

# about our friends

## calendar

The Goodland Regional Medical Center auxiliary will have a **bakesale at 8 a.m. Friday** in the hospital lobby. **SHARE sign up** for the December distribution of food will be until **Friday, Dec. 6**, at the Sherman County Health Department, Harvest America, the Regional Prevention Center or the Kanorado Senior Center. **Pick up** will be **Saturday** for the November distribution.

The **Sherman Theatre** is having **free holiday matinees at 1:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays**. “Big Fat Liar” will be Nov. 23 and 24; “Hey Arnold” will be Nov. 30 and Dec. 1; “Clockstoppers” will be Dec. 7 and 8; “Like Mike” will be Dec. 14 and 15; and “Ice Age” will be Dec. 21 and 22.

The Sherman County chapter of the **American Red Cross** will have a **bake sale from 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. next Monday and Tuesday** at 214 E. 17th. Baked goods are still needed. Call 899-2011 or call Curtis Duncan at KLOE, 899-7300.

**’Tis the Season Collection Club** will be having a **fund-raiser through Saturday, Nov. 30**, with the proceeds going to Sherman County Hospice. Have a holiday cookie and enter a drawing at Jacque’s Hallmark.

The Gamma Rho Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi is holding a **fund-raiser** with the proceeds going to the **Topside Tot Daycare** and will hold a **drawing Tuesday, Jan. 7**, to give away two baby afghans to two winners. The afghans are on display at First National Bank until Monday, Dec. 2.

The **Goodland Elks Lodge**, 1523 Arcade, will have a **memorial in remembrance of members who have died** in the past year at **2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8**. The lodge will honor the families of men and women in active duty in all branches of the military at **3 p.m.** A **blue star banner** will be presented to the families who have submitted the names of their sons or daughters who are serving. The lodge has 26 families to honor so far.

## activities

**Tours of the 1907 Victorian House** at 202 W. 13th are from **1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday**. “**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 museum, 1717 Cherry Ave.

The **Carnegie Arts Center** is open from **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday** and from **1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday**. Anna Seeber Shaw’s watercolors, gouache and pastels will be on display from Sunday until Nov. 30.

**Born to Read** will be at **10 a.m. Fridays** and **Story time** will be at **10 and 11 a.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays** at the Goodland Public Library. Call 899-5461.

**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.** 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** at the Good Samaritan Center. Enter the east door on Center Ave. Weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

**Hanging by a Thread** will meet from **7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of the month** at Wheat Ridge Acres.

**Goodland Women of Faith** monthly celebrations will be from 9:30-11 a.m. **the second Saturday of the month** at Wheat Ridge Acres. Baby-sitting provided.

## area events

Admission to the **Prairie Museum of Art and History** will be free from **1-5 p.m. Central Time Sundays** at 1905 S. Franklin in Colby. The museum is also open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Central Time Monday-Friday and 1-5 p.m. Saturday.

The Eller House displays furniture, clothing and objects representing farm life in the “Dirty Thirties;” the Cooper Barn, one of the largest barns in Kansas, houses an exhibit of machinery, tools and photographs telling over 100 years of agricultural and settlement history; and the Kuska Collection includes glass, ceramics, dolls, silver, toys, textiles, furniture, clothing, stamps, clocks, lamps, coins and jewelry.

The **Dresden United Methodist Church** is celebrating its **100th anniversary** beginning with **morning worship at 11 a.m. Central Time Sunday**. An informal **buffet luncheon** will follow at **noon**. The celebration **program will begin at 1:30 p.m.** and will feature special guests and music. The church began in 1890 in the old rail depot, and the church building was built in 1902.

The **17th Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Show** will be held from **9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Central Time on Saturday, Nov. 30**, at The Gateway in Oberlin. Exhibitors will display hand-crafted items in 80 booths from Colorado, Nebraska, North Dakota and Kansas. Lunch will be available and baby sitting services provided. The event is sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission. There is no admission charge. Call Mary at (785) 475-3329.

