

Six students to attend astronaut program

Six Sherman County students won \$465 scholarships to attend the Future Astronaut program this summer at the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center in Hutchinson.

The winners were picked from 14 applicants on May 8. Goodland civic organizations, businesses and individuals donated money for the scholarships.

Winners are Forrest Trachsel, sixth grade; Josh Doke, sixth; Ben Davis, sixth; Grant Wilkens, sixth; Heidi Yonkey, sixth; and Matt Rohr, eighth.

To apply, students had to have three references recommending them and write a 500-word maximum essay an-



Trachsel



Doke



Davis



Wilkens



Yonkey



Rohr

swering "Why should the U.S. government continue to support the space program?"

The winners signed contracts with the scholarship committee, agreeing to

make presentations about their experience to those who gave money. The students will make presentations to students who want to apply for the scholarship next year.

During a ceremony Monday at Grant Junior High, five students who received the scholarship last year talked with the new winners about what the space camp was like. They said they

trained with real space simulators, did experiments and built machines that are used in space.

Jena McCall, a seventh grader, said her favorite part was the IMAX Dome Theater and the laser show at the planetarium. Jared Hall said he most enjoyed flight training in an actual F-16 cockpit. The students said they built rockets, robots and space vehicles and got to try on a space suit.

The new scholarship winners, who have all said they plan to attend, matched the scholarship with \$100 of their own money. They will each attend a five-day session sometime this summer.

obituary

Eleanor Notz

Eleanor Notz, 86, step-sister of Bill Kelly, Marjorie Mitchell and Donna Rogers of Goodland, died Thursday, May 16, 2002, in Sugar Land, Texas.

She was born Oct. 20, 1915, in Clay City to Walter and Zula Mitchell. She attended high school in Smith Center.

She married Chauncey Notz in 1932, and the couple would have celebrated their 70th anniversary this summer. She was a mother and homemaker and retired from F.W. Woolworth Co. in 1987.

She was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Anne Notz, and a grandson, Christopher Notz.

Other survivors include her husband; a brother, Roy Mitchell of Wichita; a son, William Notz of Winnipeg; a daughter, Barbara Nohr of Sugar Land; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews, including her caregivers, Ted and Beverly Notz.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 22, 2002, in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Littleton, Colo.

Two former residents mourned; Mother's Day enjoyed

Nothing makes the air smell fresher than a nice shower after a long time of drought weather. Last night, we had about .4 inches of moisture, and it was more than welcome. I truly hope that was only the beginning! Sounds like there might be another chance for the great outdoors.



sally michael

• brewster beacon

A few notes from other areas have brought us news of two former residents that have passed away, this week.

Curtis Taylor, son of Lloyd and Dorothy Taylor, of Escondido, California, passed away last week, and his service was to be held on Saturday, May 18th, after earlier cremation.

Several from this area planned to attend the memorial, at Heritage Funeral Home, 6830 W. Thunderbird Rd., Peoria, Ariz. 85381.

His parents, Lloyd and Dorothy Taylor, live at 1740 Judith Pl., Escondido, Ca. Dorothy is having treatment, at this time, and it is not likely they will be attending the services for Curtis, their only child.

Lloyd was the band instructor in Brewster during the late '50s and '60s. Many still remark on what a wonderful job he did, and Brewster marched in several parades across the state during his tenure. We send all of Curtis' family our heartfelt sympathy at this time.

Another death that has touched our hearts is that of Fern Pieratt, of Oberlin. She was the sister of Mariam Allison, also of Oberlin, and formerly of Brewster.

Fern's remains will be transferred to New Mexico, where she will be laid to rest beside her husband.

Mariam's daughter, Pat Wright, of Oberlin, wants all of the friends of these ladies to know that Mariam is also a resident of the Good Samaritan Nursing Home and can be reached through her address: Pat Wright 311 N. Wilson, Oberlin, Kan. 67749. We send our condolences to these family members, also.

Troy and Olive Dillinger and Dale and Carol Thiel, of Brewster, and Ray Imhof and Bill and Karen Thummel, of Colby, enjoyed Mother's Day Lunch at the Ramada Inn, in Colby. Bill and Karen had their new son, Olive's great-grandson, out for his first outing, and the proud great-grandmother said he

was very good, and so where his sisters.

In an eight-week walking program, Brewster had 5 teams, with six people on each team, walk a combined total of 4,427 1/2 miles. The teams consisted of 27 women and 3 men, and mileage per team ranged from 1,403 miles to 561 miles. I am impressed! Congratulations to all the walkers on their achievement, and we hope more will join in the next effort.

Betty Wolfe did some research on the Memorial Day programs and some of the services that have been conducted over the years.

