

# about our friends

## calendar

**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.

**Free Matinee** — In order to allow time for parents to shop for the upcoming holidays, a free movie will be shown this weekend in Goodland. The matinee, **The Prince of Egypt**, 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.

**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

**TOPS Meeting** — Take Off Pounds Sensibly meetings 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.

**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.

## 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

## matters of record

**Sherman County Traffic**

**Dec. 1** — Diane E. Thompson, 18, Goodland, speeding 65/55, \$64.

**Dec. 4** — Thomas N. Phelps, 22, Center, Texas, speeding 90/70, \$84. Dennis L. Malsom, 50, Goodland, speeding 79/65, \$72; no seat belt, \$10. Scott A. Tobias, 30, Denver, speeding 99/70, \$111.

Krystale A. Nunemaker, 18, Lawrence, speeding 92/70, \$90.

**Dec. 5** — Lacy D. Morris, 16, St. Francis, speeding 90/65, \$102.

Doretta J. Stroup, 46, Goodland, speeding 72/55, \$78.

Tamera L. Weeter, 15, Goodland,

for the fine. Food items needed by Genesis include peanut butter, cereal, pancake mix, cake mixes, Jell-o, pudding, or any canned goods.

## 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.

## 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.

## student news

**Kendra D. Scheopner**, a 1996 graduate of Goodland High School, graduated Saturday from Emporia State University with a bachelor of science degree in business. She is the daughter of Richard and Diane Scheopner of Goodland.

## school menu

**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 Monday:** Eula Babcock, Bobbie Burroughs, John Ditch and Paul Schippert, all of Goodland; and Brenda Hays, St. Francis.

driving outside restriction, \$106.

Roger Leal, 37, Mineola, N.Y., speeding 90/70, \$84.

**Dec. 6** — Jerry D. Garland, 47, Longmont, Colo., speeding 92/70, \$90.

Patrick T. Moran, 31, St. Louis, Mo., speeding 97/70, \$105.

**Dec. 7** — Matthew L. Hoekman, 20, Littleton, Colo., speeding 99/70, \$111. Robert E. Wilkins Jr., 38, Centralia, Ill., speeding 92/70, \$90.

Tishonna A. Rowland, 26, Denver, speeding 90/70, \$84.

**Dec. 8** — Daniel Wiedrick, 48, Widefield, Colo., speeding 91/70, \$87.

**Dismissed on Monday:** none.

**Transferred:** none.

**Specialists for Wednesday:** Dr. Michael Barber, cardiologist; Dr. Steven Gulevich, neurologist; Dr. Allen Wicks, pulmonologist.

**Hospital weekly volunteer schedule — 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.

## recovering patients

**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.

**Zella Hamel, a former Goodland resident**, is recovering from a hip fracture. She would like to hear from Goodland friends. Her address is 110 E. 18th, Concordia, Kan. 66901.

## today in history

In 1923, B.E. Bridges' Wholesale Grocery was in full operation in its recently constructed brick building next to the railroad at 17th and Main. The business was established in 1919.

*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

**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.

## 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. The Goodland Area Crime Stoppers is a nonprofit organization formed by citizens against crime.*



Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Berg in 1975



Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Berg now

# Couple to celebrate 25 years of marriage

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan R. Berg of Goodland will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on Sunday. They were married Dec. 24, 1975.

# Russian president finds agreement in Cuba

**INTERNATIONAL**

OTTAWA (AP) — Russian President Vladimir Putin got most of what he wanted in Canada — agreements on closer cooperation and support for a bid to join the World Trade Organization — but could not persuade Prime Minister Jean Chretien to reject a proposed U.S. missile defense plan.

With the trip, Putin achieved a goal of his first year in office: He has met one-on-one with each of the other leaders in the Group of Eight leading industrialized nations.

But the Russian president seemed certain to head home Tuesday with one hand empty after failing to elicit a firm Canadian statement opposing U.S. development of a national missile defense system.

Canada and Russia issued joint statements on strategic stability and Russia's efforts to join the World Trade Organization. Canada agreed to help Russia develop laws needed for WTO membership and to broaden training programs for Russian officials.