## school activities

**Friday:** FCCLA dance 8 p.m.-midnight in the high school gym.

## school lunch menu

**Friday:** Toasted cheese sandwich, tator tots, cooked carrots, spiced pears and milk.

## senior center menu

**Friday:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, spinach salad, apricot halves, bread and ice cream.

## health department

The Sherman County Health Department at 1622 Broadway is open

from 8 a.m.- noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

**Friday:** Scheduled appointments. Children’s physicals, immunizations, fasting blood sugar and hemoglobin, family planning and toenail clipping available by appointment. Sharps containers are available free of charge. Call 899-4888.

If you have questions, concerns or complaints about child care, call the health department.

## today in history

**Nov. 21, 1902:** Suspicious circumstances surround the origin of the Commercial Hotel fire, but it is a hard matter to prove, and the company may be compelled to pay the loss.

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

## pet award

Any animal who has provided distinguished service or has performed in an extraordinary manner on behalf of an individual or a community during 2002 may be **nominated for pet of the year**.

The winning pet will be honored during ceremonies at the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association’s annual convention Saturday, Jan. 11, at the Airport Hilton in Wichita.

Send nominations with a description of meritorious conduct in 100 words or less by Thursday, Nov. 21, to 2002 Pet of the Year; in care of Dr. Vern Otte, chairman; Kansas Veterinary Medical Association’s Awards Committee; 816 SW. Tyler, Suite 200; Topeka, Kan. 66612-1635; or fax 785-233-2534.

## food drive

Harvest America Corporation, 212 E. 17th, needs non-perishable food, personal hygiene items and household supplies to distribute to low income, elderly and disabled people in Sherman County. Harvest America is also looking for a freezer. Bring donations to the office on Mondays or call 899-3878 for pick up.

## 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 Stoppers 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.

# obituaries

## Rex Megaffin

Rex K. Megaffin, 32, of Plainville, brother of Terry (Gail) Britt of Atwood, died Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2002, at his home in Plainville, following a long battle with cancer.

He was born Oct. 2, 1970, in Osborne, the son of Scott and Mildred (Pottberg) Megaffin. He graduated from Osborne High School in 1989 and attended Fort Hays State University. He married Lisa Wilkens on Jan. 8, 1994, in Osborne.

Mr. Megaffin enjoyed golfing, baseball, football and basketball. He was an assistant basketball coach for Osborne High School for two years and later coached his son’s baseball league in Plainville. He cheered for the Kansas City Chiefs and Kansas State Wildcats.

He farmed all his life with his father in Osborne until accepting the position of purchasing agent for Wilkens Manufacturing in Stockton.

Preceding him in death were two grandmothers and one grandfather.

Other survivors include his wife; three sons, Kade Scott Megaffin, Max Thomas Megaffin and Trae Kelly Megaffin, all of the home; his parents of Osborne; two sisters, Cheryl (Frank) Schmale of Garden City and Jodi (John) Cockerham of Osborne; and a grandfather and step-grandmother, Kenneth and Mary Pottberg.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, 2002, at the Faith Lu-

theran Church in Osborne with Pastor Ron Yarnell and Father Joseph Popelka officiating.

Cremation is planned, and inurnment will be in the Osborne Cemetery. A parish vigil will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Plainville with Father Joseph Popelka officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made for his sons’ education. The memorial book may be signed from noon-5 p.m. Friday at the Moore-Overlease Funeral Chapel, 409 S. Cochran, Plainville, Kan. 67663.

## Elmer Pianalto

Elmer Leo Pianalto, 72, of Smith Center, brother of Lester and John Pianalto and Marjorie Horinek of Atwood and Rita Antholz of McDonald, died Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2002, at his home in Smith Center.

He was born Feb. 5, 1930, at Tully, the son of George and Clara (Barenberg) Pianalto. He was a retired postmaster.

Mr. Pianalto graduated from Atwood High School. He was a Korean War veteran, serving in the Army from June 16, 1954, until he was honorably discharged on June 12, 1956.

He was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church of Smith Center, was a fourth degree in the Knights of Columbus and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

# Vendors successful at fairs



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Another busy weekend is over, and from some reports I’ve heard, it was a good one for most of the vendors at the craft fairs at both the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

I briefly stopped in at both of these places and, as usual, was amazed at the variety of items available for the public to view and buy.

