

Sweets for your sweetie



Julia Thompson (right) the mother of Big Brothers Big Sisters director Sarah Thompson and Brenda Linin showcase sweet treats to Nora Garcia Saturday during the Big Brothers Big Sisters silent auction. Julia and Sarah Thompson made most of the goodies. Photo by Ramona C. Sanders/The Goodland Star-News

Santa makes entrance at Christmas parade

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a Christmas tree auction with trees donated and decorated by area businesses, families and service groups. Real estate agent Terry Richardson served as auctioneer.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Director Sarah Thompson said the fund-raising event raised more than \$1,500.

Tara Pope, was named "Miss Merry Christmas" by collecting \$49 in her jar at the Goodland Public

Library, Thompson said, and Trent Coon, was named "Mr. Saint Nick" by raising \$28.

Thompson said the auction was a great way to serve the children in the community by providing lasting friendships.

"We would like to thank all those that donated and decorated a tree... and all those who came out to the event to support Big Brothers Big Sisters," Thompson said.

Red Cross seeks donors for Nov. 28 blood drive

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Holiday giving doesn't always have to come with wrapping paper and a bow.

The American Red Cross is asking every one to give "the gift of life" by donating blood. Each unit given can save up to three lives, said Luella Richardson with the American Red Cross Goodland office.

The Goodland Community Blood Drive will be from noon to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 28, at the Elks Lodge, 1523 Arcade. Make an appointment may by calling (800) GIVE LIFE or (800) 448-3543. "November is the month when we

take time to remember the blessings in our lives," Richardson said. "One of the greatest gifts you can give is the gift of life, and it can be one of the easiest gifts to share."

Richardson said it takes about 90 minutes to give blood and the process can be simple and easy. And, she said, fear of needles shouldn't stop you.

"If you are afraid of needles, don't worry," Richardson said. "The needle insert only feels like a pinch and most people feel no discomfort during the rest of the donation."

"Wouldn't you let someone pinch you if it mean you could save a life?"

Man's dream burns as fire destroys shop

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tools and 15 years of a hunting business.

Murray had just moved his office, his hunting equipment and supplies, and other memorabilia into the same building where he kept his farming tools.

"I lost everything," he said. "My guns — some had belonged to my grandfather, my uncle, the dog training equipment, dog trailer, even my hunting clothes and shoes. I lost it all."

Among the items which can probably never be replaced is a photo of the dog they use on all of their fliers and a jacket he had received when he took first and second both at the National Championship of the Upland Classic Series, a hunting competition.

He wore it everywhere, his wife Sandi Murray said, he was so proud of that jacket. He kind of lost his identity, she said, by losing all his hunting stuff. He doesn't even have a dog leash.

But then Murray could have lost his life as well. He was in the other side of the shop when the fire began,

Mrs. Murray said, and it was tricky getting out with the smoke and everything. She said they don't know what caused the fire. Her husband didn't hear anything explode or anything, she said.

The fire spread north to the acres of grasslands where Murray takes hunters to shoot pheasants, quail and chukkers. And, in those acres, he trained dogs for himself as well as for other hunters. He lost 200 to 300 pheasants he used for training, his wife said.

The Murrays were going to use the remodeled area in the building for a clubhouse where family, friends and hunters could come, relax and watch a big screen television. They had even installed a kitchen to entertain those visiting.

Sunday evening, Mr. Murray said he hadn't slept since Thursday morning and he was tired. He didn't know what they were going to do.

"Maybe I should just call it quits," he said.

Family and friends had helped clean up the remains, the couple said. However, it wasn't just the people around the area helping. Hunting friends from Denver had

stopped by Holyoke, Colo., to pick up and bring a dog trailer for him to use. Someone brought a shotgun.

The Murrays know a lot of people, having been involved with the dogs and hunters in state and national events. They began receiving phone calls from coast to coast. A hunter who was supposed to come this week called. When he found out about the fire, he said he was coming anyway just to help.

A New Mexico man arrived Sunday. He said he was hunting in South Dakota when he heard about the fire, and told Rex that he just packed up his stuff and came down to help.

It really meant a lot that people did that, Mrs. Murray said, that what Rex does has touched so many lives.

The Murrays, along with children Crystal and Ryan, bring in hunters from all over the United States. Mr. Murray also raised and sold Vizsla dogs and trained his dogs and other breeds to hunt. He had dogs lined up to train for months in advance, his wife said.

The business had started as a hobby. Murray said he had always

loved to hunt and dogs respected him as much as he did the dogs. Dogs knew him years after he had trained them.

He developed Ringneck Country, a state-licensed controlled shooting area featuring over 7,900 acres of upland game hunting. Murray said hunters can go after native birds or controlled hunts with pen-raised birds.

Hunters arrive regularly to hunt the game. Pheasants wait in hatches, waiting to be released for a hunt. Often, they bring a dog or two to be trained. The reserve features pheasant, quail and chukker. Murray said they mow the fields and plant feed to make sure the birds have a good habitat. He also holds hunting competitions on his property three time each year.

It took over three hours for firemen from Goodland, Bird City and St. Francis to put out the fire. A strong south wind hampered volunteers as they fought at least three miles of fire which burned grass, corn stalks and wheat stubble. Farmers arrived with disks and tractors to help control the flames.

College breaks ground on dormitory complex

By Kevin Johnson

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Colby Community College planned to break ground Monday for a 160-bed dormitory complex, with board members donning hard hats and wielding gold shovels to do a bit of ceremonial digging to kick off construction.

The \$4.5 million project would be east of the agriculture building and north of the maintenance building on College Drive. Student Suites, a student housing development firm out of Blue Springs, Mo., will plan and build the dorms. The firm, which has built dorms for Barton County and Cloud County Community colleges in Kansas, was the only one that would guarantee completion by fall, college officials said.