Another statement promised cooperation in the Arctic and northern regions, including plans for a bilateral "North-to-North" conference next year to discuss issues and opportunities in the two nations' vast northern stretches.

SANTIAGO XALITZINTLA, Mexico — The volcano that towers over Mexico City "lit up like a Christmas tree," spewing red-hot rocks into the air and sending residents who had refused to evacuate its slopes fleeing for shelter Tuesday.

The Popocatepetl Volcano, which awoke from a 70-year slumber in 1994, had a spectacular eruption Monday night that frightened even residents who had disregarded authorities' pleas to leave the area.

A red plume continued to spew from the mountain's peak Tuesday, and authorities warned the crisis wasn't over. "At first it was pretty. It lit up like a Christmas tree," said Tomas Jimenez, a corn farmer. "Then the fear hit."

Although the volcano began to belch ash on Friday, it wasn't until Monday night that it began its spectacular shower of incandescent rock.

Many of the 41,000 residents of the highest-risk zone who had refused to leave in more than 1,000 buses sent in by authorities decided that finally, it was time to go.

President Vicente Fox, speaking after an emergency cabinet meeting Monday night, said some smaller incandescent particles had fallen as far as six miles from the crater.

**NATIONAL**

ATLANTA — BellSouth Corp. has joined the ranks of companies offering benefits to same-sex domestic partners of employees.

The decision affects only management employees, who make up about 26,000 of BellSouth's 93,000 workers, BellSouth spokeswoman Nechole Merritt said.

She said providing the benefits makes the company more attractive to potential employees.

"We have been looking at the business environment, and as we become more competitive, we wanted to make sure we do everything we could to attract and retain a talented and diverse work force," she said.

Typically, only 1 or 2 percent of employees sign up for domestic partner benefits when they are offered, said Kim Mills, education director at the

Human Rights Campaign, a national gay and lesbian political organization.

DENVER — Convicted Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols lost his bid for a new trial after a federal appeals court ruled the FBI did not withhold crucial evidence.

The court also rejected Nichols' request to look at more of the 43,000 "lead sheets" developed by the government during the investigation, saying Nichols failed to prove they would help his case.

"Lead sheets" are used to record information taken during informal interviews or from callers.

The three-judge panel at the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said it was troubled by government decisions not to turn over some evidence contained in the FBI lead sheets. However, the judges agreed with the government and a district court judge that the information would not have changed the outcome of Nichols' trial.

Nichols, convicted of involuntary manslaughter and conspiracy charges, is serving a life sentence in federal prison.

Separately, Timothy McVeigh was convicted of murder and weapons counts and sentenced to death.

The April 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City killed 168 people and injured hundreds more.

# Strong winds blow on Monday

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Goodland said winds were gusting around 60-65 mph on Monday afternoon.

"We had a very strong jet stream over the area during the afternoon," Lynott said. "As the winds increased, we picked up wind gusts in excess of 60 mph."

The strong winds occurred from noon to about 4 p.m., he said, with sustained winds from 40-45 mph.

"It was pretty strong and obviously

caused problems on the highways," he said.

He said visibility was reduced to a quarter of a mile in spots because of blowing dirt from open fields.

"We've been facing these winds every two to three days because of the strong cold fronts passing over," Lynott said, "and it probably will continue until Christmas."

Temperatures were in the 30s on Monday for the area, with wind-chill temperatures around zero, he added.

# student of the week



**Name:** Cody Pettibone  
**Parents:** Greg and Sally Pettibone  
**Grade:** Senior  
**Age:** 17  
**We've nominated this student because:** Cody is a hard working student, with very high expectations and goals. She pushes herself hard, and helps others to excel by setting a good example.

**Student Comment:** The effort the teachers make to help me succeed.

**Activities involved in at school:** NHS, GAA, Basketball, Track

**My choice of movies, books, and games:** I like romantic movies, non-fiction books, and any game.

**After I leave Goodland High School I intend to ...:** Attend college, major in Biology or Pre-Chiropractics while playing fastpitch softball.

**And 10 years from now, I think I'll be ...:** Running my own Chiropractic business somewhere near Aspen, hopefully Glenwood Springs.

**Favorite Quote:** "Don't let anyone ever make you feel like you don't deserve what you want."

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