

# about our friends

## calendar

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

An organizational meeting for a needlework club will be held from 7-9 p.m. Thursday at Wheatridge Acres for anyone interested in needle projects — quilt, needlepoint, crochet or knit — even those just interested in learning a craft. Carol Tipper will talk about her stained glass quilt. Others with hand-made items are invited to bring them.

TNT Christians will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Edwards Hall. Bring finger foods. Call 899-2733 for information.

The Goodland Elks Lodge is accepting applications for its 2002-2003 "Most Valuable Student" contest from high school seniors who are U.S. citizens. Forms are available from high school counselors or from the Elks. Deadline is Friday. Call Zona Price at 899-6251 or write to Box 146, Goodland, Kan., 67735 for information.

Goodland Women of Faith will hold its monthly celebration from 9:30-11 a.m. Saturday at Wheatridge Acres. All ladies are invited. Baby-sitting will be provided.

Free Movie: "Pay it Forward" will be shown at the Sherman Theatre at 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Members of the Goodland Development Corp. will talk about their organization before and after the movie. If you are interested in joining the group, please attend this event or come to our weekly meetings at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at 910 Main.

The After-5 Club, affiliated with Christian Business and Professional Women, is having a Happy New Year dinner party from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday at the Butterfly Cafe at Renner Field for \$7.25 per person. For reservations, call Lori Titus at 899-3828 or Barb Graber at 899-5580.

Project Graduation 2002 will hold

a planning meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the home economics room in the high school. All parents of seniors need to attend. Call Debbie Martin at 899-2000 or 899-6439 if you are unable to attend.

Central School will have a Soup Spectacular from 5-7 p.m. next Tuesday. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door for \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children sixth grade and under. There will be a choice of chili or noodle soup while enjoying musical entertainment. Proceeds will go for new playground equipment.

Colby Community College is enrolling for its outreach program in Goodland through Wednesday, Jan. 16. Call (888) 634-9350 for information.

The Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will send Jody Tubbs to the Sherman County Courthouse from 1-2:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, in Assembly Room on the third floor. She will help veterans and their dependents with claims work. Veterans who are unable to make it may contact the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at (785) 462-3572.

The City of Goodland is offering free dog licenses from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at the City Administration Building, 204 W. 11th Street. The city requires that all dogs be licensed. Free licenses will be available from the city clerk for citizens of Goodland who own or keep a dog and provide written proof that the animal has a current rabies vaccination.

The High Plains Roosters will hold their second annual Pheasants Forever Banquet at 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The prime rib dinner is \$15 per person. An auction and a drawing will follow.

SHARE pick up will be from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at 824 Main for the January distribution of low-cost food.

## 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 at 3:30 p.m. in the home economics room or 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 environmental concerns, call the Sherman County Health Department at (785) 899-4888.

The Carnegie Arts Center will be closed in 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

Wednesday: Black Day. DECA/

Science Olympiad Seminar. City/County Recreation sports at 7:30 p.m. at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. Thursday: Gold Day. FCCLA Seminar. City/County Recreation sports at 7:30 p.m. at the high school gym. Varsity wrestlers depart at 3 p.m. for Basehor-Linwood (near Lawrence). Friday: Black Day. End of second nine weeks/first semester. Varsity, junior varsity and "C" team basketball against Atwood 3:45 p.m. Max Jones Fieldhouse and junior high gym. Varsity wrestling, noon at Basehor-Linwood. Mini-cheerleader night at basketball games. Saturday: Junior varsity wrestling 8:30 a.m. at Hays, depart 5:30 a.m. Fifth grade basketball Max Jones Fieldhouse and high school gym 10-11 a.m. DECA Western Region Practice Conference here. Varsity wrestling at Basehor-Linwood.

## school lunch menu

Wednesday: Sloppy joe on bun, tater tots, pickle spear, pears and milk. Thursday: Chicken nuggets, savory rice, carrots, fruit crisp and milk. Friday: Macaroni and cheese with ham, green beans, hot roll, frosted apple and milk.

## senior center menu

Wednesday: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, bread and applesauce gelatin. Thursday: Pasta, beef & tomato, corn, mixed fruit/ banana, bread and raspberry-filled coffee cake. Friday: Chopstick tuna casserole, spinach/cheese salad, pears, bread and oatmeal/raisin bar.

## hospital report

Goodland Regional Medical Center Admitted on Monday: Ronald Gruenwald, Myrna Moreland and Marion Parker, all of Goodland.

Dismissed on Monday: none.

Specialists for Wednesday: John C. Faul, psychiatrist; Eric Ouderkirk, podiatrist; Martin Rubinowitz, oncology/hematology; and Barry Smith, cardiologist.

Hospital Volunteer Schedule:

Wednesday: Helen Armstrong, a.m.; Irene Kehlbeck, courtesy, Opal Calahan, p.m. Thursday: Jessie Owens, a.m. Friday: Fern Heckman, a.m.; Carmelita Clark, courtesy.

## away from home

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.