In 1946, which would have been a year close to the hearts of many, there were several services in the area. The Brewster Post American Legion conducted the services, and the Brewster Band assisted with appropriate music.

The first service was at 9 a.m. at the Brownville Cemetery. Then northwest of Brewster, at the Muldrow or Free-Land Cemetery, there were services at 10:30 a.m.

From there, east to the Prairie Gem or Fairview Cemetery which had services at 11:15 a.m. At 2 p.m., everyone gathered at the Brewster School Audi-

torium.

Part of these services were dedicated to the memory of the boys who lost their lives in World War II. Following the services at the auditorium, there was a memorial service at the Brewster Cemetery. The information about the services was taken from the *Brewster Tidings*, May 23, 1946.

Betty said she had a good visit with LaVelle Michael on Wednesday, the 15th, and he was able to help her identify some pictures from the 1926-27 school year.

Any who have had parents or grandparents that attended the school, would enjoy the pictures that are available for viewing, at the Heritage Center. Remember, the hours are Monday and Wednesday from 1-4 p.m. and Saturday from 9-11 a.m.

Wilma Burk enjoyed a visit from her granddaughter, Shelly Burk, daughter of Wesley Burk, of McCook, Neb. Shelly lives in Benkelman and combined a visit to her grandmother with a trip to the Craft Peddler.

Our daughter, Beth, re-entered the student life this year, and as a proud mother, I am happy to report that she received 'A's' in two of her subjects and is waiting for the final grade in the third.

So, her first year back, after a more-

than-10-year hiatus, has proved to her that she can still do it. And I hope to get a bumper sticker that says my daughter is an honor student at Fort Hays. Just kidding, Beth!

Graduation is about here and will be over by the time you read this. Last week, I listed all the graduates of Brewster High School in 1982. This week, our congratulations go to the 2002 graduates: J.R. Baird, Daniel Dewey, Tara Fulwider, Amanda Johnston, Jess Long, John Luckert, Katerine Mills and Christie Somers.

Also, there is a young man that completed his school requirements in December of 2001. His name is Justin Fletcher, son of Karen and Stony Wilson. So to all these young folks, we wish you the best, and pray that you will always feel that Brewster is home.

That's all for this week. Hope you all have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day.

Oh, yes, here is one more reminder about the Saturday, June 1, All-City Garage Sale — be sure to come at 8:30 a.m. and spend the day. There will be something for everyone.

The following Saturday, the 8th, you can come and watch all the bicyclers as they stop for lunch in Brewster on their ride across Kansas. So, who says nothing ever happens in Brewster, huh!

Kansas hostages still alive

TOKYO (AP)—Philippines President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo said Tuesday that American missionaries held hostage by Muslim extremists are still alive, despite the extremists' threats to kill the couple.

Arroyo's remarks were the first indication in weeks that the couple hasn't been killed.

Earlier this month, the Abu Sayyaf kidnapers ruled out negotiating the release of Martin and Gracia Burnham of Wichita, Kan.

The Philippine leader's comments come just a day after U.S. Brig. Gen. Donald Wurster admitted a massive U.S.-backed search for the couple has turned up few leads — despite the use of U.S. military surveillance planes and equipment since January.

The Philippine military has been trying to rescue the Burnhams for nearly a year.

And Arroyo defended her decision to bring in U.S. forces, saying they have provided key training and equipment to her country's military.

The Abu Sayyaf has since threatened to kill the Burnhams if troops close in.

Speaking in Tokyo on Tuesday, Arroyo insisted the couple was still "alive," and that the presence of U.S. troops was not aimed specifically at freeing them — yet she declined to say what basis she had for believing the Burnhams still lived.

The Burnhams and Filipino nurse Ediborah Yap are the last hostages from an Abu Sayyaf kidnapping spree that started last May 27. Another American, Guillermo Sobero of Corona, California, was killed by the guerrillas last year.

U.S. Special Forces in the Philippines are barred from engaging in combat but have provided weapons, aerial surveillance, air transport and medical support to a few thousand Filipinos fighting against the Islamic militant group Abu Sayyaf on Basilan in the southern Philippines.

Arroyo said she expected the operations to end soon, though she didn't specify when.

about our friends

calendar

A lecture series, "How Does Your Garden Grow?" by Master Gardeners will be at **7 p.m. Thursdays**. Vegetables will be **May 23** at the Kay Melia home. Historical Cutting Garden will be **May 30** at the Handy House. Xeriscaping will be **June 6**, location to be announced. Roses will be **June 13** at the Sandy Whitby home. Lectures are free to Goodland Arts Center members, but there is a charge for non-members. **Pre-register by calling 899-6442.**

The Goodland Arts Council and the school district are holding the **Summer Art Institute**. Enrollment forms are available at Carnegie Arts Center and must be turned in at least a week before the class begins. Classes are available for grades kindergarten through sixth, and adult classes are offered in the evening.

