# about our friends

## calendar

Girl Scout cookie sales are on through Friday, Feb. 1. If you have not been contacted by Jan. 31, call Jeannie Topliff at 899-5133 or Mary Reasoner at 899-5054.

SHARE pick up will be from 9 to 10 **a.m. Saturday** at 824 Main for the January distribution of low-cost food. The Sherman County Historical Society will hold their annual meeting at **1 p.m. Saturday** at the Goodland Library. A panel of local residents will gym. Governance Committee Meetpresent their memories of World War ing. Wednesday: Gold Day. City/ II. The public is welcome and refreshments will be served.

The Harlem Knights traveling basketball team will **play the Goodland** High School X-presso supporters at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. Money collected will help the X-pressos pay for their trip to a National Show-choir competition in Branson, Mo., in March. Advance tickets are available by calling the high school at 899-5656 and tickets will be available at the door.

The X-pressos will have a soup supper from **4-6 p.m. Sunday** at Max Jones Fieldhouse before the game.

The school district is holding an open house from **3-4:30 p.m. Sunday** at Goodland High School. The public is invited to see the newly remodeled science and math rooms.

**Congressman Jerry Moran** will discuss the State of the Union Address and his priorities for the second half of the 107th Congress during a live television appearance from 8:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, on Smoky Hills Public Television.

Life Line Screening will check for vascular disease and osteoporosis **Tuesday, Feb. 5,** at the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Pre-registration is required. Call (800) 404-4557. For more information, visit their web site at www.lifelinescreening.com.

"Sew Bee It" — What will be the name of the new needle club? Bring your name ideas to the next meeting and tapioca. Tuesday: Chili, orange from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, at Wheat Ridge Acres. The name contest will end on March 14.

#### activities

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

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

Century Families, for people whose family came to Sherman County more than 100 years ago, meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of the month at the Senior Center. For information, call 899-2835.

The Goodland Development Corp. meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at 910 Main. Call 899-2342 or 899-6200 for information.

#### ment 3 p.m. Max Jones Fieldhouse. family shelter Goodland girls vs. Burlington 6 p.m.

Goodland boys vs. Burlington 7:30

p.m. Junior varsity basketball tourna-

ment at Colby. Goodland girls vs.

Oberlin 4 p.m. and the boys vs. Oberlin

5:30 p.m. both games in the elementary

gym. High school staff dinner 6 p.m.

FCCLA. NHS interviews. Junior var-

sity and varsity wrestling vs. Colby

5:30 p.m. City/County Recreation

sports 7:30 p.m. in the high school

County Recreation sports 7:30 p.m. at

the Max Jones Fieldhouse and junior

high gym. Thursday: Black Day.

Seminar—GAA & G-Club. Regional

Scholar's Bowl at Larned. Junior var-

sity basketball tournament at Colby.

"C" team basketball tournament 3 p.m.

at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Friday, Feb.

1: Gold Day. Junior varsity and varsity

wrestling vs. St. Francis 5:30 p.m. here.

Senior parent night. Junior varsity and

varsity basketball at St. Francis 5:30

p.m., depart 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb.

2: Regional Piano Festival. Junior var-

sity and varsity basketball 5 p.m. vs.

8 a.m. here. "C" team girls basketball

9 a.m. atAtwood. Snoball Dance 9 p.m.

to 12 a.m. high school gym. Sunday,

**Feb. 3:** Open gym 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Max Jones Fieldhouse. Junior Olym-

pics volleyball 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. jun-

ior high gym. Dana Murray's team 2-

school lunch menu

Monday: Hamburger on bun,

french fries, lettuce, pickle, onion, to-

Cavatini, lettuce salad, bread sticks,

cookies and milk. Wednesday: Cooks'

choice. Thursday: Chili dog with

cheese, lettuce salad, tri-tators, cake

senior center menu

Monday: Tuna and noodles, winter

mixed vegetables, rosy pears, bread

pineapple salad, crackers and cinna-

mon roll. Wednesday: Roast pork,

candied sweet potatoes, spaghetti

salad, bread and apple berry sauce.

Thursday: Chicken enchilada casse-

role, pea salad, peaches, tortilla and

peanut butter cookies. Friday: Beef

stew, mixed fruit with mandarin or-

Goodland Regional Medical Cen-

Admitted on Thursday: Logan

Dismissed on Thursday: Chris

Specialists for Monday: Edward

**Hospital Volunteer Schedule:** 

Cross, Goodland. Swing bed: Myrna

anges, bread and brownies.

hospital report

Moreland, Goodland,

Buchanan, Goodland.