## today in history

Jan. 8, 1902: Mrs. Unruh, of Oregon, national lecturer of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, will lecture at the Opera House.

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 need is for home use and you want to find out if you qualify, call Leon Johnson at (800) 246-6010.

## free trees

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during January. Membership requires a \$10 contribution to be mailed to: Ten Free Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb. 68410 by Jan. 31. The free trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time to plant them, between Feb. 1 and May 31.

# New year prompts resolution to pay attention to kids

A new year is upon us again and most of you probably already have the next few months of your calendar filled with meetings, appointments, activities etc. Sometimes we may become so involved with our jobs, to-do lists and other things needing to be completed that we may forget to pay closer attention to one of the most important things in our lives: our children.

Occasionally, we are all guilty of this. We may take it for granted that they know right from wrong and some of us may have total confidence in them. But knowing right from wrong is very different from doing what is right and not doing what is wrong. Confidence in our kids is great, but confidence in assuming they will always do what is right is another issue.



**Kris Lovington**  
● prevention center

What were our New Years resolutions? They may vary from losing weight to volunteering more time to our favorite charity. But how many of us have decided to increase our knowledge about alcohol, tobacco and other drugs or a variety of other things which can cause harm, so that we may help prevent our child from falling victim?

Many of us don't think about these things until we are in the situation of

needing or having to know more. With this I would like to challenge parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts and other adults to increase their knowledge, be it through articles, public service announcements, pamphlets or other forms of education.

In the following year, I will continue to bring you information regarding alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, violence, teen pregnancy and much more. Some of it may be repeats of the same topics with different information and others will be updated information.

Whatever the topic, it will be of use

to at least one person. The information provided is only a brief description of a topic, but we would like to invite you each to come in and get more information on whatever you want to know more about. It's an opportunity to increase our knowledge of what's out there, what is going on and how we can prevent it.

Let's make this a resolution we won't break. Discussing issues such as drugs and teen pregnancy with our kids isn't always the easiest thing to do, and may even seem a bit terrifying for some of us. Especially when we picture our "babies" (no matter how old they are) and the thought of their innocence being torn from them because of an unwise choice to do something which could possibly effect them forever.

There are no guarantees that if we do this or that our child will not fall victim to something that will harm them. But that doesn't mean we aren't going to try.

The whole purpose of prevention is "trying" through education and awareness. Leaving the door of communication open is very important. Let your kids know they can talk to you about anything without harsh judgment or lectures.

Be on the lookout for "teachable moments," like when your child raises the subject of drugs, or when an anti-drug commercial comes on television. Teaching your child to think about these things allows them to make decisions of their own, so when faced with offers of harmful behavior, they

can resist the pressure.

We can each start with setting the example and letting all family members know what the family expectations are and what is and is not acceptable behavior. Taking the time to get to know our child's friends and their parents helps to strengthen our relationship as well as increasing our ability to notice when something may not be "right."

If you would like more information, please call the office at 785-899-3848 or come by 109 E. 17th, Suite 212.

May this new year bring each of our families the strength and knowledge to handle whatever curves life throws at us, but most of all, the blessings of healthy families.

Happy New Year!

# Afghan officials weigh surrender

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghan officials today weighed a reported surrender offer from top Taliban figures, including the former defense minister, as U.S. troops began winding up an unsuccessful search for Osama bin Laden at the bomb-shattered Tora Bora cave complex.

In the southern city of Kandahar, a heavily armed al-Qaida fighter blew himself up rather than be captured as he tried to escape from a hospital where he and six comrades had taken over a ward, refusing to surrender to the city's new rulers.

The fighter, identified as Mohammad Rasool, jumped from the second-story window at Mir Wais Hospital, found himself surrounded by guards and detonated a grenade, killing himself. The al-Qaida fighters in the hospital have held off guards for weeks by threatening to kill themselves if approached.

A high-ranking security official for Gov. Gul Agha, commander Sadozai, said today in Kandahar that top Taliban officials sent a messenger three or four days ago saying they wanted to talk about surrendering. The names of the

Taliban members and their location were not disclosed, but former Taliban defense minister Mullah Ubaid Ullah is said to be among them.

Agha and others were in a tribal council meeting today to decide how to handle the surrender offer, said Sadozai, who uses one name only.

Illustrating the country's deep suffering even after the end of the Taliban, an Associated Press reporting team discovered a village in remote northern Afghanistan where people are struggling to survive on bread made from grass. Mothers whose milk has dried up feed their babies grass porridge.

Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of the U.S. war effort, told the AP at his

headquarters in Florida the weeks-long search through the Tora Bora complex in eastern Afghanistan had failed to turn up bin Laden, blamed by the United States for the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

The search would be ending in the next day or so with no clue to bin Laden's whereabouts, Franks said. U.S. troops could begin pursuing bin Laden in neighboring Pakistan, though there was no hard proof the Saudi exile was there, he said.

Pakistan reacted by saying it needed no help to catch al-Qaida members. Allowing troops on Pakistani soil could be sensitive for many Pakistanis and other countries concerned about the spread of U.S. military operations.

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