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calendar

St. Paul's Episcopal Church will hold an **Evensong** service at **7 p.m.** This service, sung by the congregation, will be led by soloist Larry Minner. The public is invited.

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

Second grade students will present a music program, "Songs for the Holidays," at **7 p.m. Thursday** in the high school auditorium.

Goodland High School will host the **6th Annual Senior Citizen's Dinner** at **11 a.m. Friday**. Make a reservation today at 899-5656 or 899-2397. Transportation is available.

Holiday Weekend Matinees: "Shrek" (PG), Saturday and Sunday, 1:30, sponsored by the Sherman Theatre; **"How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** (PG), Dec. 22-23, 1:30, sponsored by theater.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church will hold their annual **bake sale** in the Fellowship Hall from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday**.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church will hold a holiday barbecue and dance on **Saturday** at 824 Main. The meal is from **6 to 7:30 p.m.** and the dance from **8 to 11 p.m.** Call the church at 899-7205 for tickets. Proceeds go to the Catholic Youth Organization for a trip to World Youth Day next summer in Toronto.

The Lutheran and Methodist churches of Brewster will present a "Bethlehem Speaks" Christmas program at **10:45 a.m. Sunday** at the **United Methodist Church**. A potluck dinner and caroling will follow. Everyone is invited.

The Hardy House Museum will have extended tour hours on **Sunday**, from **1 to 7 p.m.** Normal tour hours are 1 to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. Call 899-6750 for information.

The U.S. Farm Service Agency will hold a **food drive** through **Thursday, Dec. 20**. Non-perishable food items for a holiday dinner, such as canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, instant potatoes, mixes for desserts, etc., can be placed in the donation box at 210 W. 10th from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cash donations and gift certificates for turkeys and hams will also be accepted.

activities

Meals on Wheels is looking for individuals, families or organizations to deliver meals **through Monday, Dec. 31**. Call 899-2095 to volunteer.

Food for Fines — The **Goodland Public Library** will accept food items for **Genesis** in exchange for outstanding fines until **Christmas**. Food items needed include gelatin, pudding, cake mixes, pancake mix, peanut butter, or any canned goods.

House Tours — Tours of the 1907

Goodland senior nominated to Naval Academy

David Russell, a senior at Goodland High School, has been nominated for an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

Sen. Pat Roberts made the nomination, following the recommendation of this academy screening board. Board members interviewed applicants, and reviewed written applications, grade point averages and test scores.

Russell must meet the requirements of the Naval Academy before he can be admitted. The academy makes the final decision in the spring.

There is a limited number of openings, and not every nominee will receive an appointment.

Senator Roberts will begin accepting applications in March for military classes entering in June 2003. They should be directed to Karin Wisdom in the senator's office, 115 North Market St., Suite 120, Wichita, Kan., 67202.

correction

An article in Monday's addition of *The Goodland Daily News* incorrectly reported the hours the Handy House museum is open. The museum is open 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday and the hours will be extended this Sunday until 7 p.m.

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The Goodland Daily News will correct any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story. Please call our office at (785) 899-2338 to report errors. We believe that news should be fair and factual. We want to keep an accurate record and appreciate you calling to our attention any failure to live up to this standard.

Victorian house at 202 W. 13th are offered from **1-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays**. The admission fee will be used to support the Sherman County Historical Society.

The **Carnegie Arts Center** is displaying Christmas art through the month from **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday** and from **1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday**.

school lunch menu

Thursday — Cheeseburger, curly french fries, lettuce, pickle, onion, tomato, grapes, milk. **Friday** — Cooks' choice.

school calendar

Thursday: Scholars bowl at Sharon Springs, second grade practice in auditorium at 1:30 p.m. **Friday:** Junior and varsity basketball at Quinter at 3:45 p.m., senior citizens Christmas dinner. **Saturday:** Junior and varsity wrestling "Holiday Classic." **Sunday:** Junior Olympic volleyball at junior high gym from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

senior center menu

Thursday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed fruit, bread, birthday cake. **Friday:** no meals, holiday dinner at the high school.

hospital report

Goodland Regional Medical Center **Admitted on Tuesday:** Jay Carpenter, Goodland; and Kary Meyer, St. Francis.

Dismissed on Tuesday: Leonard Conaway, Sharon Springs.

