

about our friends

calendar

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** 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 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**.

Basketball Camp — Applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. Boys, ages 8-19, and girls, ages 10-19, can apply. Players are selected by invitation only. The Kansas camp location is in Atchison. College basketball scholarships are possible for players named to the All-American Team. For an evaluation form, call (704) 568-6801, anytime.

Library Closings — The Goodland Public Library will be closed **Monday and Tuesday** 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 for use

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

Monday through Friday — No School (Christmas Break).

hospital report

Goodland Regional Medical Center Admitted on Thursday: Dorothy Heiny and Richard Ruddell, both of Goodland.

Dismissed on Thursday: Jessie Cotton, Goodland.

Transferred: none.

Specialists for Tuesday: Dr. Edward Parks, orthopedist; Dr. Raymond Ketting, pediatrician.

Hospital weekly volunteer schedule — **Monday** — Helen Hughes, courtesy; Mildred Laughlin, p.m. **Tuesday** — Martha Gunderson, courtesy; Beulah McClung, p.m. **Wednesday** — Opal Callahan, courtesy; Helen Armstrong, a.m.; Roger Collins, p.m. **Thursday** — Fern Heckman, p.m. **Friday** — Bonnie Daily, a.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 1934, this was the reported date of the first really bad dust storm around Edson.

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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. 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.



Robert and Mary McCullough in 1950



Mary and Robert McCullough now

Couple to celebrate 50th anniversary

Dr. and Mrs. Robert C. McCullough of Goodland will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church Family Center in Goodland.

Robert McCullough and the former Mary C. Hally were married Dec. 27, 1950, at St. Paul's Catholic Church in

Delphos.

Their children are Eileen Brunnemer and husband, Jay, of Cheney; Kevin McCullough of Kansas City, Kan.; Mary Pat Daley and husband, Dennis, of Denver; Pat McCullough and wife, Patty, of Goodland; Maureen Davidson and husband, Larry, of Tonganoxie; Sheila Stairrett and husband, Joe, of Jetmore;

Colleen Janner and husband, Bill, of Overland Park; and Finnian McCullough and wife, Amber, of Olathe. The McCulloughs have 13 grandchildren.

Please come and help them celebrate this happy event. If you can't attend, cards may be sent to them at 1122 Center, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

Security alarm business rises in Wichita

WICHITA (AP)—Home alarm business owners have mixed feelings about a spike in calls following two multiple shootings that took eight lives just over a week apart.

Business at Randy Rosiere's home alarm company, SecureNet Alarm Systems Inc., has quadrupled.

Monday, the first business day after four people were shot to death in a Wichita-area soccer field, the company received a week's worth of inquiries. Those shootings came just eight days after four young people died of gunshot wounds inside a Wichita home.

Police have charged two suspects in each of the incidents.

"Unfortunately, business does increase substantially," Rosiere said. "People are checking into residential alarm systems."

Rosiere said he doesn't mind having more business, but it's unfortunate that when his business booms, it's because people are afraid.

Alarm systems aren't foolproof, but they do provide peace of mind for some homeowners, said Wichita police Lt. Hassan Ramzah.

He recommended neighborhood watch groups as crime deterrents and said the department performs free home security surveys.

Multivision Security Services Inc. has offered free home security systems to families of those who died Dec. 15, said president and chief executive Kevin Kinder. Donating the systems was his 10-year-old daughter's idea, he said, because the surviving victim in the attack was one of her favorite teachers.

Kinder said his backlog of orders also has increased.

"We've sold 10 systems in the last

week that directly related to what happened," he said.

Ripples from recent violence in Wichita were felt in parts of western Kansas, said Travis Williams, a supervisor at Williams Investigations & Security Inc. in Garden City.

Williams said he has seen an increase in orders for home security systems in the surrounding area, mostly in Dodge City, the hometown of one of the Dec. 15 shooting victims and two suspects.

"We get calls all the time because of bad news," Williams said. "I know a lot of people have been talking about it."

Senator stays on budget committee



TOPEKA (AP)—Senate President-elect Dave Kerr will remain as a member but three freshman senators also have received coveted seats on the chamber's committee that handles budget legislation.

Kerr, R-Hutchinson, has served Ways and Means chairman for five years. However, he wouldn't have been able to handle that job's intense workload and the president's duties after the Legisla-

ture convenes Jan. 8.

The new chairman is Steve Morris, R-Hugoton, an ally of Kerr who has served on the committee for eight years. The committee will have 11 members, eight Republicans and three Democrats.

The Senate's new Republican leaders also appointed GOP freshmen David Adkins, of Leawood; Dave Jackson, of Topeka; and Jean Schodorf, of Wichita, to the committee.

 Ends Tues., Dec. 26 How the Grinch Stole Christmas (PG: Some crude humor) Fri. & Sat. 7:00 & 9:00 • Sun.-Tues. 7:00 No Discount Shows www.goodlandnet.com/movies		Starts Wed., Dec. 27 102 Dalmations (G) Fri. & Sat. 7:00 & 9:00 • Sun 1:30 & 7:00 Mon.-Thurs. 7:00 • No Discount Shows  1203 MAIN - PHONE 899-6103	FREE MOVIE Sat. & Sun., Dec. 23 & 24, 1:30 The Prince of Egypt (PG) Sponsored by The Sherman Theatre
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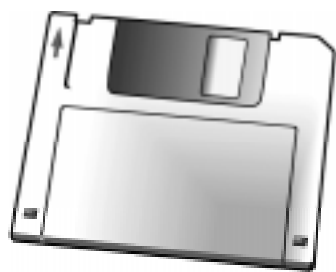
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