It also gave me an opportunity to see and visit with some of our former patients from the office. It’s always nice to get a chance to chat with these people who were an important part of my daily routine for so many years.

These craft fairs certainly attract a lot of visitors from surrounding counties. With the low or flat economy, I’m sure the merchants downtown also noticed an increase in traffic in their places of business also.

Kansas’ economic outlook got another low blow with the announcement the plane industry in Wichita will be giving some 600 plus employees the “pink slips” after the first of the year.

With the sluggish economy, that wasn’t what anyone wanted, but it will happen due to the low sales on the planes they build.

An announcement from the state house also stated a larger shortfall of revenue will mean some more cuts from the budget, including aid to schools. I don’t know where this mess is going and when it will stop.

After hearing there was extra money in the budget earlier this year to now having these devastating shortfalls, I

wonder what happened to all that money. I’m glad I don’t have to account for this mess, but it certainly has a bad effect on all of us one way or another.

Among all these uneasy times, a little gaiety must enter. One such item was a friendship of many years continuing into the ladies’ retirement years. Former county employees Dorothy Fairbanks, Glenda Garrett, Sandy Filkens and Lucy Ackerman gathered at the Buffalo Inn recently to celebrate Lucy’s birthday and have an hour or so of fellowship. Happy belated birthday, Lucy.

They say bad things run in threes. It must be true, as the community has lost three more residents in the past week. Lawrence House, Darrel Rust and Waneta Middleton have all finished their journeys on earth.

I’ve known who they all were but knew Darrell the best. When we lived on 13th Street, his grandmother Mary Smith lived across the street from us. He was a frequent visitor there, and I watched him grow up.

He has been in ill health for a long time with a tumor, but his death was still a shock. To his family, the House family and the Middleton family, sincere sympathy to all as they have said farewell to their loved ones.

May they all know the Heavenly Father will be with them in these troubled times to come. May his peace be felt by one and all.

Isabelle Hellerud returned from Seekonk, Mass., where she spent time with her sister Leona Dermody and her family. She also visited with Mark Steinback at Providence, R.I., where he is an organ professor at Brown University. I think this man used to live here in Goodland, the son of a former Methodist minister.

Brandy Shearer, a daughter of the

Mr. Pianalto married Margerette Bernadine Baxendale on Oct. 8, 1960. She died June 16, 1963.

He married Mavis Brite on Jan. 4, 1964, in Colby.

Also preceding him in death were two brothers, Eugene and Charles; and three sisters, Lorene Bliss, Georgene Kohler and Agnes Faimon.

Other survivors include his wife; five sons, Gregory of Arlington, Wash., Christopher of Bucklin, Patrick of Heelesberg, Germany, George of Pearcey, Ark., and Dominic of Smith Center; a daughter, Leslie Dexter of Smith Center; three more brothers, Albert of Oman, Jordan, Frank of Edina, Mo., and Fred of Carlton, Minn.; four more sisters, Linda Lattanzi of Boulder, Colo., Shirley Price and Patricia Simoni, both of St. Louis, Mo., and Betty Golwas; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral mass will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, 2002, at the Smith Center St. Mary’s Catholic Church with Father Allen Scheer presiding.

Visitation will be from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday at Simmons Mortuary in Smith Center. A rosary service will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the church. Full military rites will be at the Fairview Cemetery in Smith Center by the Fort Riley Honorary Color Guard.

Memorials may be made to the church or the Srader Center in care of the funeral home, 116 W. First St., Smith Center, Kan. 66967.

late Myrna Shearer (Isabelle’s daughter) returned from a two-year teaching job in Japan. She spent a day visiting her grandmother, Isabelle, and uncle, Tom Hellerud, here in Goodland. She is in the process of moving to Portland, Ore.

Another granddaughter, Erica Shearer, has also returned from Japan and is now living in New York and working at an art studio. I remember the drawing she exhibited following her mother’s death a few years ago. She has a lot of artistic talent. Isabelle said she had a good time but, as usual, was glad to get back home.

Little Ashtin Joy was baptized Sunday, and I was a happy person to be included in the ceremony. She was a good baby and only scrunched her back up to her head when the water hit her head.