"Student Suites will facilitate the whole construction of the project," said Dr. Lynn Kreider, college president. "They will do everything from Internet and cable connections right down to the furnishing, so that when we open in July 2008, we will be ready to go."

The dormitory project had been a long time in coming. A similar proposal was voted down by taxpayers in an April election as part of a bond package which included a \$20 million Wellness Center. The project under way will be financed in total by revenue bonds through Piper Jaffray, an investment banking firm which will begin selling the bonds this month, without any cost

to taxpayers.

"Piper Jaffray will solicit and sell the bonds themselves," said Dr. Kreider, adding that payout will begin in May 2009 using student fees over 30 years, "and there is no penalty for paying off early, which is what we hope to do."

"This will not be a tax burden, since it will be funded with revenues from the students living there," college Trustee Kenton Krehbiel said. "It will be an enhancement in making the college grow."

When asked what would happen if the new dorms wouldn't fill, Dr. Kreider said he just doesn't believe that will be a problem with the boards previous approval of a plan to work with Archimedes International Group to bring in more foreign students.

"I think we can successfully recruit international students for the next several years," he said. "Community colleges have not actively recruited these students like the four-year institutions have done, but many groups are beginning to realize what a bargain community college offers when compared to the four-year schools."

College board members say they see the new dormitory as a catalyst toward growth.

"We can't wait any longer (for this dormitory)," said Skip Sharp, vice-president of student affairs. "This project is a risk we have to take in bringing more students to Colby," added Krehbiel.

Brewster All-Star Booster Club

Calendar for Nov.

Wednesday to Friday: No school for Thanksgiving.
Monday: 3:45 p.m., junior high scholars bowl at Grinnell
Tuesday: 3 p.m., junior high basketball vs. Weskan at Weskan. 4 p.m., high school scholars bowl at Tribune.



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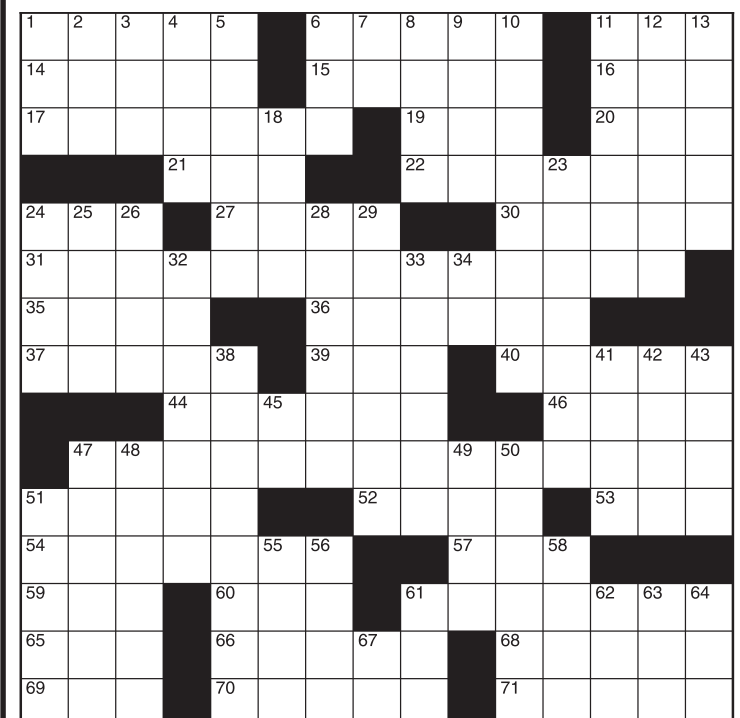
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 11. Rainbow effect
 14. A person who comes from a foreign country
 15. Physically weak
 16. Cologne
 17. Markedly new or different
 19. Point midway between S and SE
 20. Package (abbr.)
 21. Distilled from fermented molasses
 22. Something wrapped together
 24. Insecticide
 27. Civil rights leader Parks
 30. Strength of a solution
 31. 1st Lady peace activist
 35. Muslim women's garment
 36. Slanting typeface
 37. Henry __, founded SPCA
 39. Cambodian dictator Pot
 40. Arid South American plain
 44. A citizen of Yemen
 46. Enough (archaic)
 47. NY Senator elected in 2000
 51. Speed competitions
 52. Dinornis giganteus
 53. Belonging to a thing
 54. Getting up
 57. One of 52 across
 59. No (Scottish)
 60. Born of
 61. Leporid mammals
 65. Tax collector
 66. Fate
 68. Absiemens' inverse
 69. Intent on
 70. European nation
 71. Lassoed
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Glass vessel
 2. __n Alda: actor
 3. Halfway
 4. Golda __, Israeli Prime Minister
 5. Unwind a spiral
 6. Ball playing teams association
 7. Trauma center
 8. Coarse file
 9. Passport endorsement
 10. Appliance current
 11. Money returned to a payor
 12. Annoy constantly
 13. Leonhard __, Swiss mathematician
 18. Hokkianese
 23. Food preparation room
 24. Negligible amount
 25. A light fitful sleep
 26. Czar
 28. Concealed sharpshooter
 29. Word that expresses opposing concept
 32. Diamond pattern weaves
 33. Tri-colored cat
 34. Aluminum
 38. Scandinavian capital
 41. Opposed to
 42. Genus Fulica
 43. Has title to
 45. One thousandth of an ampere
 47. Capital of Zimbabwe
 48. Frostiest
 49. Tibetan priest
 50. Line on a weather map
 51. Wife of a rajah
 55. Tidy
 56. East German town
 58. __tt and Costello
 61. Beam of light
 62. Mischievous child
 63. Definitive article
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