

# about our friends

## calendar

**Insurance Help** — HealthWave is a program to provide health insurance at little or no cost to uninsured Kansas children and teens in families with limited incomes. A representative of HealthWave will be available to answer questions and provide application assistance from **8 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday** at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 307 W. 13th, Goodland. For information about the program, call (800) 792-4884.

**Wrestling Meeting** — The Goodland Wrestling Club will meet at **7 p.m. Thursday** at the North Elementary gym. All wrestlers will be registered for their state required U.S. wrestling cards and will view the "At Risk" film. Sign-up for the first two tournaments of the season will be done. The club will begin practice Jan. 2.

Kids in grades kindergarten through sixth need to attend with a parent. Please bring your birth certificate and \$25 for a wrestling card. For information, contact Randy Bahe at 899-6116 or Robin Deeds at 899-6626.

**Grief Program** — Hospice Services Inc. will offer a grief program called "Handling the Holidays" for those who have lost a loved one. It will be held at **7 p.m. Thursday** at the Goodland Public Library. The program is free and is open to the public.

**Musical Tickets** — Tickets can be purchased for the musical "Guys and Dolls" to be presented by Goodland High School students. It will be held at **7 p.m. Friday and Saturday** at the high school auditorium. To reserve tickets, stop by the high school or call 899-5656. Any leftover tickets will be sold each night of the performance.

**Veterans Open House** — Veterans of World War II are invited to attend an open house in their honor at **10 a.m. Saturday** at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Goodland. The event is hosted by the Sherman County Historical Society. A program put on by the Veterans of Foreign Wars will follow at **11 a.m.** The historical society would like for anyone who wants to display citations, medals, uniforms, pictures or other World War II memorabilia to call 899-2261 or the hall at 899-3021, so table space can be provided.

**Potato Bar** — A potato bar sponsored by the Goodland Topside Lions Club will be held from **11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday** at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Tickets are available at the door. The proceeds will stay in the community to go towards community projects and those less fortunate.

**Chicken Noodle Dinner** — The ladies of St. Paul's Episcopal Church will hold their annual chicken noodle dinner from **11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday** at the church at 13th and Center in Goodland.

**Dinner Party** — The Goodland

Christian Womens After-5 Club will have their Novem "Bear" dinner party at **7 p.m. Monday** at the Butterfly Cafe. The speaker will be Mary Bohn of Colorado Springs. Music will be provided by "The Barbershop Quartet." For reservations, call Barb at 899-5580 or Lori at 899-3828.

## activities

**TOPS Meeting** — Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at **5:30 p.m. Mondays** at North School. Weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

**Aerobics Classes** — Morning aerobics classes are available at **5:30 a.m.** with Tina Tompkins, and at **8 a.m.** with Marilyn Imel, **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** at the Goodland Activities Center. A senior aerobics class for those who desire a less strenuous workout will be at **8 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday** with Marilyn Imel. For questions, call 899-7242.

**Square Dance Lessons** — Marie Edwards will offer square dance lessons from **7-9 p.m. on Tuesdays** at the Edwards Square Dance Hall, 2431 Walnut, Goodland. All are welcome to join in the fun and fellowship. For information, call (785) 899-3323.

**Museum Exhibit** — An unusual 75-piece coffee mug collection owned by Roxie Yonkey will be on temporary display at the High Plains Museum in Goodland. The museum's hours are from **9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday**.

**Water Testing** — A representative of the Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group will be available for a free well evaluation including testing well water for bacteria and nitrates. If you would like to schedule an evaluation or have other environmental concerns, call the Sherman County Health Department at (785) 899-4888.

## society donations

The Sherman County Historical Society has received positive response to the proposed purchase of the Edythe Handy house.

Your continued support is critical to the award of the grant request that is currently in progress. Tax-free pledges or donations for this year or 2001 may be made to the historical society at P.O. Box 684, Goodland, Kan. 67735 or by calling 899-6773.

## support group

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group of Burlington, Colo., would like to help. The group meets at **9:30 a.m. on the second Saturday** of each month. For questions or personal support, call Della Helzer at 899-2585.

## volunteers needed

The Girl Scouts of Sunflower Council, which serves 16 counties in northwest Kansas, is seeking candidates in this region for its board of directors. Candidates should possess a willing-

ness to provide leadership, a belief in the organization's mission and purpose, and a commitment to youth. Areas of expertise needed are educational, child developmental, financial, legal and others. If interested, contact the council at (785) 625-5671.

## school menu

**Thursday** — Sloppy joe on bun, tater tots, relish tray, choice of fruit and milk.

**Friday** — Fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot roll, Jell-o and milk.

## hospital report

**Goodland Regional Medical Center**

**Admitted: Tuesday**, Hilda Juarez, Goodland.

**Dismissed: Tuesday**, Bruce A. Buck, Sharon Springs; and Jennifer Gress-Jurak, Missoula, Mont.

**Transferred:** none.

**Specialists for Thursday:** Dr. Jeffrey Rumbly, allergy; Dr. James Warren, cardiology; Dr. Charles Ruggles, dermatology.

**Hospital weekly volunteer schedule** — **Thursday** — Berneice Thompson, courtesy; Jessie Owens, a.m.; Berna Biem, p.m. **Friday** — Ruth Morton, courtesy; Fern Hawks, a.m.

## patient update

**Larry Bohl, Goodland**, is still receiving medical treatment in Texas. Cards can be sent to: Larry Bohl, 220

N. Point Drive, Apt. 1604, Houston, Texas 77060.

## today in history

In 1887, the first regular election was held in Sherman County. It was a huge victory for Goodland and the Homesteaders Union Association.

*From the Sherman County Historical Society calendar*

## animal shelter

Have you lost a pet? Call the Goodland Police Department at 899-4570.

