

# about our friends

## calendar

**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** in the Goodland High School auditorium. The concert will be co-directed by band instructors Paul Garrison and Tom Miles.

**Veterans' Affairs** — Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be available to assist veterans and their dependents with claims work from **1-2:15 p.m. Thursday** in the assembly room on the third floor of the courthouse. If you miss her, you may call the Colby office any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at (785) 462-3572.

**Singles Group** — The Thursday Night Together Christian singles group will have a party at **6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28**, at the Edwards Hall in the Armstrong Addition. All singles are invited to attend. For questions, call 899-2733.

## activities

**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



John and Diana Nichols

## Card shower set for couple's 40th anniversary

John and Diana Nichols of Goodland will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Dec. 23. They were married in 1960 at St. Francis and lived there for about four years after that.

Their children, Melita, Allen, Alvina and Shawn, and families would like friends and family to shower the couple with cards in celebration of their anniversary. Their address is 1320 Cherry, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

No gifts, please.

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.

## card shower

**Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nagel Jr. of Kanorado** will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on Dec. 19. Their children are requesting a card shower in honor of their special day. Cards may be sent to them at 5270 Road 3, Kanorado, Kan. 67741.

## 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.

## school menu

**Monday** — Cooks' choice.  
**Tuesday** — Ham, scalloped potatoes, peas, hot roll, strawberry shortcake and milk.  
**Wednesday** — Pizza, lettuce salad, strawberries and bananas and milk.  
**Thursday** — Hoagie sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onion, chips,

choice of fruit and milk.  
**Friday** — Cooks' choice.

## hospital report

**Goodland Regional Medical Center Admitted on Thursday:** Jay Carpenter and Joan Walker, both of Goodland.

**Dismissed on Thursday:** none.  
**Transferred:** none.  
**Specialists for Monday:** Dr. James Holmes, orthopedist; Dr. Jeffrey Huston, gastroenterologist.

**Hospital weekly volunteer schedule** — **Monday** — no workers. **Tuesday** — Sharon Jensen, courtesy; Bonnie Daily, a.m.; Beulah McClung, p.m. **Wednesday** — Marj Crabb, courtesy; Hazel Tracy, a.m.; Chet Ross, p.m. **Thursday** — Betty Saint, a.m.; Velma Holste, p.m. **Friday** — Anne Mann, p.m.

## patient in hospital

**Doris Peter, a former Goodland resident**, is a patient at a hospital in Union, Mo., where she is recovering from pneumonia. Her daughter requested a card shower to cheer her up. Cards or letters can be sent to her at 12-4 Woodland Oaks, Union, Mo., 63084.

## today in history

In 1887, by handing records over to judge-elect Rulon, Probate Judge Tobias could no longer enforce the injunction against counting votes which affected the results of the county seat conflict.

*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

**Benefit Soup Supper** — A benefit soup supper to help with medical expenses for Rosa Garcia will be held from **5-6:45 p.m., Central Time, Monday** at the school in Brewster. The menu will include chili, chicken noodle soup, vegetable soup, cinnamon rolls, veggies and various desserts. If you are unable to attend and would like a meal delivered for a donation, call (785) 694-2236. Meals will be delivered around **5 p.m., Central Time**. The staff at the Brewsters school, the Future Farmers of America Club and the Brewster community are working together on this benefit. The Brewster Lutheran Church will be assisting and applying for up to \$900 in matching funds through the Aid Association for Lutherans. All donations are appreciated.

**Music Program** — Brewster School music students will present a Christmas music program "Season's Greetings" at **7 p.m., Central Time, Monday** in the south gym of the school. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Child Care Training** — A child care training session will be held in Colby this month. "Discoveries of Infancy" will be held from **7-9 p.m., Central Time, Monday** in the Gray Room of Ferguson Hall at Colby Community College.

**Tobacco Support Group** — The tobacco quitters support group that meets from **7-8 p.m., Central Time, every Wednesday** in the cafeteria of Citizens' Medical Center in Colby will not meet on Dec. 27. The group will start meeting again on Jan. 3 when they will watch a videotape called "Kickin' Butts" which is targeted at those who are trying to kick their smoking habit. Anyone who has a desire to stop smoking is urged to attend. For information, call (785) 462-8152.