Specialists for Thursday: Jeffrey Rumbryt, allergist

Hospital Volunteer Schedule: **Thursday:** Jessie Owens, a.m. **Friday:** Fern Hawks, a.m.; Ruth Morton, courtesy.

today in history

December 12, 1901: MUST PAY THEIR HAIL LOSSES - Webb McNail Still After Farmers Mutual Insurance Company — Collected 75 Per Cent of a Sherman County Loss, But Wants It All — A Thousand Dollars in Losses Still Unpaid in Sherman County — The claim that J.B. Moore made against the insurance company had been met with refusal, the company claiming they had no money which to pay the losses. Webb McNail, attorney, has collected some interesting facts and comparisons concerning the practices and duplicity of the company. While writing to Moore that they had no available money with which to

settle losses, at the same time their sworn statements to the insurance department showed nearly \$50,000 in available cash. Mr. McNail insists that the Superintendent of Insurance proceed with the investigation and no doubt the remainder of Moore's claim will soon be paid. The Farmers' Mutual still owes at least \$1,000 to policy holders in Sherman County, which can be collected upon proper action being taken.

From *The Goodland Republic*; information provided by the Sherman County Historical Society.

area events

Dr. Don Udell will hold a **foundation workshop** from **Jan. 15 to 17**, in the conference room at the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range, Colby. Contact Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development at 785-462-2602 for information

The **Hays Art Council** is seeking entries for its **Five State Photography Exhibition**. Entry forms are due **Friday, Jan. 25**, and entries at the gallery by **Tuesday, Jan. 29**. Call Brenda Meder at (785) 625-7522 or write to 112 E. 11th St., Hays, Kan., 67601 for information.

Goodland sophomore wins leadership award

Kayla Rasure, a sophomore at Goodland High School, has been chosen to receive the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership award.

She will receive a three-day expense paid trip to the North Leadership Seminar from June 7 to 9 at Kansas State University in Manhattan.

Rasure was chosen by judges at the school because of her response to a question about initiative, responsibility and courage in a leader.

"The acts of terrorism have forced us to find out who will take the initiative



Kayla Rasure

to be a leader," Rasure wrote, "Even if you are not a national leader, things like acts of kindness, friendship, and understanding are all part of us that need to be shared."

Rasure, daughter of Kevin and Kristie Rasure, has served as a volunteer at the Goodland Public Library helping with the children's programs and as a junior 4-H leader. The Goodland Kiwanis and Rotary clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Kansas will help pay for the trip.

club news

The Lincoln Larks Family Community Education Club met Tuesday, Dec. 4 at Gambino's Pizza for their Christmas party with five members and a guest, Karen Gillihan.

Roll call was answered with Christmas memories, and several games were played. Karen Gillihan presented

a program on books from the library. She told about a variety of books, what to look for, and what children like.

Special party favors and prizes were given by hostesses Virginia Chatfield and Nila Been. The next meeting will be Jan. 8 at Arbutus Toppliff's house. *Lila Wilkinson, public relations*

County considering bids from two firms for insurance coverage

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some claims," said Job about the general liability and property coverage. "With our group, you are more than a customer, you are part of a family."

Job said the recent experiences in commercial and public entities relating to Sept. 11, is pushing the premiums higher.

He said the overall pool increase is expected to be 8 to 10 percent, and they will work with the Arthur J. Gallagher Co.

He said the coverages are similar to what the county has in place, with replacement cost on all buildings, and comprehensive and collision coverage on all county vehicles.

"Coverage is on a blanket basis. Everything is covered," Job said. "We know our business. This is all we do is handle counties, and we are experienced in our business. We are proud of the work we do and what we have been able to do to keep rates stable and take care of problems."

Eklund thanked the county for the opportunity to continue to carry the insurance.

Ruddell said the Employers Mutual has been insuring Sherman County for the past 11 years, and has been in business for 90 years.

She said the company does offer free legal service to the county, and has loss control programs available. It had been suggested last year that the county employees would benefit from some driving training, but due to scheduling problems the program did not happen.

The insurance coverages include worker compensation and the general liability and property coverages. She said all the claims are reported through the Goodland office and that she and Eklund are available any day and any time to help with a claim.

Ruddell said when they were told there would be bidding on the insurance, she went to several other companies to see if there was one which was better than Employers Mutual at a lower cost.

"When I finished the research, it was clear that Employers Mutual was the best," she said.

One area where there was some confusion was the worker compensation claims.

In the year, there had been an indication that Employers Mutual was not going to continue worker compensation coverage.

Ruddell said the company had decided to continue worker compensation coverage, but the new policy would have a \$1,000 deductible rather than the zero deductible the county currently has.

"The company reviewed all the losses, and with the higher modification

factor determined the deductible was the best way to go," she said.

The Employers Mutual premium for worker compensation was \$42,676 with the higher deductible. The general liability, property coverage and vehicle coverage costs were \$83,877.

The total insurance cost to Sherman County for the past year was \$106,000. The two presentations for next year are an increase of about \$20,000 or 15 percent higher than this year.

The commissioners thanked both the state group and the Eklund representatives for providing the information.

Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld asked if the other commissioners wanted to wait until the next meeting to make a decision between the two proposals. Commissioner Mitch Tiede and Rasure agreed it would give them time to sort through all the various pieces.

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