

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.

club news

Federated Music Club
The Goodland Federated Music Club met on Dec. 4 for their "Fis for Festival" program of Christmas music.
President Jane Philbrick welcomed 14 members to her home for the meeting.
To begin the program, Sharon Palmquist read "Ballad of the Harp Weaver," a poem by Edna St. Vincent Millay.
Philbrick and GERALYN PARKER played "Jingle Bells," a piano duet composed by John Pierpont and arranged by E.R. Rochelle.
The Goodland Recorder Ensemble played a Christmas medley consisting of "Maria Walks Amid the Thorns," a carol from the Trapp Family Singers arranged by Warner Franz; "Come All Ye Shepherds," a traditional Czech carol; "We Three Kings of Orient Are"; "Carol of the Bagpipers," a traditional Italian carol; "Maria on the Mountain," a German carol; "Go, Tell It on the Mountain," a Christmas spiritual; two French carols arranged by Kolinsky; "Come, Shepherds"; and "There's Nothing to be Afraid of in the Universe."

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 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

Martha Gunderson played "Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella," a piano solo arranged by Hugh Livingstone.
Palmquist sang "Nar Juldagsmorgon Glimmar," a Swedish hymn, and "Sankta Lucia," a Swedish folk song.
Nancy Shores played "The Christmas Waltz" by Jule Stein and Sammy Cahn on the piano and then asked the club chorus to join her in singing it to close the program.
Afterwards, members exchanged Christmas gifts and enjoyed holiday refreshments served by Philbrick and Parker.
Lincoln Larks FCE Club
The Lincoln Larks Family and Community Education Club met recently at a local restaurant for their Christmas meeting.
After a delicious lunch, they discussed several things for the upcoming year.
Five members attended. Several favors were given.
The group will meet again on Tuesday, Jan. 9, at the home of Arbutus Topliff.

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 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.

wheelchairs available

Electric wheelchairs are being made available to seniors, 65 and up, and permanently disabled citizens by the Senior Wheels USA Program. There is no cost to recipients if they qualify. No deposit is required. If your need is for use in your home, call Leon Johnson at (800) 246-6010 for information to find out if you qualify.

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.

school menu

Thursday — Hoagie sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onion, chips, choice of fruit and milk.
Friday — Cooks' choice.

hospital report

Goodland Regional Medical Center Admitted on Tuesday: Clara Holton, Goodland.
Dismissed on Tuesday: Bobbie A. Burroughs, Goodland.
Transferred: none.
Specialists for Thursday: Dr. Karl Chambers, rheumatologist; Dr. Charles Ruggles, dermatologist.
Hospital weekly volunteer schedule — 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 1888, George Weedman, 24, married Elizabeth "Bessie" Veselik, 17. Weedman came to the Ruleton area in 1885, as did Bessie with her parents, John and Mary Veselik.

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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.

Goodland farmer elected to committee

Sherman County farmer Larry Gutsch has been elected to the U.S. Farm Service Agency committee for Sherman County.
The results of the Dec. 4 mail balloting were announced last week by Dennis Mote, county executive director for the agency.
Mote said farmer committees are in charge of local administration of national farm programs, under the guidance of the state agency committee and federal laws and regulations.

At least one committee member and two alternates are elected each year. The farmer who receives the largest number of votes is elected to the county committee for a three-year term. Those who receive the second and third largest amount of votes are elected to one-year terms as first and second alternates.
Mote said that last year about 95 percent of all farmers in the county participated in one or more of the programs administered by the committee.

Officials lobby for Graves

TOPEKA (AP) — Gov. Bill Graves says industry officials are lobbying to get him appointed federal transportation secretary.
Graves disclosed Tuesday night that a half-dozen people have called him, seeking permission to put his name before President-elect Bush's transition team. He declined to name them, though he did acknowledge they represented transportation companies.
"I've had a number of very kind, considerate phone calls from people," Graves told The Associated Press.
Graves, a Republican and longtime friend of the Bush family, also said he made it clear to the callers that he isn't actively campaigning for a Cabinet job.
However, he is not discouraging their efforts, saying about the transportation secretary's position, "That's not an offer you'd disregard."

