



Members of a Goodland quartet holding a concert in December to raise money for a 12-year-old Goodland boy who underwent open-heart surgery are, from left, Dean Graber, Mel Phau, Kelly Beek and Jeff Mason.

Concert will have variety

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people should get what they pay for. "We want to put on a good show," he said, adding that the concert will feature a variety of music. He said the X-Pressos, the high school's show choir; the Goodland Recorder Group, five members of the Goodland Federated Music Club who play traditional music on the early woodwinds; and the Disciples on Tour, a choir from the First Christian Church, will perform along with any other interested groups. "We just like to do things to help other people," Phau said, adding that

the group started planning the concert more than two months ago. Sam Zelfer said the family appreciates the help. "It has helped a bunch," Sam said, referring to a fund raised by Glenda Cochran, co-owner of Cochran Farm Supply, organized this summer that brought in \$2,300. He said Dustin is recovering well from his latest surgery. "He said he didn't realize how sick he was," Sam said, "until he got this done." Dustin is usually active in sports, but his father said he has been too sick to play sports this year. Dustin has a doctor's appointment in

Denver on Wednesday, Dec. 12, he said, and the family will find out then if he can play sports. Doctors say Dustin probably won't need more surgery, Sam said, but they can't tell for sure. "It's a time deal," he said. Goodland businesses selling concert tickets include: Mr. Jim's His Shop, Aten Department Store, Jacque's Hallmark, Vignery and Mason Attorneys, B-E's Jewelry, Bankwest, Western State Bank and First National Bank. Other members of the Barbershop Connection are Jeff Mason, tenor, and Kelly Beek, the lead singer, from Cheyenne Wells, Colo.

Yard collection to end

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into dumpsters with trash and vice versa. The city should do away with the grass dumpsters, Pickman said, and force residents to take their own yard waste to the transfer station. The commission approved the ordinance under the condition that the city would no longer pick up yard waste effective Jan. 1. Three companies have approached the city about taking over trash hauling, the city manager said. Those companies won't take cardboard and tree branches, Commissioner Dean Blume said, but the city should look into this option anyway and see what it would

cost. The city crew now does the hauling. Visitors complained about the parking ordinance passed at the commission's Nov. 5 meeting banning the parking of large trucks, boats, trailers and recreational vehicles on city streets. The three men said Police Chief Ray Smee told them they would get a ticket if they left their trucks on the street for more than two hours, even if they were working. The police chief told him that getting tools from his truck does not count as unloading, one man said. The men said the chief's interpretation of the ordinance is causing a hassle to contractors working in the city.

"We didn't put this in to cause hardship," Hurd said, "and as long as they are getting anything, be it a screw or a screwdriver from the truck, it is unloading." If the contractor has the proper building permits, Pickman said, maybe the building inspector could inform the chief about where the trucks would be. This is a misunderstanding, he said, and he will need to visit with the chief about how it is applied to make sure they are on the same page. Friends and relatives in other towns have told him about regulations on parking in their towns, Blume said, and they have similar regulations. Goodland is not unique in this, he said.

Band is making a living

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Pomeroy do not need "real jobs." He said band members are psyched about being able to afford a recreational vehicle for touring. After talking about the RV and the band's contracts, David amended his previous assessment. "Things are going great, actually!" Pomeroy has a contract with GetGo! records, David said, a record label, and has just signed a national distribution label. This means their new CD will be available at BestBuys and CD Warehouses across the Midwest. The band has just signed with Hello Booking, David said, a national agent. That means the band should soon be touring coast-to-coast. And the band has a new home, he said, in Midtown Kansas City. They live in a house, he said excitedly, at 39th and Main. Everyone in the band

is originally from Kansas City, David said, except him. "We just moved there from Omaha," he said, "where we lived for one year while recording our album." Pomeroy, which is named after a block-long street in Manhattan, is a far cry from the roach-infested home next to a dump where the guys lived when they started out. But even then, David said, they saw success on the horizon. "We were getting calls from Sony, Universal, Atlantic, DreamWorks," David said. "So here we were living in poverty, eating Whoppers every day, killing mice with a broom, getting calls from guys in New York." The band was based out of an Omaha recording studio with an adjacent live-music club while recording their follow-up to their sold-out debut album. The CD, "Cocoon Club," has been out for about a month, David said, and has 11 songs on it, including a remake

of "The Devil Went Down to Georgia." Pomeroy's music is a blend of several styles, he said, including hip-hop, jazz and the blues. "Our songs are melodic," he said, "and genre-friendly." "Our music crosses a lot of barriers. Some bands limit themselves by playing one type of music or saying they play one type of music." Fairbanks graduated from high school in 1994 and went on to Kansas State University, where he met band members Dean Hopkins, Matt Marron and Chris Davis. Fairbanks sings and does hand percussion; Davis is the band's drummer; Marron plays guitar and sings; and Hopkins plays bass. Fairbanks and Marron began putting the band together in the summer of 1997 and added Hopkins and Davis by the winter of 1998. He said they added keyboardist Scott Rundquist over a year later.

