

# about our friends

## calendar

**Second-gradestudents** will present a music program, “Songs for the Holidays,” at **7 p.m. this evening** 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 or request a ride at 899-5656 or 899-2397.

**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 its 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.

**The U.S. Farm Service Agency** will hold a **food drive** through **next Thursday**. 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.

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

**Emotions Anonymous** — meets at **7:30 p.m. every Wednesday** at the Goodland Regional Medical Center board room.

**Century Families** — meets at **7 p.m. the second Monday** of the month at the Senior Center. For information, call 899-2835.

**Aerobics Classes** — **7:45 a.m. morning aerobics classes** are offered daily at the Goodland Activities Center. Marilyn Imel leads a step aerobic class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On Tuesday and Thursday, a less intense class is offered. Call 899-7242

**TOPS Meetings** — Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at **5:30 p.m. Mondays** in the small board room at Goodland Regional Medical Center. Weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

**House Tours** — Tours of the 1907 Victorian “Handy House” at 202 W. 13th will have extended hours Sunday, 1 to 7 p.m.. Normal tour hours are from **1-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays**.

**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. To schedule an evaluation or discuss other environmental concerns, call the Sherman County Health Department at (785) 899-4888.

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**.

**Colby Community College** will enroll for its outreach program in Goodland from **Thursday, Jan. 3, to Wednesday, Jan. 16**. Call (888) 634-9350 for information.

**The Goodland Elks Lodge** is accepting applications for its 2002-2003 “Most Valuable Student” contest. Applications may be made by high school seniors who are U.S. citizens. Forms are available from high school guidance counselors or from the Goodland Elks Lodge. Deadline is **Friday, Jan. 11**. Call Zona Price at 899-6251 or write to Box 146, Goodland, Kan., 67735 for information.

## school lunch menu

**Friday** — Cooks’ choice. **Monday:** Nacho supreme, lettuce salad, refried beans, cookie, milk. **Tuesday:** CHRISTMAS DINNER: Baked ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, strawberry shortcake, milk. **Wednesday:** Hot dog, tater tots, relish cup, fruit cup, milk. **Thursday:** Chili and cheese burrito, lettuce and tomatoes, tri-tators, frosted apples, milk. **Friday:** Cook’s choice.

## school calendar

**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

**Friday:** no meals, holiday dinner at the high school. **Monday:** Turkey or chicken, baked potato, corn, bun, apricots. **Tuesday:** Baked ham, sweet potatoes, pineapple, cranberry, salad, bread, pumpkin cake. **Wednesday:** Tuna salad sandwich, vegetable soup, pears, bread, pudding. **Thursday:** Roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed fruit, bread, birthday cake. **Friday:** Taco salad, tropical fruit, chips, gingerbread.

## hospital report

**Goodland Regional Medical Center** **Admitted on Wednesday:** Leonard H. Bauman, Goodland; Ernest Nokl, Seibert, Colo.; Frances Darlene Giers-

dorf, Sharon Springs.

**Dismissed on Wednesday:** none. **Specialists for Friday:** Alfred N. Carr, ears, nose, throat; David Pfoff, ophthalmologist; Gerald Poticha, endocrinologist.

**Hospital Volunteer Schedule: Friday:** Fern Hawks, a.m.; Ruth Morton, courtesy. **Monday:** Mary Schippert, a.m.; Martha Gunderson, p.m. **Tuesday:** Bonnie Daily, a.m.; Beulah McClung, p.m. **Wednesday:** Chet Ross, p.m. **Thursday:** Betty Saint, a.m.; Velma Holste, p.m. **Friday:** Fern Hawks, a.m.

## today in history

**December 13, 1901:** Miss Bernice Rose, dramatic reader, will give a recital at the Opera House on December 20, for the benefit of the high school library. Miss Rose comes highly recommended and the entertainment should be well patronized. Talent from the high school will assist in the recital. An admission of 15 cents will be charged school children and 25 cents for adults.

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

## area events

Dr. Don Udelл will hold a **foundation workshop** from **Jan. 15 to 17**, in the conference room at the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range, Colby. Call 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 (785) 625-7522 or write to 112 E. 11th St., Hays, Kan., 67601 for information.

## child care issues

If you have questions, concerns or complaints about child care in Sherman County, call the county health department office at (785) 899-4888.

# Native wins award

Julene Bair, a Goodland native, won the 2001 Willa Literary Award for a memoir/essay in Denver, for her book *One Degree West: Reflections of a Plainsdaughter*.

The award, named for Pulitzer Prize winner Willa Cather, is given for books featuring women’s stories set in the West.

Bair has received other awards in her career. She has won a First Series Award for creative nonfiction from Mid-List Press, the 1997 Neltje Blanchan Award for writing inspired by nature, and a Nelson Adler Award this year for the best short story written by a writer in Wyoming.

Bair graduated from the University of Iowa, and has taught writing classes from junior high to college.



Julene Bair

Bair was in Goodland to sign books this past summer at Knott Just Books, where her works are on sale.

She lives in Laramie, Wyo., with her son.

# Hospital holding fund raiser

Goodland Regional Medical Center will be holding its 16th annual “Caring Kind” fund drive during December.

The goal this year is to raise money for a Dexa-Scan unit which would be able to scan people’s bone density to help detect and treat osteoporosis.

