

# about our friends

## calendar

**Dinner Party**—The Goodland After-5 Club will have “A Caroling We Will Go” dinner party from **7-9 p.m. tonight** at the Butterfly Cafe. Barbara Bath of Wichita will present a special package. The music will be songs of Christmas. For reservations call Barb at 899-5580 or Lori at 899-3828.

**Music Program**—Goodland third graders will present a music program “Sing Out Christmas” at **7 p.m. Tuesday** at Central School. They will be directed Birkley Barnes, third grade music teacher.

**Health Screening**—Cholesterol screening and education will be given on **Thursday and Friday** at the office of the Sherman County Health Department, 1622 Broadway. For information, call 899-4888.

**Senior Dinner**—Holiday entertainment and a dinner for senior citizens of Sherman County will begin at **11 a.m. Friday** at Goodland High School. Please **RSVP by Wednesday** by calling 899-5656 or 899-2397. If needed, meals can be delivered to a seniors’ homes by calling either of these numbers.

**SHARE**—The pickup of low cost food in exchange for volunteer work for this month will be from **9-10 a.m. Saturday** at 824 Main in Goodland.

**Free Matinee**—In order to allow time for parents to shop for the upcoming holidays, free movies will be shown the next two weekends in Goodland. This weekend’s matinee, **Snow Day**, which is rated PG, will be shown at **1:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday** at The Sherman Theatre and is sponsored by the theater.

**Band Concert**—Goodland’s fifth grade, sixth grade, junior high and high school bands will give a Christmas concert at **7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18** in the Goodland High School auditorium. The concert will be co-directed by band instructors Paul Garrison and Tom Miles.

## 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**—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**.

**Library Closings**—The Goodland Public Library will be closed **Monday,**

**Dec. 25 and Tuesday, Dec. 26** for Christmas and on **Monday, Jan. 1** for New Year’s Day. It will be open regular hours for the rest of December. The library board and staff wishes all of the library’s patrons a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## food for fines

The Goodland Public Library will again offer its “Food for Fines” program **during December**. Patrons with outstanding fines or overdue library materials may bring in a food item for Genesis, a local food bank, in exchange for the fine. Food items needed by Genesis include peanut butter, cereal, pancake mix, cake mixes, Jell-o, pudding, or any canned goods.

## meals on wheels

The openings have been filled for delivery of meals for the Meals on Wheels program in Goodland. Ruth Soward, scheduling coordinator, would like to thank the community for their response in volunteering to deliver the meals.

## flu vaccine

Flu vaccine is now available at Rural Health Ventures, 106 Willow Road, Goodland. For questions, call 899-6075.

## teddy bear project

The Goodland Elks Lodge and Kickers Restaurant and Lounge are sponsoring a teddy bear project for this Christmas season. Bring a new teddy bear to the lodge and it will be displayed under their tree until after Christmas. The bears will then be given to the Northwest Kansas ambulance crew for them to give out to sick or injured kids or adults throughout next year.

## 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.

## school menu

**Tuesday**—Burrito with chili, lettuce, tomatoes, tri-taters, fruit cup and milk.

**Wednesday**—Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hotroll, Jell-o with fruit and milk.

**Thursday**—Cheeseburger, french fries, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, choice of fruit and milk.

**Friday**—Cooks’ choice.

## hospital report

**Goodland Regional Medical Center**  
**Admitted: Friday,** Phyllis Long

and Laura Riley, both of Goodland. **Saturday,** Maggie McLean and Forest Reed, both of Goodland. **Sunday,** none.

**Dismissed: Friday,** none. **Saturday,** Jacob Haas and Laura Riley, both of Goodland. **Sunday,** Maggie McLean, Goodland.

**Transferred:** none.  
**Specialists for Tuesday:** none.  
**Hospital weekly volunteer schedule—Tuesday**—Bonnie Daily, a.m.; Beulah McClung, p.m. **Wednesday**—Irene Kehlbeck, courtesy; Helen Armstrong, a.m. **Thursday**—Jessie Owens, a.m.; Berna Biem, p.m. **Friday**—Helen Hughes, courtesy; Fern Hawks, a.m.; Harriette Smith, p.m.

## today in history

In 1901, George Dillinger, son of Daniel and Minna Dillinger, was killed instantly when kicked by a colt. He would have been 6 on Dec. 17.

*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.

**Found:** an older male brownish-red Dachshund around North School and a full-grown Brittany Spaniel at McB’s Corner Garage. Call the animal shelter to claim.