# Smoking while pregnant creates risks for kids

Are you pregnant and smoking? Well, please take a few minutes to read the following information on nicotine research given to us by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. This may help you reconsider smoking, at least while you're pregnant.

Researchers have found new evidence that children whose mothers smoke during pregnancy are at much greater risk than other children for drug abuse and conduct disorder. The findings reinforce those of other studies spanning more than 25 years that have shown similar problems associated with prenatal exposure to smoke in children ranging from toddlers through teens. The study also revealed marked gender differences, with girls at significantly increased risk for drug abuse and boys at significantly increased risk for conduct disorder.

The investigators interviewed 147 mother-child pairs three times over 10 years, with the children ranging from ages 6 to 23 at the start of the study. Both mothers and children were interviewed on entry into the study, again two years after the initial interview and finally, about 10 years after the initial interview. Because the researchers followed the children through either adolescence or young adulthood something few studies have done before, they were able to collect data about whether and when the children began to abuse drugs.

Data was gathered on psychiatric and substance abuse disorders of parents; family environmental factors, such as divorce and family discord; and maternal factors, such as alcohol and coffee consumption and postnatal smoking; to rule out other explanations for the presence of drug abuse and conduct disorder.



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The researchers found that maternal smoking during pregnancy has long-term effects on children's behavior and health that cannot be explained by any other factor included in the study. Risk for adolescent drug abuse in girls was more than five-fold higher if their mothers smoked more than 10 cigarettes a day, risk for the onset of conduct disorder was greater than four-fold that of boys whose mothers did not smoke, with the increase appearing in boys younger than 13. The drug most frequently abused by both boys and girls was marijuana and cocaine. Of the females who abused drugs, 70 percent abused more than one.

Why boys exposed to smoking be-

fore birth should be

at risk for conduct disorder and girls at risk for drug abuse remains to be understood. It is speculated that the differences may be related to sex differences in prenatal development.

It is noted that many of the findings of this study are consistent with those of related studies. Other research has also found a link between maternal smoking during pregnancy and conduct disorder in boys. Likewise, findings show that maternal smoking during pregnancy increases risk for adolescent-onset smoking in girls. Studies have also found other behavioral problems in children who were exposed to smoke while their mothers were pregnant.

This information may or may not be helpful in your decision to stop smoking, but at least consider it as soon as you find out you are pregnant.



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# obituary

### Mac S. Been

Mac S. Been, 81, Goodland, a retired electrical lineman for the City of Goodland, died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2000, at Kit Carson County Hospital in Burlington, Colo.

He was born Nov. 5, 1919, in Mount Ayr, Iowa, the son of Leona (Saltzman) and W.H. Been. He attended high school in Tingley, Iowa.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He and Nila Kitchen were married Aug. 22, 1946, in Goodland.

He worked for the City of Goodland for 25 years as an electrical lineman.

Mr. Been was a Sunday School teacher, 4-H leader and Little League coach.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Goodland and had been a member of the Elks Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Lions Club, all of



Mac Been

Goodland.

His funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church in Goodland with Pastor Carol Moore Ramey officiating. Burial will follow in the Goodland Cemetery.

Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Koons Chapel in Goodland and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church.

Survivors include his wife of the home; a son, Kent Been of McCook, Neb.; a daughter, Laura McClung of Goodland; four sisters, Marabell Schulz of Lebanon, Ore., Margaret Dutton of Atlantic, Iowa, Mardell Donner of Augusta, Ga., and Maudeen Swinehart of Des Moines, Iowa; three brothers, Mark Been of Palm Harbor, Fla., Merle Been of Belmont, Iowa, and Milo Been of Des Moines, Iowa; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Neal Been; his parents; a sister, Marilyn Tindle; and an infant brother, Marvin Been.

Memorials may be given to the Sherman County 4-H program and left at Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

# Goodland man joins bank

Merlyn Stasser has joined Western State Bank in Goodland as a vice president.

Stasser had been vice president and office manager at First Commerce Bank, which was closed at the end of July after a merger of the McCook, Neb., parent bank with Wells Fargo Bank.

