

patient news

Joan Finders is in the hospital in Littleton and would like to receive cards from her friends. Her address is Life Care of Littleton, Room 106A, 1500 W. Mineral Ave., Littleton, Colo. 80120.

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.

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 and Sunday 120 W. 12th.

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 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.

The Sherman County Alzheimers and Dementia support group will meet 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Good Samaritan Society, 208 W. 2nd.

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.

the calendar

calendar

Prairie Land Food sign up will be until **Monday** and pick up will be from **10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19**, at the Goodland Elks Lodge. Anyone who wants to see what is in the packages can stop in on distribution day.

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.

The **commodity distribution** will be at **1:30 p.m. on Monday** at the First Christian Church, 8th and Arcade. Included will be corn flakes, beef stew, peanut butter and macaroni. For information call 890-2299.

Central Elementary will have its annual **soup supper** from **5 to 7:30 p.m. Monday**, in the

cafeteria. Chili or chicken noodle soup, pie and cake will be served for \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. Third and fourth grade students will perform throughout the. Proceeds will be used to buy new playground equipment and pay for student activities.

A come and go evening **flu clinic** will be from **5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Goodland Family Health Center**, 106 Willow Road. Call 890-6075.

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. 3:45 p.m., varsity, junior varsity basketball against Lakin. 10 a.m., varsity wrestling at Liberal. **Saturday:** 8 a.m., junior varsity wrestling at WaKeeney. 8 a.m., varsity wrestling at Liberal. **Monday:** 4

p.m., Northwest Kansas League Scholars Bowl at Atwood. 4 p.m., C team basketball at Oberlin. Central School Soup Supper. **Tuesday:** Black Day. 4 p.m., West Site Council meeting. 3:30 p.m., Eighth grade basketball at Burlington. 3:30 p.m., Seventh grade basketball against Burlington.

school menu

Today: Burrito, lettuce, tomato, refried beans, peaches and milk. **Monday:** Smothered hamburger, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, whole wheat roll, fruit cocktail and milk. **Tuesday:** barbecue rib sandwich, tator tots, pickle spear, half an orange and milk.

senior menu

Today: Chicken and rice casserole, Italian blend vegetables, blushing pears, biscuits and pudding. **Monday:** Cook's choice entree, oven browned potatoes, creamed peas, bread and apricots. **Tuesday:** Hamburger stew, gelatin with carrots and crushed pineapple, biscuit or bread and cherry crisp.

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 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

Prairie Museum of Art and History, 1905 S. Franklin, in Colby is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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.

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, in-

cluding 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.

Today: Brenda McCanta, a.m. and Mazie Sutton, courtesy. Monday: Debbie Lucas, a.m. and 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.

Gilley and Bassler

Marla Gilley and Ron Bassler were married at dusk in an intimate ceremony at the TraVigne courtyard in Napa Valley amidst wineries and fields of grapes on December 1st. Gurgling fountains and festive lights draped through mulberry trees set the reminiscent tone of the Old World.



Marla's niece, Barbara Hoover of Katy, Texas served as matron of honor. Ron's friend, Lorne Ludwig of Napa, California served as best man. The groom's 2 1/2 year old grandson of Reno, Nevada, Jake Sharp, served as the ring bearer. Marla's niece, Jessica Ruffolo of Louisburg, Kansas read the poem The Art of Marriage by Wilferd Peterson.

The bride wore a strapless beaded ivory gown with a sheer scarf complimented with a half century old iridescent neck choker loaned by her mother, Carmelita Clark of Goodland. The matron of honor wore a strapless black cocktail dress accented with a black sateen bolero jacket. The groom, his attendant and ring bearer all wore black tuxedo jackets, with open collared white tuxedo shirts, denim jeans and western boots.

Following the ceremony, the guests enjoyed a sit down dinner on the grounds in the Cantinetta. This room is located in an ivy covered historic stone building surrounded from floor to ceiling with both international and local wines. Special bottles of wine provided by the bride and groom were shared along with dinner.

Ron and Marla make their home in Phoenix, Arizona. Ron is the General Manager for Southwest Gas Corporation and Marla is the Director of Individual Giving for The Phoenix Symphony. Those wishing to send well wishes may do so at: 4823 East Esteven Road, Phoenix, AZ 85054.

obituaries

Herman N. Velasquez

Herman N. Velasquez, 78, a former employee of the Great Western Sugar Co., died Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007, at Goodland Regional Medical Center after a long battle with lung cancer.



Velasquez

He was born to Frank and Geneva Velasquez on April 25, 1929, at Mosquero, N.M. Mr. Velasquez served in the U.S. Army from 1950 to 1954, during the Korean War.

He moved to Goodland in 1966 to work at the sugar factory, but later was a courier for the First National Bank and a maintenance worker for the City of Goodland.

Dale Arthur Barnett

Dale Arthur Barnett, 73, WaKeeney, father of Carmen (Roger) Studer of Goodland, died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2007, at WaKeeney.