Parks, orthopedist.

4 p.m. high school gym.

and milk.

Tuesday: Black Day. Seminar -

The Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides services day or night to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available for women and children in the northwest Kansas area. For information or assistance, call toll-free (800) 794-4624.

### 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.

#### 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.

#### Hayshere. 9-10 Wrestling tournament **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.

#### mato, pudding and milk. Tuesday: asthma medication

Breathing medications and nebulizers are available to people with severe breathing conditions at no cost if they qualify. Call the LifeStyle Medical Program at (800) 519-4480 to find out if you qualify.



Norie Elliot (left) attended a retirement reception for Maxine Zollinger at the district office on Wednesday. Marcia Harkins helped host the event. Photo by Skilar Boland/The Goodland Daily News

# Woman retires after 16 years on job

#### **By Skilar Boland**

The Goodland Daily News Maxine Zollinger, long-time employee of the Goodland School District, is retiring.

She has been involved with the school district for 16 years and said she has enjoyed every minute of it. Besides working at the school administration office, she said she has spent time working with the students at the high school.

"Kids in this community don't get as much credit as they should," said great school district.' The school disteachers, she said. Zollinger said

she has enjoyed Zollinger her time with the

district. "I love it, there is not a better job in the city of Goodland," she said.

This is not the first time she has re-Zollinger, "this is a marvelous com- tired. She said she retired earlier in her munity with a career, but after her husband retired and lost their health insurance, she came back for the insurance.

On Wednesday, there was an open trict has great house reception held in behalf of Zollinger. Cake and punch were served by Marcia Harkins and Bonnie Smith. "They did a super job with the re-

freshments and reception," said Zollinger.

Many came to commemorate her last days in the office.

Carmelita Gilley Clark will be cel-

### Students home after bus driver's surrender birthday

OLEY, Pa. (AP) — Thirteen chil- route in rainy, foggy weather. dren were back home after a school bus an odyssey that ended in another state when he turned himself in.

The students returned home with their parents early today, more than 16 hours after their bus veered off its route and went to Landover Hills, Md., 115 miles away. The children were unhurt but the parents had had the fright of their lives.

Driver Otto Nuss, 63, was taken to jail Thursday night after surrendering to an off-duty officer. He was scheduled to appear in court today on federal kidnapping charges after meeting with a public defender.

past and recently went off his medication.

Craig Ziemer, the father of one of the driver with a loaded rifle took them on children, 11-year-old fifth-grader Ashley Ziemer, called the six hours when the bus was missing "the most horrible thing I've ever experienced."

The students on the bus said the driver ignored a dispatcher's efforts to contact him by radio, according to an FBI affidavit from special agent Thomas D. Neeson. Nuss told authorities some of the students wanted to return home, but he told them they could not, the affidavit said.

Washington, D.C.," FBI spokesman to help plan the route to Washington on Peter Gulotta Jr. said.

The journey ended with the bus Officer Milton Chabla, who was wearing his uniform, police said. Nuss told Chabla he had left a gun on the bus, police said. He said he had taken the children against their will and wanted to turn himself in. "He wanted the kids to be OK and let their parents know they were OK," Chabla said. Gulotta said the semiautomatic rifle was found behind the driver's seat, covered by a coat. Some children had seen the gun on the bus and feared the driver was going to kill them, according to the affidavit. They told FBI agents the driver told them not to go near the rifle. "One of the students, fearing what might happen, wrote 911 in reverse on a fogged bus window," according to the affidavit.

help in the 1970s, and he had admitted himself to Reading Hospital.

He said he had taken prescribed medication since then, but told them in November that his doctor said he could stop taking it. He didn't know what kind of medication.

"I think he got off his medication, and it just worked on his nerves," Derr said.

After the children and their parents were reunited Thursday at a Maryland police station, all were bused back to Oley. Speaking to reporters after their "He said he wanted to show them return, children said Nuss asked them a map.