He said basically he is still doing what he has been doing for the past 20 years.

Stasser was born in Goodland and graduated from Goodland High School. He and his wife, Arlea, who have two grown children, moved back to Goodland a little over two years ago.

He graduated from Fort Hays State University, where he majored in agriculture with a minor in finance and animal science.

Stasser went into farming after college, but when that didn't work out, he got a job with the Farm Credit system and



Stasser

worked there for seven years. He then moved into commercial banking.

In 1990, he graduated the Colorado Graduate School of Banking at Boulder, which was a two-year program.

He completed the Kansas Agriculture Rural Leaders program about a year and a half ago. It was also a two-year program.

Stasser is a Goodland Ambassador and a member of the Goodland Rotary Club. He is on the Chamber of Commerce board and the district committee for Boy Scouts.

He went to work at Western State on Nov. 1 as an agricultural and commercial loan officer.

He said a new position was created for him because of the growth at the bank.

"I'm as close as I can be to being involved with agriculture without actually doing the physical work myself," Stasser said about his new job.

# Contest to be held downtown

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Area Chamber of Commerce office at 104 W. 11th in downtown Goodland. Ticket holders must be present to win. If the weather is bad, the drawing will be held inside Central School.

The grand prize is \$1,500 and the second prize is \$500. The one unclaimed \$50 instant prize also will be given away.

All prizes are gift certificates, or scrip, which can only be used for service or merchandise at participating businesses.

Entertainment at the event will be provided by members of the Goodland

High School Chamber Choir.

Junior high students who are raising money for a summer trip to Washington plan to sell hot chocolate, coffee and cider, baked goods and layered cookies in a jar at the event.

Sponsoring merchants are American Communications, Aten Department Store, Collage Ltd., Elliott's, Knott Just Books, Frontier Equity Exchange, Garcia's, Mann's Jewelry and Julie's Interiors, Miller's Electronics, NAPA Auto Parts, Wane's Carpet, Dan Brenner Ford, Grass Roots Lawn Service, Cowboy Loop, Orscheln's, Western State Bank, Goodland Sheet Metal and First National Bank.

## Martin L. Phillips

Longtime Goodland resident Martin L. Phillips, 55, died December 13, 2000, at his home in Goodland.

Mr. Phillips was born January 11, 1945, at Hill City, the son of Herma Grace (Bird) and Paul J. Phillips. He attended Northeast High School in Kansas City, Missouri, and graduated from Goodland High School in 1963. In 1984, he graduated from Vocational-Technical School in Omaha, Nebraska.

He and Peggy Masden were married April 10, 1965, at Hill City. He was the warehouse manager for Helena Chemical until his illness. He also had been a truck driver and a welder.

He enjoyed woodworking, making his family members many unique and special items. He also enjoyed creating metal sculptures for his wife Peggy. Being outdoors and doing his yard work was also something he loved doing.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents, Elery and Alma Bird; his father, Paul J. Phillips; one nephew, Michael Phillips; and a great-niece, Cassie Phillips.

Surviving family members include his wife, Peggy Phillips of Goodland; his mother, Grace Phillips of Goodland; one son,

M. Andrew Phillips, and his wife, Jennifer, and their children, Gessica and Mathew, all of Denver; one daughter, Amanda Ross and her husband, Chris, and their children, Bixie, Sadie and Alex, all of Colorado Springs, Colorado; one brother, John Phillips, and his wife, Janet, and



Martin Phillips

family of Des Moines, Iowa; Rick, Melody and niece, Megan, of Goodland; aunts, Irene Daily of Hill City, Irene Phillips of Hill City, Lota Phillips of Goodland, Jenny Phillips of Excelsior Springs, Missouri, Beula Bergechneider of El Cajon, California, Goldie Pizel of Denver, Colorado and Nada Bird of Oregon; and a host of other good friends and family.

The funeral service will be Saturday, December 16, at 2:00 p.m. MT at the First Christian Church, Goodland, with Pastor Loren Strait officiating. Burial will follow in the Goodland Cemetery.

Friends may share their respects before the service at the church.

Memorials may be given to the Martin L. Phillips Memorial Fund and left at the First National Bank, Goodland, or Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, KS 67735.

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