

activities

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

The **High Plains Museum**, 1717 Cherry Ave., is open from **9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday through Saturday and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.** Closed Tuesdays.

The **Carnegie Arts Center** is open from **10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday and 1 to 6 p.m. on Monday** at 120 W. 12th. The center is always in need of hosts and hostesses on Sundays. New monthly exhibits and you are invited to visit the gift shop.

The **Goodland Public Library** is open from **10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday** and from **10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.** For information call (785) 899-5461 or stop by the library.

The local **High Plains Constitutional Society** will meet the **first and third Tuesdays** of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Rock House, 6th and Caldwell, Goodland.

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

The **Good Sam Family Support Council** meets at **7 p.m.** the second Thursday of every month at the Goodland Elks Lodge. Meetings are open to all interested people. For information call 890-3117 or 890-5936.

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 **5:30 p.m. the second Monday** of the month. Any woman with cancer is welcome. Call Cheryl at 890-5528 for more information.

Cancer Support Group meets at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Goodland Regional Medical in the large board room. Group open to any cancer patient, survivor, caregiver and family members. Call Tina Goodwin at (785) 890-6036.

The **Goodland Activities Center** has the following activities. Monday: 5:30 a.m. aerobics with Tena Tompkins and 5 p.m. taekwondo. Tuesday: 5:30 a.m., workout with Grady Bonsall. Wednesday: 5:30 a.m. aerobics with Tena Tompkins, 9:45 a.m. finding fitness class, 4 p.m. taekwondo classes and 5:30 p.m. aerobics with Lisa Malsom. Thursday: 5:30 a.m., workout with Grady Bonsall and 9:45 a.m. finding fitness class. Friday: 5:30 a.m. aerobics with Tena Tompkins and starting at 5 p.m. taekwondo classes. For information call 890-7242.

Weight Watchers meets at **5:30 p.m. for weigh in** and 6 p.m. for the meeting every **Tuesday** at the Right Combination Dance Studio, 902 W. Hwy. 24. For information call (785) 890-3285 or visit rightcombinationdance.com.

Goodland Alcoholics Anonymous meets at **8 p.m. Monday**, closed meeting, **Wednesday**, the book meeting, and **Saturday**, an

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The Christmas on Us drawing on Tuesday at 4 p.m. has been moved to the front of Central Elementary School. The drawing is for \$1,000 in script money from *The Goodland Star-News* Christmas promotion.

Prairie Land Food distribution is from **1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday** at the Knights of Columbus, 7th and Caldwell. For information call 821-1827, 821-1275, 821-0120 or 728-7196 or order online at www.prairieland-food.com.

Tuesday Flicks are at **1:30 p.m.** at the **Goodland Public Library**, 812 Broadway. Call the library for the title of the movie at 899-5461.

school calendar
Today: Gold. End of second nine weeks. No school until Tuesday, Jan. 3.

senior menu
Today: Chicken ala king, Italian blend vegetables, gelatin with fruit, biscuit and cook's choice complement. **Monday:** 11:30

and 1 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

There is a sack sale till Saturday. The store is closed for restock from Sunday to Wednesday. The Kids Christmas Shoppe for kids aged three to 15 will be from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10.

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.

Blood pressures; infants', children's and adults' immunizations; health assessments for Kan Be Healthy, daycare and school entry; fasting blood sugar and hemoglobin; and family planning available by appointment. Sharps containers are available free. WIC program available. Call 890-4888 or go to www.sherman.kansas.com.

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. Today: a.m. Avis Alcorn. Monday: a.m. Gorda Adelgren. Tuesday: No volunteer. Wednesday: a.m. Fern Heckman and p.m. Jan Lambertz. Thursday: No volunteer. Friday: No volunteer.

early head start
Early Head Start is a state funded program for income eligible families with prenatal mothers and children up to age three. Families participate in a variety of educational activities and receive free medical and dental care.

Services include special needs of children with disabilities. If you have a family member with a special problem, such as drug or alcohol abuse, job loss or other family crisis, your family can qualify. Call 785-672-3125, ext. 187.

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 Colleen Wagner at 890-2552 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.

The police department can also be called at 890-4570.

family shelter
The Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence Services 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. In the Colby area, call (785) 443-1130 ask for Becky. For time and location of youth support group, ask for Jennifer Follis.

animal shelter
Lost a pet? Call 890-4575 or go to www.petfinder.com and be sure to enter the Goodland zip code 67735. You can also call the Goodland Police Department at 890-4570 or Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter at 899-4398 or 821-2144. Interested in adopting a pet? Call the animal shelter or go to the website www.nwkasgoodland.webs.com.

obituary

Lois E. Hussey

Lois E. (Carman) Hussey, 96, former Goodland Nurse Aide, died Monday, Dec. 12, 2011 at Good Samaritan Society at Atwood.

She was born Nov. 12, 1915, to Pearl (Hughes) and Archie Wales Carman at St. Francis. The family lived near St. Francis until she was four, when they moved to the Carman family farm near Selden. She attended Shawl Grade School and in 1934 she graduated from Selden High School.

After graduation she taught for two years at Shawl Grade School and then moved to Goodland, where she met her husband of 59 years.

On June 4, 1939, she and Phay Hussey were married at Clayton and they made their home at Goodland. She worked as a Nurse Aide and Surgical Nurse Assistant at Boothroy Memorial Hospital from 1958 through 1972. Then she worked until 1972 as a Nurse Aide at Northwest Kansas Medical Center at Goodland. After her husband's death on July 20, 1998, she continued to live in Goodland until she

moved to Atwood Good Samaritan Center in 2004.

Mrs. Hussey's hobbies included gardening, bowling, embroidery and sewing and she loved to cook.

