

about our friends

calendar

SHARE sign up will be from **9 to 10 a.m. Monday** 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 **through 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 of Goodland High School holds **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 at 3:30 p.m.

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** will be closed for the month of January. The center will be open from **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday** and from **1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday in February**.

school calendar

Friday: Varsity wrestling at Liberal

at 1 p.m., junior varsity basketball here with Colby at 3:45 p.m. **Saturday:** Junior varsity wrestling at WaKeeney at 8 a.m.

school lunch menu

Friday: soup and sandwich day, relish cup, cherry cake and milk.

senior center menu

Friday: Lemon baked fish, creamed peas, buttered potatoes, bread, cinnamon apple slices.

hospital report

Goodland Regional Medical Center

Admitted on Wednesday: Gertrude Renner and Marion Parker, both of Goodland.

Dismissed on Wednesday: Mable Rice and Frankie Falconer, both of Goodland.

Specialists for Friday: Alfred Carr, ears, nose, throat; John Faul, psychiatrist; David Pfoff, ophthalmologist; and Gerald Poticha, endocrinologist.

Hospital Volunteer Schedule: Friday: Fern Heckman, a.m., Carmelita Clark, courtesy.

away from home

LaVerne Becker has suffered a stroke and is in Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital in Denver. She would appreciate cards and letters from her friends at 1719 E. 19th Ave., Room 509, Denver, Colo., 80218.

Ruth Morton is spending the winter in Mississippi with family and has been injured in an automobile accident. She would appreciate hearing from Goodland friends, in care of Dan Sloan, 6838 Awini St., Diamondhead, Miss. 39525.

Windbreaks more needed than ever

Lots of long-time windbreaks became firewood in recent decades, as Depression-era trees aged, Kansas communities grew and farmer numbers declined. Other windbreaks fell in the path of the state's highway system and center-pivot irrigation's need for huge empty circles.

But that hasn't made windbreaks a memory or even an outdated idea. In fact, due to its annual Conservation Tree Planting Program, the Kansas Forest Service alone has averaged selling enough low-cost seedlings for Kansans to plant more than 300 acres of field windbreaks in each of the last three years. Every county Extension office in the state has been involved in distributing order blanks for that program, as well as helping Kansans plan their plantings.

Those 1,000 new acres don't include the windbreaks planted to shelter homes, other buildings, roads and livestock. They also don't include the windbreak trees Kansans bought in smaller bundles from local and catalog nurseries.

The following are just some of the reasons Kansans are still creating arcs or L-shaped lines of sheltering trees:

- For buildings, they reduce wind velocity by up to 80 percent and heat loss by 18 to 27 percent. At the same time, they make yard work more comfortable, plus attract songbirds.
- Properly placed, windbreaks reduce noise pollution and screen out unpleasant views. Or, they keep snow from drifting onto driveways and roads.
- Windbreaks can increase garden and orchard production by as much as 50 percent. For cropland in their protection area (10 times the height of the trees), they increase yields by an average 15 percent for winter wheat, 25 percent for soybeans and even more for forage crops. These yield increases more than offset the income lost by converting land to a well-designed windbreak, according to 60 years worth of repeated research.
- The protection reduces soil erosion.



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sion. At the same time, it makes other conservation practices more effective including min-imum tillage, residue management and strip cropping.

• Cost savings can quickly mount when trees protect livestock, reducing both animal stress and needed feed levels. For example, when temperatures are down to 15 F and winds are blowing 20 mph, windbreak protection can cut the feeding costs for a 660-pound beef cow by 41 percent plus help with calf survival.

This doesn't even count what windbreaks contribute by making your home site more beautiful or just reducing the amount of dusting you have to do. It says nothing for what they do in terms of providing shelter, food and travel lanes for the state's wildlife.

If your are interested we have available the tree variety list and order blanks for the 2002 Conservation Tree Planting Program here at the Sherman County Research and Extension office.

today in history

Jan. 3, 1902: W.D. Beam threshed out 222 bushels of cane seed, being offered \$1.20 per bushel.