Are you interested in adopting a pet? Call the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter at 899-6464.

## area events

**Tobacco Support Group** — A tobacco quitters support group will meet from **7-8 p.m., Central Time, every Wednesday** in the cafeteria of Citizens' Medical Center in Colby. Anyone who wants to quit or has quit using tobacco is urged to attend. For information, call (785) 462-8152.

## crimestoppers

*If you have any 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. You could be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000. The Goodland Area Crime Stoppers is a nonprofit organization.*

# Bush carries Kansas easily

TOPEKA (AP) — Republican George W. Bush carried Kansas easily in the presidential race, but his popularity couldn't put the GOP candidate over the top in a hot congressional contest.

The state and its six electoral votes had been considered safe for the GOP since the campaign began, and Bush met those long-held expectations.

With 97 percent of Tuesday's votes counted, Bush captured 57 percent to Democratic nominee Al Gore's 38 percent.

Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate, received 3 percent and Reform Party nominee Pat Buchanan, about 1 percent. Three other minor party candidates received less than that.

The state's heritage put it in the Republican column. The last Democrat to carry Kansas was Lyndon Johnson in 1964, and with this year's results, the GOP candidate has won the state in 28 of the 35 presidential elections since statehood.

Many Kansans relished the thought of Bush as chief executive after eight years of President Clinton. Exit polls indicated that while their opinions of Clinton were divided more evenly, they overwhelmingly disapproved of the Democratic president as a person.

Eldon Nugen cast his vote for Bush at

a polling site in Belle Plaine, south of Wichita in Sumner County. Asked what issue most influenced his vote, he replied, "Just Gore's association with Clinton."

"I don't want anything to do with Al Gore and Bill Clinton," he said.

But as deep as GOP sentiments run and as well as Bush did in Kansas, it couldn't unseat Democratic incumbent Dennis Moore in the 3rd Congressional District.

Moore's Republican challenger, state Rep. Phill Kline, made Bush's popularity a key part of his campaign strategy. But with nearly all the votes counted, Moore had 50 percent to 47 percent for Kline and 3 percent for Libertarian Chris Mina.

Republican congressmen Jerry Moran, of Hays; Jim Ryun, who lives outside Lawrence; and Todd Tiahrt, of Goddard, all won re-election as expected.

Results of legislative proved disappointing for Democrats, who had hoped to cut into large Republican majorities in the House and Senate.

Republicans appeared likely to pick up a seat in the House, to make their majority 78-47. The news was worse in Senate races, where Republicans were poised to pick up three seats, to bring the split to 30-10.

# Couple plan wedding

Heather Christine Braasch and Jason Scott Stewart plan to be married at 2 p.m. on Dec. 30 at the Church of the Nativity in Leawood.

Parents of the bride-to-be are Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Braasch of Leawood and Georgia Bragg of St. Louis, Mo. The groom-to-be's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stewart of Goodland.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Lindenwood University at St. Charles, Mo., where she received a bachelor of arts degree. She is employed by Sprint PCS in Overland Park.

The groom-to-be graduated in 1995 from Washburn University at Topeka with a bachelor of business administration degree. He was a 2000 graduate of Friends University in Wichita with a



Heather Braasch and Jason Stewart

bachelor of science degree in computer information systems. He is the vice president of administration at Cohen Financial Services in Leawood.

# Students receive scholarships

Five Sherman County students received scholarships to attend the Northwest Kansas Technical School at Goodland.

Jason Bates and Penny Pullins received scholarships from the office/computer technology program in which they are both enrolled.

Bates was the recipient of a \$200 scholarship, which is endowed annually by the Valentine's Day flower sales of the students, and Pullins received a \$150 scholar-

ship. Justin Colby, an office/computer technology student, received the \$400 Goodland Kiwanis scholarship.

Jarrold Precht received the \$300 Herb Stegman Memorial scholarship. He is enrolled in the communications technology program.

Josephina Garcia, a student in the medical assistant program, was the recipient of a \$250 Beta Sigma Phi scholarship.

# Grief program offered Thursday

Hospice Services Inc. will offer a program called "Handling the Holidays" to help make the holidays less stressful for those who have lost a loved one.

The program is free of charge and is open to the public. It will address grief and allow time for people to share and remember.

The times it will be available across the service area are as follows: at **7 p.m. Thursday** at the Goodland Public Library; at **noon, Central Time, Friday** at the Atwood City Library; at **7 p.m., Central Time, Monday** at the Pioneer Me-

morial Library in Colby; at **noon, Central Time, Tuesday, Nov. 21** at the Medical Arts Building in Oberlin; at **noon Wednesday, Nov. 29** at the Senior Citizens Center in Sharon Springs; and at **5 p.m., Central Time, Wednesday, Nov. 29** at the Senior Citizens Center in St. Francis.

In addition to providing care for the dying, the mission of hospice is to provide bereavement support to communities.

If you need information about the bereavement services Hospice offers, call your local office.

# Tax expert attends convention

Delilah Leiker, owner of the H & R Block franchise in Goodland, was among more than 1,200 franchise owners who attended the annual H & R Block National Franchise Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

Leiker said she took part in sessions which included a look at the new financial services and products being offered through Block, an introduction to the company's new brand identity system and advanced training on how to counsel clients setting up retirement accounts.

One of the highlights of the convention was getting to hear about the future of the Internal Revenue Service from Commissioner Charles Rossotti.

"This was the first time the head of the IRS has ever addressed our convention, so it really was quite an honor for us to have Rossotti attend and speak," said Leiker. "In addition to talking about current reforms taking place within the IRS, Rossotti also shared some insight into the e-filing initiatives that the IRS currently has in place."

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