He was born on Jan. 2, 1934 to Harry and Anna Barnett in Rawlins County and attended school in Rexford.

He graduated from Rexford High School and married Betty Seeburger. He was a farmer and oil-field worker.

Preceding him in death was his

He was one of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Preceding him in death were his parents, three brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Susan, of the home; a daughter, Lisa Velasquez, Goodland; and a brother, John Velasquez, and a sister, Mary Velasquez, both of Greeley, Colo.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2007, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovahs Witnesses, 808 Wyoming, Goodland, with Dan Lucas presiding.

Contributions to the Herman Velasquez Memorial may be mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

Michelle L. Snethen

Michelle L. Snethen, 35, Colby, daughter-in-law of Roger and Marilyn Snethen of Goodland, died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007, in Denver of an undetermined cause.

She was born on March 10, 1972, to Gerard and Rebecca Dickman in Hoxie. She graduated from Colby High School in 1990 and became a registered nurse. She had worked for Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby for over 10 years. She married Allen Snethen on Feb. 27, 2004, in Goodland.

Survivors include her husband, Allen of the home; a son, Victor Wente of Hoxie; two daughters, Danaya Wente and Kari Snethen of

Colby; her parents of Colby; two brothers, Adam Dickman of Fort Campbell, Ky., and Jason Dickman of Wichita; and a sister, Lisa Ortiz of Los Baños, Calif.

The funeral will be at 9 a.m. (Mountain Time) today, Friday, Jan. 4, 2008, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 1065 W. Fifth, Colby with Father Dana Clark officiating, and burial in the Beulah Cemetery, Colby.

Visitation was from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Mountain Time) Thursday at the Harrison Chapel, 190 S. Franklin, Colby.

Memorials may be made to her children's education fund in care of the funeral home or at any Colby bank.

Rosetta Patterson

Rosetta Patterson, 79, Vincennes, Ind., a former Goodland resident, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008, at Willow Manor in Vincennes.

She was born in 1928 in Goodland to Charlie Hobbs and Geneva Batchelor. She and Albert Lee Patterson married Aug. 21, 1945, in Sharon Springs.

Preceding her in death was her husband, her parents and a grandson, Brian Schulz.

Thomas Edward Blackhurst

Thomas Edward Blackhurst, 68, Kanorado, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2007, at his home in Kanorado.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 7, 2008, at Love Funeral Home, 377 15th, Burlington, with burial in

Alamosa, Colo., on Tuesday, Jan. 8. Memorials may be sent to the Tom Blackhurst Memorial Fund at the Bank of Burlington, 410 14th Street, Burlington, Colo. 80807.

A full obituary will follow.

Survivors include two daughters, Bonnie (Jim) Schulz of Millsap, Texas, and Patricia A. (Chuck) Wyche from Vincennes; two sisters, Theora (Bud) Williams from Pasco, Washington, and Marie Day of Ogallala, Neb.; six grandchildren; and 14 great grandchildren.

No services. Cards may be sent to Mrs. Patricia Wyche, 1605 Wheeler Ave., Vincennes, Ind. 47591-4351.



Evelyn Marie Rooney

Lifelong Goodland, Kansas resident Evelyn Marie Rooney, 78, died Saturday, December 29, 2007, at Goodland Regional Medical Center.

She was born March 22, 1929, at Goodland, Kansas, the daughter of George Newton and Josephine (Conway) Newton. She graduated from Goodland High School.

On August 20, 1946, she and Jake Rooney were married at Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland.

Her memberships included Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

Preceding her in death were her parents, seven brothers and four sisters.

Surviving family includes her husband, Jake Rooney of Goodland; three sons, Tom Rooney and his wife Gail of Champaign, Illinois, Greg Rooney and his wife Dolores of Tucson, Arizona, Kurt Rooney and his wife Martha of Longmont, Colorado; nine grandchildren, Shane Rooney and his wife Shandi of Overland Park, Kansas, Renee O'Learn and her husband Jorge of Houston, Texas, Natalie Ross and her husband Mike of Longmont, Colorado, Shauna Hoak and her husband Chris of Sioux City, Iowa, Bryan Rooney of Santa Monica, California, Michelle Rooney, Christopher Rooney, Kyle Rooney, and Allison Rooney, all of Longmont, Colorado; and four great-grandchildren, Miryam O'Learn, Zoe Ross, Braylen Rooney, and Dorian O'Learn.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. (Mountain Time) at Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland with Father Norbert Dlabal presiding. Burial will follow in the Goodland Cemetery.

Rosary will be at 9:00 a.m. (Mountain Time) on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2007, at the church.

Friends may share their respects on Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2007, from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. (Mountain Time) at Koons Chapel in Goodland.

Memorials may be designated to Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Catholic Church or to Northwest Kansas Area Medical Foundation, and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 North Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.

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