"It just didn't seem like he was kid-The motive of the journey was not parked outside a Family Dollar dis- napping us," said ninth-grader Tyler lear; a friend said Nuss had been count store in Landover Hills, just a Rudolph, 15. "He told us we all needed treated for psychiatric problems in the few miles from Washington. Nuss en- a wake-up call and that we were going tered the store and approached off-duty to learn something. And he was going to learn something, too."

ebrating her 70th birthday on Satur-Her daughter, Marla Giarratano, would like to invite the community to shower her mother with birth-

day cards. Please mail birthday greetings to Carmelita at 1110

day, Feb. 2.



Wyoming, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

# obituary

# J.C. Fisk



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 cafete-

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 899-4888.

The Carnegie Arts Center will be closed in January. The center will reopen in February from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

#### school calendar

Saturday: NWKL Wrestling 8:30 a.m. at Oakley; depart 6:30 a.m. Junior varsity wrestling 8 a.m. at Hoisington. Varsity and junior varsity basketball 4 p.m. here vs. Hugoton. Knights of Columbus 9-noon in high school gym. AFS Lock-in 7 p.m. library and high school gym. Fifth grade basketball 10-11 p.m. Max Jones Fieldhouse. Sunday: Open gym 1:30-3:30 p.m. Max Jones Fieldhouse. AFS Lock-in over at 7 a.m. Dana Murray's team in high school gym 2-4 p.m. Monday: "C" Team basketball tourna-

Monday: Helen Hughes, courtesy and Martha Gunderson, p.m. Tuesday: none. Wednesday: none. Thursday: none. Friday: Fern Heckman, a.m., Carmelita Clark, courtesy and Jan Lambertz, p.m.

#### today in history

**Jan. 25, 1902:** Fined \$25 for assault -Ben Canaga of Grant Township pled guilty to firing two shots at Frank Van Winkle. The trouble allegedly resulted from an insult to Canaga's wife.

From The Goodland News; provided by the Sherman County Histori- honk their horns." cal Society.

#### area events

Windsong Chorus will perform at 6:30 p.m. Mountain Time Saturday at the Sharon Springs High School Auditorium. Admission will be by Western Plains Arts Association season passes or tickets will be available at the door.

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

#### 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.



Several of the Berks Christian School students said Nuss told them they were going on a field trip to Washington. They said they played games, helped Nuss plan the route, and felt at ease when he stopped the bus to treat them to lunch at a Burger King.

"He never touched anybody," said eighth-grader Josh Pletscher, 13. "We were having fun. We were having cars

The school held an assembly and religious service toai to celebrate the safe return of the children. About 200 students came in, including at least three of the 13, school administrator Robert Becker said.

"I was glad to actually see them and talk to them," said Becker, who spent the morning counting heads.

The bus had picked up the students, ages 7 through 15, at a high school in Oley at about 7:30 a.m. Thursday for their daily six-mile trip to the religious school in Birdsboro.

When the bus failed to reach its destination, residents, a police helicopter and cruisers frantically searched the



Earl Derr, a friend of Nuss' since high school, said today that he and his wife had taken Nuss for psychiatric

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Pletscher said Nuss never touched the gun during the trip and that when a child noticed it he said it was "a symbol to bin Laden.'

Authorities said Nuss had worked since September for the Quigley Bus Service, which contracts with the Oley Valley School District. Brian Quigley, co-owner of the company, said the company was cooperating with authorities and he was "really very happy everybody is all right."

Nuss had passed a criminal background check and a child-abuse check, school officials said.

J.C. Fisk, 83, a Goodland High School graduate, died Thursday in Jacksonville, Fla.

He was born in Goodland April 24. 1918, the son of Maud Fisk. He graduated from Goodland High School in 1937. He moved to Denver and worked for many years there before moving to Jacksonville in 1995.

He was preceded in death by his wife Truthv

He is survived by a son, Jon (Geraldine) Charles of Jacksonville, three grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

There will be no services. He will be cremated and buried beside his wife.





## **SPECIAL WOMEN'S CLINIC**

Sponsored by Rural Health Ventures January 29, 2002 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM Rural Health Ventures Clinic 106 Willow Road Goodland, Kansas

A special pap smear and breast exam clinic will be held to give women an opportunity to take care of themselves. This will NOT be a complete physical, ONLY pap smear and breast exam. NO upfront costs—your insurance will be billed. Call Jonna at 785.899.6075 to schedule your time. Medical Staff: Dr. Natalie Griego, Dr. David Younger, Mary Shy, ARNP; Jackie Jorgensen, ARNP; Sondra Krayca, ARNP