The fund-raising campaign will provide prospective donors with a brochure on making year-end gifts, which

should be tax deductible. Gifts of \$100 or more will be recognized on a “Tree of Gifts” in the main lobby and will be inscribed on a donor plaque.

Past campaigns have raised nearly \$130,000 to help with equipment and staffing needs at the hospital.

Call (785) 899-6005 to speak to a foundation representative.

# club news

The December monthly meeting of the Prairie Dale 4-H club was held on Dec. 10 at Gambino’s for their Christmas party. Twenty-one members, one leader and 17 parents and guests were present.

The members ate pizza and prac-

ticed Christmas carols. Afterwards, the group proceeded to Wheatridge Acres and presented a short Christmas program of carols. A small refreshment was enjoyed by all. The club then adjourned.

Jonathan McClung — reporter.

# matters of record

Accidents reported by the Goodland Police Department:

**Nov. 27** — At 1:45 p.m., Bridget Tighe opened the door of a 1998 Ford and hit a parked 1996 Ford owned by Tresha Carter at 2160 Enterprise Road.

**Nov. 28** — At 7:47 a.m., a 1976 Chevy owned by Edgar Uriel struck a parked 1998 Suzuki owned by Polly S. Potterf at 12th and Caldwell.

At 3:39 p.m., a 1986 Chevy driven by Matthew A. Windell hit Bernard M. Stefan’s 2000 Chevy stopped at a stop sign from behind at Cattletrail and K-

**Nov. 30** — At 11:55 a.m., a 1995 Isuzu driven by Guadalupe G. Winn backed into a 1990 Pontiac owned by Kayla M. McDonald at 2352 Enterprise.

**Dec. 3** — At 10:50 a.m., a 1997 Ford driven by Raymond E. Hiebert backed into the mailbox and house at 212 Broadway owned by Donald D. Leiker.

At 11:17, a 1985 Chevy driven by Tiffany Schwassinger and a 1992 driven by Samuel T. Leighton collided at 13th and Walnut.

# Bin Laden said terrorist attacks ‘benefitted Islam’

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guidance of Allah and the blessed fruit of Jihad.”

“Thanks to Allah,” replied bin Laden.

The sheik informed bin Laden that another cleric had delivered a sermon in Saudi Arabia Sept. 11. “He said this was jihad and those people were not innocent victims,” the sheik said, apparently referring to the victims of the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks.

References to jihad, or holy war, and Allah run throughout the videotape, and at one point bin Laden recites a portion of verse: “I was ordered to fight the people until they say there is no god but Allah, and his prophet Muhammad.”

Moments later, he says, “This event made people think (about true Islam) which benefitted Islam greatly,” he said.

Bin Laden also goes into some detail in discussing some of the events leading up to the suicide hijackings.

“We calculated in advance the number of casualties who would be killed based on the position of the tower,” he said.

“We calculated that the floors that would be hit would be three or four floors. I was the most optimistic of them all. ... Due to my experience in this field, I was thinking that the fire

from the gas in the plane would melt the iron structure of the building and collapse the area where the plane hit, and all the floors above it only. This is all that we had hoped for,” he said, gesturing with one hand horizontal striking his other hand, held vertically, in a T, as if to display a plane hitting a building.

He then recalls tuning in the radio Sept. 11 to hear reports of the attacks.

As for the men who carried out the attacks, he said, “we did not reveal” the plan until “just before they boarded the planes.”

“The brothers who conducted the operation, all they knew was that they have a martyrdom operation and we asked each of them to go to America, but they didn’t know anything about the operation, not even one letter,” bin Laden said, according to the U.S. translation.

“But they were trained and we did not reveal the operation to them until they are there and just before the boarded the plane,” he added.

U.S. intelligence officers found the bin Laden tape in a residence in Jalalabad in eastern Afghanistan.

It bears a date stamp that says it was made Nov. 9. That was the day the northern Afghan city of Mazar-e-Sharif fell to the rebel northern alliance.

Several members of the House and Senate Intelligence committees had

urged the Bush administration to release the tape.

Rep. Jane Harman, D-Calif., though, said she was “concerned that the bin Laden tape is damaging to American security.”

Harman has said the tape may have



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*The sight is so spectacular,  
Please wipe away the tear.  
For I am spending Christmas  
With Jesus Christ this year!*

*I hear the many Christmas songs  
That people hold so dear.  
But the sounds of music can't compare  
With the Christmas choir up here!*

*I have no words to tell you,  
The joy their voices bring.  
For it is beyond description  
To hear the angels sing!*

*I know how much you miss me,  
I see the pain inside your heart.  
But I am not so far away,  
We really aren't apart.*

*So be happy for me, dear ones,  
You know I hold you dear.  
And be glad I'm spending Christmas  
With Jesus Christ this year.*

*I send you each a special gift  
From my heavenly home above.  
I sent you each a memory of  
My undying love.*

*After all, love is a gift more precious  
Than pure gold.  
It was always most important in the  
Stories Jesus told.*

*Please love and keep each other,  
As my Father said to do.  
For I can't count the blessings or love  
He has for each of you.*

*So have a Merry Christmas  
And wipe away that tear!  
Remember, I am spending Christmas  
With Jesus Christ this year!!*

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