Missionaries send letters home

WICHITA (AP) — Tired and thin after nearly six months in captivity, a missionary couple from Wichita still managed to include the occasional joke in letters sent to family. Muslim extremists kidnapped Martin and Gracia Burnham and 18 others from an island resort in the Philippines in May. All the hostages ex-

cept the Burnhams and a Filipino nurse have been released or died. Paul Burnham talked about his son and daughter-in-law during worship Sunday at Rose Hill Bible Church. He said they were sleeping in one hammock, and Gracia said she had been flipped out of the hammock only once.

"She hasn't lost her sense of humor," he said as the congregation laughed. The letter he was quoting was carried out of the Philippines by released hostages. It's only the second time in six months that Paul Burnham, his wife, Oreta, and other family members have heard from the couple.

Kansas poverty less than national

TOPEKA (AP) — While the percentage of Kansans living in poverty was less than the national average last year, the sluggish economy indicates that hard times could confront many more in the state. Like the rest of the nation, the Kansas economy has been soft and events following Sept. 11 aggravated an already aggravating situation. "Whenever you have a recession, the

percentage of poverty goes up because poverty means not having money and recession means being out of work," said David Burress, research economist at the Policy Research Institute at the University of Kansas. The Census 2000 Supplemental Survey indicates 9.4 percent of Kansans — 244,369 people — were below the federal poverty line last year. By comparison, the national rate was 12.5 per-

centage. The survey showed that in Sedgewick County, 10.6 percent of the residents lived in poverty, while 2.9 percent in Johnson County fell below the poverty line. The annual federal poverty level is based on family size. Currently, for one person, it's \$8,590 per year and \$17,650 for a family of four.

Embattled Reno County sheriff resigns without admission of guilt

HUTCHINSON (AP) — Embattled Reno County Sheriff Larry Leslie has resigned, but refused to admit guilt in the state's bribery case against him. Leslie, 58, refused to comment after his resignation Monday afternoon, but attorney Mike Gillespie denied that the move was a prelude to a plea agreement with Attorney General Carla Stovall. Last May, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation arrested Leslie and Hutchinson attorney Gerald Hertach after a

four-month-long investigation. The attorney general also filed 34 felony charges against the sheriff, Hertach and Hertach's MgtGp Inc., the private firm operating the county's jail annex, accusing them of conspiring to split almost \$575,000 generated by the annex. State prosecutors contend Hertach paid Leslie nearly \$285,000 over three years in exchange for the sheriff's 1997 recommendation that county commissioners award a three-year, \$1.6 mil-

lion contract to MgtGp Inc. to operate the annex.

Leslie's announcement left the department "in a state of confusion," said

Sheriff's Detective Howard Shipley.

student of the week



Name: Rachael Hagerman
Parents: Mark & Sue Hagerman
Grade: Senior
Age: 17
We've nominated this student because: Rachael is always superbly prepared for class and demonstrates responsibility for her actions and assignments in all classes. Her leadership is positive in school and out. Rachael is well-poised for present and future success.
Student Comment: I come to school to get an education, and to

be with my friends. I enjoy those classes which push me and make me strive for higher ideals.
Activities involved in at school: AFS, X-Pressos, Cross Country, Track, Musical, and "swimming on the side." Rachael is among the best swimmers in the area.
My choice of movies, books, and games: I'm versatile and enjoy most entertainment but I prefer action/comedy movies, RPG, and any intriguing book.
After I leave Goodland High School I intend to ...: attend Michigan State and achieve my long term goal of an Olympic medal.
And 10 years from now, I think I'll be ...: (27 years old maybe?) married and happily pursuing my career.
Favorite Quote: "Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great." - Mark Twain

student of the week



Name: Andrea Fenner
Parents: Dean and Donna Fenner
Age: 17
We've nominated this student because: Andrea is intelligent, pleasant and hard working. She deserves recognition for her work in the classroom.
Student Comment: Going through the daily high school routine with my friends, the constant pushing of teachers and parents making you strive for being your best, and the

challenging work you put into it, can cause you pain. In the end though, it is all worth it. I have always loved my math and science classes. The challenging work they offer makes me want to conquer the walls and succeed.
School activities: FCCLA, golf, track.
Other activities, hobbies: I love participating in sports especially playing basketball with my brother. I love being with my family and friends, having fun at being creative, or just being me.
After I leave Goodland High School I intend to ...: attend a four year college and become a pharmacist; however, I'm not real sure if that career is permanent, but it is a start.
Favorite Quote: Never speak of yourself to others; make them talk about themselves instead: therein lies the whole art of pleasing. - J.E. Goncourt.

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