Still, Graves played down the notion that Bush will offer him a job. He said no one on the transition team has contacted him.
"I think we ought to enjoy Christmas and not get too wound up about it," he said.
The governor's comments came after a day of speculation about his future and whether business representatives were lobbying the Bush team on Graves' behalf.
"What you're hearing about and seeing is a reflection of some people who have contacted me and said, 'We believe you have qualifications, qualities, that would serve the nation well as secretary of transportation. We would like to acknowledge to the transition team that we think they should seriously consider you,'" he said.
Graves worked for the aborted presidential campaign of Bush's father in 1980, when Ronald Reagan won. The elder Bush won the presidency in 1988.
Former President Bush made a campaign appearance for Graves when he

first ran for Kansas governor in 1994. The same year, George W. Bush was elected Texas governor.
Lt. Gov. Gary Sherrer said he is not surprised by the lobbying. Sherrer would become governor if Graves, serving his last term, resigned to take a job in the Bush Cabinet.
"He's probably being looked at very closely by the Bush people," Sherrer said. "They know him."
Three weeks ago, Graves dismissed the idea of serving in the Cabinet and said he intends to leave office when his second term ends in January 2003.
But in response to questions from reporters Tuesday, the governor's office issued a brief statement quoting Graves as feeling flattered by the lobbying efforts.
"If the president-elect calls, you take the call," the statement said. "If the president-elect asks you to serve, you serve."
In Kansas, trucking companies have been among Graves' most reliable political supporters. His family started a truck line and sold the company in 1979.
Last year, Graves won legislative approval of a 10-year, \$13 billion program for improving highways, short-line railroads, rural airports and public transit systems.
Among the state's leading businesses are Boeing Co., Cessna Aircraft Co., Raytheon Aircraft Co., Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, and Yellow Freight Corp.
"I have a good working relationship with representatives of the railroad industry, an outgrowth of our work on the comprehensive transportation plan," Graves said. "We've always had a good relationship with our general aviation manufacturers in Wichita."
Graves won a second term in 1998 with 73 percent of the vote, the largest percentage in state history — and the largest percentage of any GOP governor running for re-election that year.

4-h club news

Prairie Dale 4-H Club
Members of the Prairie Dale 4-H Club went bowling for their annual Christmas party.
The members met on Dec. 10 at Bowladium Lanes in Goodland. There were 18 members and two leaders present along with lots of parents.
Brian Coon bowled a high score of 121 and Ryan Taylor came close to

him with a score of 115. The younger members got to use bumpers. We found that we may have some future bowlers in the club.
The group enjoyed refreshments after bowling. Each family donated a dozen cookies to the Good Samaritan Center as a holiday treat. We hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday.
Rebecca Parton, reporter

Interest rate cut predicted

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve's new policy — focused on the rapidly slowing economy and making sure it doesn't stall — is prompting economists to predict that an interest rate cut is likely in January.
Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues announced a dramatic shift of focus Tuesday away from fighting inflation through higher interest rates to worrying about the threat of a recession.
"Their statement indicates a 180 degree about-face in terms of their view of the risks facing the economy," said First Union chief economist David Orr.
For the first time in two years, the Fed said it perceived the balance of risks to the nation's economy were "weighted mainly toward conditions that may generate economic weakness in the foreseeable future."
Previously, the Fed has viewed inflation as the biggest threat to the economy, now in its longest-ever streak of uninterrupted growth.
The economy slowed significantly in the third quarter, growing at an annual rate of 2.4 percent, down from 5.6 percent in the second quarter, causing some analysts to worry whether the economy was slowing too much, too soon.
In its statement, the Fed cited a long list of economic threats including "the drag on demand and profits from rising energy costs, as well as eroding consumer confidence, reports of substantial shortfalls in sales and earnings and stress in some segments of the financial markets."
Against this backdrop of concerns, many economists believe Fed policymakers will cut interest rates by a quarter point at their next meeting Jan. 30-31. That could be followed up with another rate cut at the March meeting, with additional rate decreases after that depending on the state of the economy, analysts said.
"I think the Fed is fearful the economy will continue to erode and businesses and consumers will lose confidence and retrench in their investment," said Mark

Zandi, chief economist with Economy.com, a consulting firm.
Wall Street investors and others, including Jerry Jasinowski, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, whose members have been particularly feeling the effects of the economic slowdown, were disappointed the Fed didn't slice interest rates Tuesday. Instead, the Fed left short-term interest rates unchanged.
Some analysts said expectations for an immediate rate cut were unrealistic.
"There may be a looming recession on Wall Street, but on Main Street conditions have not deteriorated sharply," said economist Joel Naroff of Naroff Economic Advisors. "Job growth has slowed, not collapsed. Spending has slowed, not collapsed. Income growth has slowed, not collapsed."
Between June 1999 and May of this year, the Fed boosted interest rates six times in a move to slow the high-flying economy enough to keep inflation under control, but not so much as to trigger a recession. Some analysts wondered whether the Fed will be able to engineer a soft landing for the economy.



Merry Christmas!!

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Jeremy Lakins
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