## area events

**Child Care Training**—Two child care training sessions will be held this month. “Simply Speaking” will be presented from **7-9 p.m., Central Time, tonight** and “Discoveries of Infancy” will be held from **7-9 p.m., Central Time, Monday, Dec. 18**, in the Gray Room of Ferguson Hall at Colby Community College.

**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

Sometime between 3 p.m. on Dec. 1 and 10:10 a.m. on Dec. 4, someone drove a vehicle through a snow fence, post and chain at the Northwest Kansas Technical School in Goodland.

*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. If the information you give results in the arrest and/or conviction of those persons involved, you could be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000.*

of impaired driving.

Holiday parties where alcohol is served increase the number of drinking drivers on the road. The red ribbons are tied on to the antenna of your vehicle. If you would like a red ribbon please come by the Regional Prevention Center at our same location with a new address: 109 E. 17th, Suite 212.

How important is it to keep drinking drivers off the road? The following are blood alcohol concentration effects, which will help you understand what drivers who have been drinking are going through behind the wheel.

This information is provided by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, Zero Tolerance and Other Options and other sources.

- .05 percent—Thought, judgment and restraint may be more lax; significant increase in errors in divided-attention tasks; increased errors in steering; increased culpability for crash involvement; vision is affected.
- .08 percent—Reaction time for making choices in response to novel stimuli increases; virtually all drivers

# obituaries

## Marie F. Tovrea

Marie Frances Tovrea, 88, a lifelong Brewster area resident, died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2000, at the Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby.

Her funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Koons Chapel in Goodland with burial to follow in the Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the Brewster Heritage Center and left at Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

A complete obituary will follow.

## Arthur E. Brown

Arthur Earl Brown, 81, a longtime Goodland resident, died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2000, at the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

Services are pending with Koons Funeral Home in Goodland.

A complete obituary will follow.

## Donald Fechner

Donald Fechner, 68, Oakley, father of Northwest Kansas Technical School student Donald Fechner, Jr., died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2000, at his home.

He was born Jan. 1, 1932, at Colby, the son of Thelma I. (Walker) and Charles V. Fechner.

He and Linda Elaine Foster were married Aug. 7, 1976, at Oakley.

He had been a mechanic’s assistant with the Kansas Department of Transportation at Oakley. He was retired.

He was a member of the Oakley Christian Church.

He had been a volunteer for Lantern

Park Nursing Home in Colby.

His funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m., Central Time, Wednesday at the church in Oakley with Pastor Bob Kelly officiating.

Burial will be in the Oakley Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m., Central Time, Tuesday at Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley.

Other survivors include his wife of the home; a daughter, Melinda Enfield of Colby; a brother, Bill Fechner of Bristow, Okla.; three sisters, Joellen Schaffer of Liberal, Darlene Wright of Aurora, Colo., and Joyce Nye of Oklahoma City; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Betty Tillotson and Janice Dreher.

Memorials may be made to the Donald Fechner Memorial Fund and sent in care of Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, P.O. Box 221, Oakley, Kan. 67748.

## Earl Proffitt

Earl Proffitt, 89, a former Goodland resident, died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2000, at the Evergreen Gardens Assisted Living Center in Garden City.

He was born Oct. 8, 1911, in Coolidge, the son of Lena (Cook) and Luther Proffitt. He moved to Garden City from Goodland in 1943.

He and Volia M. Livengood were married May 12, 1943, at Garden City.

He was a mail carrier for the Garden City post office for many years. He retired in 1973.

He was a projectionist for the U.S. Army during World War II and later at the old Ritz theater in Garden City.

He also had worked for the *The Garden City Herald*.

He was a member of the First Christian Church in Garden City, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, the American Association of Retired Persons, and a former member of the Eagles Lodge and the Woodmen of the World.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m., Central Time, Tuesday at the First Christian Church in Garden City with the Rev. Donald Carter officiating.

Burial will be in the Valley View Cemetery at Garden City with military graveside honors to be conducted.

Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Central Time, today at Price and Sons Funeral Home in Garden City.

Survivors include three sons, Ronald E. and Boyd L. Proffitt of Garden City, and Donald V. Proffitt of Wichita; three daughters, Vicki L. Proffitt of Garden City, Sandra K. Proffitt of Dodge City, and Karen A. James of Gunnison, Colo.; a sister, Ruth Buehler of Great Bend; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife in April, his parents, a brother, a sister and a grandson.

Memorials may be given to the First Christian Church in Garden City and sent in care of Price and Sons Funeral Home, 620 N. Main, Garden City, Kan. 67846.

# Majority votes to halt election recount

## ELECTION, from Page 1

5-4 majority voted to stop the recount at least temporarily.

