

# about our friends

## calendar

**The Goodland Public Library** will offer **game day** from **1 to 3 p.m. Friday** for third through sixth graders. **The library** will close at 3 p.m. New Years Eve and will be closed New Year's Day. **SHARE** sign up will be from **9 to 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 7**, at 824 Main for the Jan. 26 distribution of low-cost food.

**The Red Cross** will hold a blood drive from **noon to 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 10**, at the Goodland United Methodist Church. Donors must be at least 17, in good health and must bring a picture ID.

**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.

## activities

**Born to Read** — **The Goodland Public Library** offers **Story Time** for children under 3 from 5-5:30 p.m. on the **first and third Tuesday evening**, and 10-10:30 a.m. **every Friday**.

**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.

**Family, Career, and Community Leaders** hold **Little Brothers and Little Sisters** the **third Thursday** of every month. High school students will

play games, create crafts, and share snacks with pre-school children. They meet in the home economics room and the cafeteria.

**House Tours** — Tours of the 1907 Victorian "Handy House" at 202 W. 13th 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**.

## school calendar

School resumes Wednesday.

## senior center menu

**Friday:** Chili, cherry fruit cup, crackers, cinnamon roll.

## hospital report

**Goodland Regional Medical Center Admitted on Wednesday:** Amanda Stephens, Goodland.

**Dismissed on Wednesday:** none. **Specialists for Friday:** David Pfoff, ophthalmologist

**Hospital Volunteer Schedule:**

## today in history

**December 27, 1901:** La Blanche News - We joined the "Order of Buffaloes" and wasn't buffaloes at all, but am a Buffalo, 'you bet', having received the pass word and the general unwritten work, etc.

The LaBlanche Post Office has been doing business in its new location, under the management of Gideon Hocket, as the new post master, about 12 miles southwest of the old site. Ed Strand continues to be the mail carrier, at increased pay.

Not much stock was lost in this vicinity.

Witten Townsend has purchased an eight hoe drill.

From *The Goodland Republic*; 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. Call Western Prairie Re-

source 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.

**The Northwest Kansas Area Health Education Center** will offer **Trauma Care Basics** from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28**, at 303 Main, Atwood, and **The Trying Trio: Stress, Depression, and Suicide**, from **10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30**, at 221 W. First, St. Francis. To register, call (785) 628-6128.

## crimestoppers

If you have 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 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.

## 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.

## tree donations

Many trees at the Goodland Cemetery have died and the cemetery board is trying to replace them. Contributions for the Goodland Cemetery Memorial Tree Fund can be left at Koons or Bateman funeral homes or sent to the Goodland Cemetery Board, Box 59, Goodland, Kan. 67735. Donations may be made in memory of a loved one.

## animal shelter

Lost a pet? Call the Goodland Police Department at 899-4570. Interested in adopting a pet? Call the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter at 899-6464.

## wheelchairs

The Senior Wheels USA Program offers electric wheelchairs to senior citizens (65 and up) and the permanently disabled at no cost. The wheelchairs are for those who can't walk or use a manual wheelchair. If your need is for home use and you want to find out if you qualify, call Leon Johnson at (800) 246-6010.

# She shudders recalling year's events



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Six more days till 2001 will be lost in the past. A year of unbelievable events that makes one shudder to recall them. I can still see that second plane hit the tower and realize it was no accident but a fine-tuned attack. We all know what has happened these past four months. Christmas Day will find a lot of empty chairs at dinners, those lost in the crashes and those on active duty overseas and here in America. I only hope and pray that 2002 will prove to be a calmer more peaceful year.

I finally got my cards out before the 25th but most probably will not be delivered until a few days after the holiday. Oh well, intentions were there but speed wasn't there.

One family had planned to have a wonderful holiday only to have the entire family and guests get sick. By Monday afternoon one family had left early to head home with a car full of sick people. The other family was in just the same situation, and they were planning also to leave early for home. The other family was getting sick as was the hostess of the family, a total of all but one with whatever they were getting. They had high temperatures, nausea, stomach pain and just a terrible yucky overall feeling. I sure hope they all recover and have a what's left holiday.

One other family I know of had visitors get in Sunday and the kids got sick during the night. I went to see the little ones after church Monday evening and bless their little hearts, the boys were both in no visiting mood. They were leaving Christmas day for home but it too turned out to be a rather miserable trip. Hope they too are all feeling better.

We've had sickness at the center so it seems this crud is going around and hitting many different places. I guess that's what happens when you have dry, warmer-than-usual weather. These germs seem to enjoy this type of weather.

# Graves says two taxes not part of budget

TOPEKA (AP)—Gov. Bill Graves says he will not propose income or property taxes increases to help the state through its budget crisis but does have a plan to raise money.

Graves told The Associated Press that he has drafted a proposal for new revenues, but won't reveal it until his State of the State Address the night of Jan. 14.

"I probably don't want to tell you

what really is on my list," he said Wednesday. "I've got to leave some things to keep people on the edge their seats."

