

# about our friends

## calendar

**Free Matinee** — In order to allow time for parents to shop for the upcoming holidays, free movies will be shown the next five weekends in Goodland. This weekend's matinee, **Galaxy Quest**, which is rated PG, will be shown at **1:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday** at The Sherman Theatre. The Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the movie.

**Singles Group** — The Thursday Night Together Christian singles group will have a birthday party at **6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30**, at Marie Edwards' hall. All singles are invited.

## 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 Imel. For questions, call 899-7242.

**Carnegie Arts Center** — Artist Wilma Wethington will have over 30 paintings on display at the Carnegie Arts Center through **Saturday, Dec. 2**. One of these is a 7 foot 3 inch painting of Kelli McCarty, the first Kansan to be crowned "Miss USA." Wethington enjoys working in watercolor, pastel, oil and acrylic. Her favorite style is realism, which gives the viewer a sense

of being able to step into her paintings. Sponsors of this exhibit are Robert and Irma Silkman. The arts center is open from **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday** and from **1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday**.

**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.

## photos needed

Photos are needed for a 2001 alumni reunion display to be put up next year at the High Plains Museum in Goodland. Any photos of Goodland classes or individuals will work and are needed, as soon as possible, so that work can begin on the display. For questions, stop by the museum or call 899-4595.

## 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 north-west Kansas, is seeking candidates in this region for its board of directors. Candidates should possess a willingness 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.

## business news

**Opal VanDonge** and **Linda Johnson**, who work for Goodland optometrist Dr. R.K. Driver, attended the 2000 Kansas Optometric Association Fall Eyecare Conference in Wichita. They received 10 hours of continuing education for attending. At the conference, they learned about eyesight treatment related to facial trauma, insurance claims processing, eyewear dispensing, patient education concerning lens options and communication skills. A cardiopulmonary resuscitation class was also offered.

## hospital report

**Goodland Regional Medical Center**  
**Admitted: Monday**, Robert Wickwar, Goodland.

**Dismissed: Monday**, Lowell Chatfield and Pearl Hawks, both of Goodland.

# Speaker's race now contest as candidate announces

TOPEKA (AP) — The House speaker's race is now a contest with Speaker Pro Tem Doug Mays challenging Majority Leader Kent Glasscock for the chamber's top position.

Glasscock, R-Manhattan, had been unopposed for the job held by retiring Speaker Robin Jennison. But that changed Monday when Mays announced his candidacy.

"This is what the caucus has asked me to do. In talking with the membership, Republicans want a choice for the speaker's chair," said Mays, R-Topeka, who was re-elected this month to a fifth, two-year term.

For his part, Glasscock, re-elected to

a sixth term, said, "I firmly believe leadership and governance is about choices. Our caucus will have a clear choice to make."

Mays said his candidacy reflects the moderate and conservative split within House Republican ranks. Glasscock is a moderate while Mays is a conservative.

"I'm perhaps a little more in tune with the majority of the caucus than Kent," Mays said.

Glasscock said he doesn't expect the vote to break strictly along moderate-conservative lines.

"I have great faith that Republicans who have served with me appreciate

my leadership style and I expect to win," Glasscock said.

Mays also said he wanted to give Republicans a choice.

"It would be unprecedented in modern times for an open speaker's race to go uncontested. I'm going to give them that choice," Mays said.

In the past, Glasscock has said one of his first goals would be to unite the moderate and conservative Republicans in the chamber.

House Republicans will meet Dec. 4 to decide between Mays and Glasscock. The full chamber will elect the speaker on Jan. 8, the opening day of the 2001 session.

# Better gift buying can be taught to kids



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As the holiday season approaches, your children may ask "What can I give?" This question is an opportunity to teach your child about better buying, the art of being a good consumer, as well as about sharing.

As children begin to understand the value of money and how it operates, they can learn how to choose items that bring satisfaction. What better time than the holiday shopping season to teach these all-important lessons?

Be ready when your child asks, "What can I buy for Mommy, Daddy, or my friend?" Suggest inexpensive gifts that are familiar.

Write down the gift ideas when you are ready to take your child shopping. If you want this to be a learning experience, plan your shopping trip carefully.

Go when you are not hurried and can spend time on the child's gift list. Try to shop when stores are not crowded. Plan to go shopping at a time when your child isn't tired and keep the shopping time short.

Let your child carry the gift money in his or her pocket or purse.

Children need to learn that they can't buy what they can't afford. You may have to say, "No, you can't buy that one because it costs \$3 and you only have \$2 in your pocket." Then focus their attention on something in the right price range.

If there are several good options, let your child make the selection.

Your child should give the money to the salesperson and receive the change because it helps teach him or her the direct relationship between money and goods.

By helping your child make responsible choices when purchasing gifts, you are sharing your time and attention with them. This simple act makes them feel special and allows them to experience the sense of joy when you open the gift that they picked out just for you!

# Winter wheat nearly planted

WICHITA (AP) — Kansas farmers made little headway in the past week getting the last of their winter wheat planted, with progress still lagging behind normal.

Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service reported Monday that 95 percent of wheat crop is now seeded, compared to 100 percent last year and a five-year average of 99 percent.

Statistician Ron Sitzman said the latest figure represents a percentage of what farmers have indicated they intended to plant for their 2001 wheat crop.

"That is a real vague cloud floating around out there now — nobody has any numbers to attach to it," he said.

How much winter wheat will be planted in Kansas this fall remains

anybody's guess. The government estimate will not be released until Jan. 11.

Wheat seeding has been slower than usual this fall. Farmers delayed planting as long as possible because the summer's triple-digit temperatures and little rain severely depleted soil moisture levels.

Rain has helped replenish some of those supplies, but now many fields have spots too wet for planting.

"There have been years in the past when winter wheat has been seeded up to and after the first of the year, when the weather has been nice," Sitzman said.

Wheat has emerged on 89 percent of the acreage. The average for this time is 95 percent.

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