SHARE sign up for the June distribution of food will be **until Friday, June 7**, at the Sherman County Health Department, Harvest America, Regional Prevention Center and the Kanorado Senior Center. **Pick up** for June will be from **9 to 10 a.m. Saturday, June 22**, at 824 Main for the May distribution of low-cost food.

The last **Little Brother Little Sister** of the year will be from **3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday**, in Mrs. Short's room at the high school.

TNT Singles will meet at **6:30 p.m. Thursday** at Edwards Hall for cards and games. Bring finger food. Call 899-2733.

The **school district** is holding an open house from **2:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 28**, at Central Elementary. It is in honor of Birkley Barnes, Jan Berringer, Gary Gregory, Norma Staker, Jack Walker, Joan Walker and Gail Walter, who are retiring.

The **Goodland After-5 Club** will hold the "Let's Have a Talk Show" dinner party from **7-8:30 p.m. Monday, June 10**, at the Butterfly Cafe at Renner Field. Maxine Sieleman, host of Breakfast at KWKY in DeMoines, Iowa, will be the speaker. Call Barb at 899-5580 or Lori at 899-3828 for reservations.

Friday and from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday. May's exhibit will be "Table Scapes," setting a table and standard for entertaining in Goodland. Community organizations will be setting tables.

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 from 10-10:30 a.m. every Friday.**

Emotions Anonymous meets at **7:30 p.m. Wednesdays** at the 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.

Aerobics Classes — **7:45 a.m. morning** aerobics classes are offered **daily** at the Goodland Activities Center. Tena Tompkins leads a step aerobics class at **5:30 a.m. 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.**

Tours of the **1907 Victorian House** at 202 W. 13th are from **1-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays.**

school lunch menu
Monday-Friday: Cooks' choice.

senior center menu
Wednesday: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, Italian blend vegetables, bread and peach cups. Thursday: Taco salad, tropical fruit salad, chips and blueberry dessert squares. Friday: Ham and beans, cole-slaw with pineapple, cornbread and berry applesauce.

hospital report
Goodland Regional Medical Center
Admitted on Monday: Swing bed: Velda Smith, Flagler, Colo.
Specialists for Wednesday: Barry Smith, cardiologist.
Volunteer Schedule: Wednesday: Carmelita Clark, courtesy, and Roger Collins, p.m. Thursday: Dorothy Akers, p.m. Friday: Carol Jolly, a.m.

health department
The Sherman County Health Department at 1622 Broadway is open from **8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.**
Wednesday: WIC in Sharon Springs. Scheduled appointments. Voucher pickup 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Family planning clinic 1:30-5:30 p.m.

Thursday: WIC in Goodland. Scheduled appointments. **Friday:** Blood pressure and blood sugar screening 8 a.m.-noon. Walk-in clinic. Immunizations 1-4-30 p.m.
Children's physicals and family planning available by appointment. Sharps containers are available free of charge.
If you have questions, concerns or complaints about child care, call the health department.
Water Testing — The Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group does free well evaluations, including testing for bacteria and nitrates. To schedule an evaluation or discuss environmental concerns, call the Health Department at 899-4888.

today in history
May 21, 1902: The Rock Island's new fast trains will pass through Goodland, west bound at 3:30 p.m. and east bound at 6:20 p.m.
From *The Goodland News*, provided by the Sherman County Historical Society.

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 results in the arrest and/or conviction of those involved, you could be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000. Goodland Area Crime Stop-

pers is a nonprofit organization formed by citizens against crime.

family shelter
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. For information or help, call (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. 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.

Internet tonight!
Call 899-2338.

area events
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GOODLAND GREENLINE WELCOMES

TOM WATSON

Tom began his career as a salesman with Goodland Greenline on April 1, 2002. Tom grew up in Hillsboro, Kansas where he worked on a wheat, milo, corn and soybean farm. Tom graduated from Kansas State University in December of 2000 with a B.S. in Agriculture and a degree in Agriculture Technology Management. While at Kansas State, Tom was actively involved with the John Deere Mentor Program, completing an Internship with Southwest Iowa Equipment in Red Oak, Iowa. Upon completion of his degree, Tom was employed with Archer Daniels Midland Company in Nebraska. Please stop in to welcome Tom to Sherman County as he joins Brad and Randy, our sales staff.

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activities
"Prairie Past Times," a photographic history of entertainment in Sherman County, is on display from **9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday** and from **9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday** at the High Plains Museum, 1717 Cherry Ave.

Hanging by a Thread will not meet during the summer. The next meeting will be from **7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of September** at Wheat Ridge Acres.

The **Carnegie Arts Center** is open from **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through**

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