He did say, however, the plan will fall well short of closing a projected \$426 million budget shortfall which will mean some state program will have to be trimmed during fiscal year 2003 which begins July 1.

The governor already has made pub-

lic the outlines of the budget he plans to submit when the Legislature convenes Jan. 14. Because state law requires him to use only existing resources, it would cut spending on education and social services, cancel highway projects and close minimum-security prisons.

Graves has said he doesn't support such belt-tightening proposals and will give legislators a separate proposal for raising new revenues.

But he said he doesn't believe it is possible politically to increase income or property taxes. All House seats are on the ballot in 2002.

## student of the week



**Name:** Kent Elliott  
**Parents:** Byron Elliott; Laural and Dana Belshe  
**Grade:** Senior  
**Age:** 17

**We've nominated this student because:** Kent has an open, curious and intuitive intellect. His recent more active involvement in classes reflects the fact that academic success takes precedence in his life. Kent has a straight forward approach and is friendly to both classmates and teachers.

**Student Comment:** Most of the faculty actually cares about

Florence, Slim and Toni Ann attended the big dinner and dance at the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Sunday the 16th saw Slim's mother arriving in Edson from Dodge City.

Slim, Toni Ann and his mother left around noon to go back to Arvada for a visit with other relatives and have Christmas together. There was a big dinner at the center that Florence, Ricky, Sherrie, J.J., Gary, Nancy and Laramie attended. The two grandkids J.J. and Laramie spent some time with Florence later that afternoon.

She went to Edson on the 19th to visit some of her former neighbors. She said she mailed a few more of her finished cards. She finally hoped to get the last few finished and mailed, hoping not to have missed anyone. But as usual it dawned on her that she had indeed missed a few and needed to get them also in the mail.

Will have a report on some of the family gatherings in the last issue of 2001 next week. I had three dinner invitations, but I had already asked my neighbor David to come for dinner. Later in the evening, I went to have a meal with my boss Dr. Beynon and Margaret, something I enjoyed very much. I do thank them for their invitation. I also thank the other two, but you can only go and eat so much in a day. Maybe you'll give me a rain check for later.

No birthdays I know of and only a couple anniversaries: Gennifer and Andy House and Bill and Twila Bishop. Best wishes to them and any others having either a birthday or anniversary.

With nothing more to write about at this time, I hope all had a safe and happy gathering this holiday season. See you all next week. Please be safe in your New Year's observance. Till then, Happy New Year.

# Filmmakers taking close look at immigrants' lives in Kansas cities

LAWRENCE (AP)—Producers of a new PBS documentary about immigrant families found just what they needed in southwest Kansas.

"The New Americans," scheduled for completion in mid-2002, focuses on five sets of immigrants, including two families headed by men who work at meatpacking plants in Garden City and are trying to bring their relatives to Kansas.

Many documentaries have looked at how immigrants affect their new communities in the United States. What sets "The New Americans" apart is that it also delves into the communities they left, said Don Stull, one of two University of Kansas professors serving as consultants on the film.

"Living in America, it's good for viewers to see where these immigrants are coming from and the circumstances they're coming from," said Stull, who teaches anthropology. "It'll be a good antidote to the negative stereotypes."

One of the Kansas families, the Caos, is from the Vietnamese city of Saigon. The other is the Flores family, from a small village in Mexico.

Immigrants are often attracted to meatpacking jobs because they don't have to be fluent in English and the wages — sometimes \$10 or \$11 per hour — are better than most jobs, Stull said. That is why doctors, lawyers, teachers and other professionals from abroad are sometimes found working in packing plants, he said.

Both sets of immigrants in the film face challenges of getting into the United States, learning a new language and adapting to new cultural systems, he said. But their struggles aren't identical.

"Mexican immigrants are a day's drive or a little more from their home," Stull said. "Vietnamese are half a world away. And relations between the U.S. and Vietnam and the U.S. and Mexico are different."

Professor Pok-Chi Lau, who teaches design at the university, is also advis-

ing the filmmakers. A 1977 arrival from Hong Kong, Lau said he and his family are still looking for a balance between maintaining their heritage and being accepted by mainstream Americans.

"We're dealing with an identity I'd like my son to keep, yet, being in junior high, he's bombarded every day with this image of being all greased up and wearing baggy pants," he said.

Lau, who has photographed Asian immigrants in Kansas, said Chinese tend to be the most accepted among Asian immigrants in the Midwest, a

## State Fair eyeing three major projects

HUTCHINSON (AP) — Kansas State Fair officials are poised to begin three major construction projects, including a \$1.8 million renovation of the fair's antiquated recreational vehicle parking area.

Construction is to begin in January to upgrade the 175-space RV lot on the northwest corner of the fairgrounds, which offers only electrical hookups.

Replacing it will be a 211-station park, with concrete access roads, gravel parking areas and full-service water, sewer and electrical connections.

A dozen of the parking sites in the new lot will meet requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"We plan to be done by June, in time for the U.S. Women's Open golf tournament," said Denny Stoecklein, the fair's assistant general manager.

"We're already taking reservations for U.S. Open attendees and volunteers."



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