrs. Vance by a quest over the body of Mr. Vance the time of his death was interested and enterprise. at the Bower undertaking rooms at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at which the following witnesses were examined by the coroner and jury, William Seyler, G.T. McKinney, A.B. Burr, and George Murray. The jury, composed of Charles O'Brien, James Phillips, William Hogeboom, Sr., J.N. Gandy, Richard Auer, and Fred Stover, after receiving testimony, retired and brought in a verdict that Robert Clarence Vance came to his death in an automobile accident on Beaver Creek bridge five miles north of Goodland and no one was to blame.

At 6 o'clock on the evening of the following day, brief service for the dead was held at the Vance home. The body was shipped on train No. 10 at 8 o'clock that evening for Beloit, where burial was made

Robert C. Vance, 28, came here from Crete, Neb., in May and moved here about two months ago, and occupied one the Peters houses in the southeast part of town. He possessed considerable means and at

in 3500 acres of land in this county. While not a partner, he has been associated in business with Mr. Seyler since removing to this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Gaylord, parents of Mrs. Vance, arrived in Goodland on the first train after the fatal occurrence had been telegraphed to them. They took charge of the body and the funeral party departed for Beloit Saturday night.

Mr. Vance was raised near Seward, Neb., where he has many friends. He was popular in political circles at Seward, and had he remained there he would have been the democratic nominee for the state legislature

We were but slightly acquainted with Mr. Vance, but if appearances are worth anything, he was a man of excellent character and an estimable addition to the county's citizenship

Mrs. Vance will move away from Goodland, but her memory of this place will always be freighted with anguish and woe of a woman's

Steve Rains is the pastor at the Calvary Gospel Church, Fourth and College. Go to the church's web site at calvarygospel.net or e-mail Rains at calvarycolumn@st-tel.net.

### Talk about Literature in Kansas

"Secrets of the Tsil Cafe" Discussion leader: Michaeline Chance-Reay Goodland Public Library 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 25



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