Justice Antonin Scalia, in a concurring opinion issued on Saturday, had said it “suffices to say ... that a major-

## correction

In the hospital report in Friday’s issue of *The Goodland Daily News*, it was incorrectly reported that Virginia Baker of Goodland was transferred to the Greeley County Hospital in Tribune. Instead, she was transferred to Northern Colorado Hospital in Greeley, Colo.

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ity of the court” believes that Bush had a substantial probability of success on the final ruling.

That meant that Gore faced an uphill struggle as the black-robed justices settled in their seats for the formal arguments. Boies said on Sunday that defeat at the high court could mean the end of the road for the vice president’s 2000 quest for the White House.

There were a few moments of humor—and embarrassment for one of the lawyers, Joseph Klock, representing Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris.

Klock accidentally referred to Justice John Paul Stevens as “Justice Brennan,” a reference to the late Justice William Brennan.

A moment later Klock stumbled again, mistaking Souter for Breyer. Souter responded, “I’m Justice Souter, you’d better give that up.” And a few moments later, Scalia drew a laugh when he began a question by saying, “Mr. Klock, I’m Scalia.”

The atmosphere inside the court-

room stood in contrast to the noisy scene outside the building—where demonstrators protested beneath the chiseled marble inscription “Equal Justice Under Law.”

While Kennedy and O’Connor, both of whom sided with Scalia in suspending the recount, asked questions about whether there was a federal issue for the justices to decide, other members of the court probed elsewhere.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who opposed the suspension of the recount on Saturday, questioned why the nation’s highest court should overrule the Florida Supreme Court’s interpretation of state law and “say what the Florida law is.”

In their questioning, the justices raised many of the issues that have swirled around the recount that holds the key to the White House. Bush has been certified the winner in Florida by 537 votes, but Gore looked to the recount to let him overtake his rival. The winner of Florida’s 25 electoral votes stands to gain the presidency.

# matters of record

## Goodland Accidents

**Nov. 26**—At 11:30 p.m., Amanda S. McCartee, driving a ’99 Chevrolet, was headed south in the alley by the Goodland post office at 11th and Broadway and hit a dumpster, owned by the City of Goodland.

**Nov. 29**—At 3:59 p.m., Nicholas W. Yeager, driving a ’98 Chevrolet pickup, was backing up to avoid being struck by a semi that was backing up to try to get around a stalled vehicle.

Yeager misjudged the available distance and hit a ’97 Ford pickup, driven by Travis D. Jeffries, at the intersection of K-27 and U.S. 24.

**Saturday**—At 2 a.m., Gregory R. Golden, driving a 2000 Ford, was headed west on 12th, when he lost control and went over a curb and into a chain link fence, owned by the Goodland school district, at 12th and Colorado. He then backed out and left the scene.

Nearly half of all fatal traffic crashes are alcohol-related.



That means at least one of the drivers or pedestrians involved in a crash had alcohol in his or her body.

Two out of five Americans are likely to be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some point in their lives. Important driving skills can be impaired on as little as one drink. And you can become legally intoxicated on just a few.

Sobriety checkpoints are effective in reducing impaired driving and alcohol-related crashes.

- Drivers report that they are less likely to drive after drinking when they know checkpoints are being conducted in their area.

- The public overwhelmingly approves of using sobriety checkpoints to reduce alcohol-related crashes.

Friends don’t let friends drive drunk. Steps you can take to save a life!

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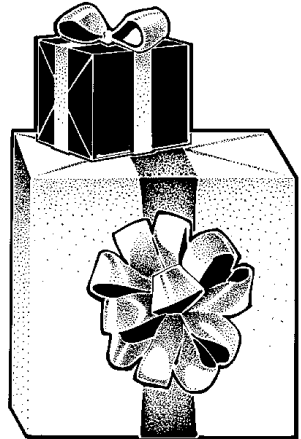
- Take a stand. Make sure your friends have a sober ride home.
- Take the keys. Don’t let a drinker get behind a wheel.
- Call a cab. If you’ve been drinking, don’t risk an arrest or a crash. Take a cab and make sure your friends do the same.

Support our local law enforcement officers in their efforts to curb drunk driving by conducting sobriety checkpoints and to increase seatbelt use by enforcing the belt use and child passenger safety laws. Reporting drunk driving can also save lives.

The Mothers Against Drunk Driving Tie One On campaign needs your support. The organization sponsors the campaign every year during the holidays to remind people of the dangers

## Visit the Museum’s Gift Shop for Christmas ideas.

Some of our items include unique stocking stuffers as well as books, wheat-weaving, t-shirts, coffee mugs, and publications of historic narratives from long time local residents, Sherman County marriage record books and more.



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