She just kept on sleeping through the ceremony and the rest of the service. Church services were followed by a luncheon, for the family and me, at the home of her grandmother, Nila Been. It was a joy to be included in an important part of Ashtin’s early life.

With no news from the hospital in the paper, it is hard to find out who is ill and needing medical care. The only two I know of are Linda Saint and Ron Barkley, who have both gone to Denver for further treatment for their problems. I wish them both the best and a speedy return to their homes here it town.

The last of the November birthdays are those of Claire Bowker on the 26th, Joslyn Acuff on the 29th and Gracia Maricle and Harriett Demaree on the 30th. Best wishes to them all and any others who may be having one also.

I tried to get this done a couple of times, but something always came up to stop me and leave it alone. So, here I’m finally getting it all put together and ready for the paper.

Take care early next week as the forecast is for colder weather with the possibility of snow by the weekend. See you next week.

# Pride of the Prairie Orchestra to open season in Colby

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will open its 22nd season with a concert entitled “We Celebrate the Season” at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24, in the Colby High School auditorium.

The orchestra comprises musicians from many northwest Kansas cities, including Goodland.

The orchestra will open the concert with beautiful classical melodies from the following composers: Vivaldi, Mozart, Strauss, and Dvorak. These numbers include “Concerto Grosso,” “Symphony in Gm,” “Artist’s Life,” and “Scherzo.”

The second half of the concert will feature Christmas selections to delight

the audience and help everyone begin to celebrate the approaching Christmas season.

The final selection will be the famous piano piece “Clair de Lune,” by Debussy, and Sharon Kriss will be the featured piano soloist.

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra is under the able baton of Juliann Groom who is the Colby High School Band Director.

The orchestra was organized 22 years ago by a group of musicians interested in providing a cultural outlet for performers as well as audiences in the area.

Every Monday evening, musicians

with varying backgrounds and ages have gathered to practice and combine their musical talents into a special volunteer orchestra.

Musicians travel to Colby from a wide area. These concerts bring a quality of life to northwest Kansas and an element of culture that is often lacking in much larger communities.

Persons who will be participating in the November concert are: Bruce Burfield, Donna Engel, Sadie Gleason, Kathy Spencer, Jan Wolf, Kathy Briney, David Younger, Quincie Hammond, Sharon Kriss, Amy Bosomworth, Peggy Carbinha, Robin Dowis, Sharon Steele, Tess Baumfalk,

against Glenn Johnson, disorderly conduct against Winston and Johnson, failure to report an accident and having no insurance after driving through a fence at Kamper’s Trailer Park and hitting the building at Miller’s Electronics.

**Nov. 11** — Victor S. King reported a burglary and the theft of 600 CD’s, valued at \$8,000, at 1510 Broadway.

The school district was the victim of \$50 criminal damage to a window at Grant Junior High, 11th and Montana.

Tina C. Ray was arrested for shoplifting a \$20 DVD at Wal-Mart.

**Nov. 12** — Christopher J. Gary reported the theft of \$62 worth of medication at 718 Eustis.

**Nov. 13** — McB’s Motor was the victim of a burglary and the theft of a \$350 scanner from a tow truck at 421 E. 17th.

**Nov. 15** — Ronnie D. Musil reported a burglary and the theft of a \$150 skill saw at 915 College.

Dawn Smotherman was arrested for battery and disorderly conduct against Richard Smotherman, and he was arrested for battery and disorderly conduct against her and battery of a law enforcement officer against Dave Becker at 2810 Commerce Rd.

S&T Telephone Co-op Association was the victim of \$50 criminal damage to a window at 1405 Main.

**Nov. 18** — Weis Oil was the victim of burglary, criminal damage and theft. Several items were taken from a truck, and a truck mirror and a fire extinguisher were damaged, total value of \$589, at 104 W. 19th.

Harry Potter & The Chamber of Secrets (PG): Scary moments; some creature violence; mild language

Nightly 7:00

# EXTREME BBQ

Saturday, November 23 through Wednesday, Noon November 27

• Ribs • Briskets • Pork • Sausage Links • Sandwiches • Dinners • Family Packs • Smoked Turkeys or Ham with sides

Place your order for Thanksgiving Smoked Turkey or Ham

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