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

area events

Dr. Don Udell will hold a **foundation workshop** from **Tuesday to Thursday, 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 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 you want to find out if you qualify, call Leon Johnson at (800) 246-6010.

Israel snatches Palestinians

By Associated Press
INTERNATIONAL

JERUSALEM — In a double-edged message ahead of the arrival of a U.S. envoy, Israel today eased its stranglehold on West Bank towns but also snatched five suspected militants in two raids into Palestinian territory.

A U.S.-drafted truce deal calls for Israel to stay out of Palestinian-controlled areas and lift travel restrictions on Palestinians.

U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni, who was to arrive in the region later today, will try to implement the truce deal, which was drafted last year by CIA chief George Tenet and was accepted by both sides.

However, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Wednesday that Israel will not begin implementing the Tenet deal until there have been seven days of complete calm. The Israeli government acknowledges that there has been a sharp drop in Palestinian attacks, but says conditions for a truce have not yet been met.

Zinni is expected to remain in the region for four days.

SYDNEY, Australia — Thousands of evacuees sheltered on beaches today when a fast-moving firestorm isolated two coastal villages after burning as many as 20 houses in a third hamlet.

About 7,000 people, many of them summer vacationers, ran for their lives Wednesday night when the inferno raced into Sussex Inlet, about 120 miles south of Sydney, police said.

The blaze swept north today, cutting

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off roads to the nearby towns of Bendalong and Berringer Lake and trapping 2,000 people, said local Rural Fire Service spokeswoman June Webster.

The blaze was one of more than 100 "black Christmas fires" that have brought havoc to Australia's most populous state for 11 days, racing across hundreds of thousands of acres.

No lives have been lost, but more than 160 houses have been destroyed north, west and south of Sydney, a city of 4 million people. Fires were also burning in scrubland in its northern suburbs, threatening hundreds more homes. Insurance officials estimate damages at \$36 million.

About 20,000 firefighters are battling flames in tinder-dry New South Wales state.

At least half of the wildfires have been deliberately lit since the crisis started Christmas Eve. Police have arrested 21 arson suspects.

NATIONAL

BOSTON — Prosecutors have asked a judge for permission to show autopsy photos of a man who died after fighting with another father at a hockey practice in one of the most shocking cases yet of violence at youth sporting events.

Thomas Junta, 42, went on trial Wednesday on manslaughter charges in connection with the July 5, 2000, death of Michael Costin.

Junta has claimed he fought in self-defense, but prosecutors said the autopsy photos prove Costin's injuries indicate excessive force.

Defense lawyer Thomas Orlandi Jr. fought the move, describing the photos as "sickening," "gross" and "horrible."

Superior Court Judge Charles Grabau said he would allow the jury to see photos taken just before Costin's autopsy, but put off a decision on whether to allow photographs of Costin's internal injuries.

Jury selection was expected to continue today followed by opening arguments. On Wednesday, potential jurors were asked if their children played on sports teams and if they had ever witnessed a fight between parents.

WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON — U.S. Marines helping search for leaders of Afghanistan's Taliban militia and the al-Qaida terror network found documents, guns and other items that could be useful, defense officials say.

Starting Monday, about 200 Marines searched a 14-building compound west of Kandahar for 29 hours, the Pentagon said.

The operation was part of U.S. efforts to eradicate the al-Qaida network and locate former Taliban rulers who went underground after the fall of Kandahar, their final stronghold. Officials said Wednesday it was not specifically an effort to capture Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar or Osama bin Laden, the alleged al-Qaida mastermind.

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INDICATION OF INTEREST

I wish to state to you that I am seriously interested in:

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- _____ Acquisition of _____ units of Preferred Equity in the proposed Goodland Community Grocery Store, at a cost of \$10,000.00 per unit.

I am delivering this indication of interest of a potential financial commitment on my part and understand the organizers of the proposed Goodland Community Grocery Store will rely on my indication of interest in determining the feasibility of organizing the Store. This indication of interest is, however, a NONBINDING statement on my part. Any commitment on my part will be made only after I have had the opportunity to review all plans and proposals and final documents for organizing the Store, all of which will be presented to me and discussed at a later time.

Name: _____ Date: _____, 2001

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