Preceding her in death were her husband; her parents; an infant son, Arlen Hussey; two brothers, Alton Carman and Paul Carman; and a sister Alpha Mae (Carman) Preece.

Survivors include three children Jeanine Rudman of Goodland, Vereen Cooper of Carbondale, Ill. and Merlin (Susan) Hussey of Wichita; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011 at Koons Chapel, 211 N. Main, Goodland with burial in the Goodland Cemetery.

Visitation if from 3 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 16, 2011 at Koons Chapel.

Memorials to Rawlins County Hospital Foundation or Atwood Good Samaritan Society may be left at the funeral home.



Hussey

Before traveling check vehicle, insurance

The winter holidays are filled with activities and trips. It's one of the busiest times of the year for families and traveling. Before you take to the roads this winter, make sure your vehicle and insurance are ready.

Just as it says in the old Christmas song, it's time for "Makin' a list and checking it twice" when you prepare for winter driving.

Here are my top five auto insurance tips:

- Confirm your insurance is active and premiums are paid. Have a current copy of your insurance card in your vehicle.

- Select liability limits that are right for your financial circumstances. If you are found to be at fault in an accident and have insufficient liability coverages, your personal assets are at risk for paying the remaining financial obligation.

- If you rent a vehicle for a trip, check with your insurance agent to see if your policy includes coverage. Also, make sure you don't duplicate benefits from your own policy if you decide to get rental insurance.

- Verify that your homeowner's or renter's insurance covers the theft of personal items from your vehicle, especially if you are planning to haul more expensive items. Many people believe that vehicle insurance covers replacement of stolen items from their vehicles, but that usually isn't the case.

- Know if your policy includes roadside assistance, such as towing, fuel delivery, lockout service and jump-starts. Once your insurance matters are set, making sure your vehicle is winterized is the next item

Here are my top tips for trip preparation:

- Have a fully-charged cell phone - and pack your vehicle phone-charging unit.
- Make sure you have an emer-

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gency kit for long trips, include a first-aid kit, batteries, flashlights, drinking water, snacks, jumper cables, ice scrapers, tissues and towels, a tow rope, extra clothing and blankets.

- Check your battery and your tires.

- Keep your gas tank at least half full all the time.

- Check your wipers. Nothing can be as dangerous - or as aggravating - as having bad wipers during bad weather.

Finally, and maybe most importantly, this is the season for family. Protecting them and their insurance needs should be a part of your winter preparations as well. So, here are my top considerations about insurance matters:

- Make sure, for those young and old, that important insurance and legal papers are in a secure place that more than one person knows about.

- Assess personal insurance needs for yourself and your family. Your needs as an old adult, for example, could be much different than your child's or grandchild's.

- Make sure you know what health insurance you and your family have. What are your deductibles and co-pays? What preventive services are now covered?

- In this season of giving, be sure you know the recipients of your financial gifts. Unfortunately, scams abound during this time of year, and the spirit of the season is often the reason that people get taken.

Lists are important this time of year, so I hope you can include some of these tips for a merrier and safer holiday season.

Remember to use free traveler information

The Kansas Department of Transportation would like to remind travelers to use the free traveler information services it provides to prepare for their holiday/winter travels.

- Visit KanDrive, www.kandrive.org, the department's traveler information gateway for Kansas and surrounding states, to get enhanced camera views. Camera snapshots of the roadway are updated every few minutes from closed-circuit cameras installed along I-70 and other highways. The department has recently installed eight new cameras at Kanorado, Belleville, McPherson, Beto Junction, Pittsburg, Garden City, Liberal and at the junction of U.S. 75 and County Road 150 north of Topeka.

In addition to the camera tour, KanDrive provides an interactive map of Kansas roads, work zones

and other events impacting traffic and surface-related road conditions; roadside message sign views; and links to related resources such as KCSout, neighboring states' travel information, Kansas Turnpike information and Kansas Byways.

- The 511 Mobile site at 511mm.dsdot.org provides map, camera and electronic message sign views, road conditions, work zone and event information and links to weather information. The site is accessible from multiple devices, including iPhones, Droids and Windows mobile devices. Version 6.0 and higher.

- 511 Phone - From any phone anytime, travelers may call 5-1-1 from anywhere in Kansas or (866) 511-KDOT (5368) from anywhere in the U.S. to get route-specific road conditions, work zone information and travel-related weather information.

The department also reminds travelers to be prepared for driving this winter. Knowledge and preparation are essential to minimizing winter weather driving hazards.

In addition to being prepared by being informed about weather and road conditions, preparing your vehicle by winterizing and getting it tuned up before winter will minimize the possibility of a breakdown. In the event you are stranded during a storm, an emergency survival kit and supplies in your vehicle could mean the difference between life and death.

It's also important to remember safe winter driving skills such as reducing your speed for conditions and allowing extra time to travel. Turn off your cruise control. Increase the distance between your

vehicle and the vehicle ahead of you. Accelerate and brake gently to reduce the chance of losing control of your vehicle. Don't follow snow removal equipment too closely.

Drivers should use basic safe driving habits at any time of the year - buckling up and safely securing children in safety seats, driving alert and sober, operating your vehicle at a safe and legal speed, and avoiding driver distractions such as talking or texting on your cell phone.

Classifieds work!
899-2338

Colorado

Lincoln County: 3729± acres grass. 25 miles south of Punkin Center. Improvements: home & small shop. \$1,062,765

Kansas

South of Ruleton: 40± acres with home, shop, misc buildings. \$99,000
Hamilton County: 960± acres. All 27-255-42. E2 28-255-42. \$1,344,000
320± acres CRP. 2 contracts expire 2012. S2 9-265-41. \$448,000
160± acres expired CRP. NW4 7-215-39. \$192,000
Sherman County: NEW...160± acres grass. NW4 14-7-39. \$112,000



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