

patient news

The family of **Doug Loomis** is requesting cards be sent to him at Rose Medical Center, Intensive Care Unit Room 10, 4567 E. 9th, Denver, Colo. 80220. He has been there for three months following heart surgery.

**Eileen Krayca** was in the hospital for testing and is now at her daughter's and would like to hear from people. Send cards for her to Patricia Bunny, 430 Park Avenue, Eaton, Colo. 80615.

elks blue star flags

If you have a **son or daughter or grandson or granddaughter serving in the military** the Goodland Elks Lodge would like to present to you a Blue Star Flag for your window or door. Call secretary of the lodge Zona Price at (785) 890-6251 or write to the lodge at Box 146, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

activities

**Tours of the 1907 Victorian House** at 202 W. 13th are from **1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Monday.**

The **High Plains Museum**, 1717 Cherry Ave., is open from **9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.**

The **Carnegie Arts Center** is open from **10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday** at 120 W. 12th. The center is always in need of host and hostesses from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sundays. Once again the center will have its Christmas Shop selling Christmas ornaments, woodwork, paintings, jewelry, organic doggie treats made by local artists. New are original satin ornaments with feather nut florals, AlBo glass ornaments, original Santa icicle ornaments and homemade goodies. Also available are locally authored books and CD's, hand-crocheted afghans, hand-knitted baby clothes, original jewelry, pottery and cards.

The **Goodland Public Library** is open from **10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.** Story hour for preschool children ages 3 to 5 is Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. or Wednesdays 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. or Thursdays 10 to 11 a.m. Born to Read for children ages 0 to 3 is on Fridays 10 to 10:30 a.m. Children need to be accompanied by a parent or caregiver for the Born to Read group. For information call Marcy Melia at (785) 899-5461.

**Prairie Piecemakers Quilt Guild** will meet at **6 p.m. the second Thursday** of each month at Wheatridge Acres in Goodland. The Piecemakers will have open sewing from 8 to 11 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of the month at Wheatridge. For information call Cora House at 899-2619, Joan Reid at 890-7301.

**Big Brothers/Big Sisters** of Sherman County is seeking mentors and children to mentor. Call 890-3665.

**Goodland Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)** will meet from **6 to 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month** at the First Christian Church, Eighth and Arcade.

**Diabetes Support Group** meets at **4 p.m. the last Tuesday** of each month in the large board room at Goodland Regional Medical Center. Patients, family and friends meet each month for a speaker and educational program. Call Sarah Linton at 890-6044.

**Breast Cancer Support Group** meets at **5:30 p.m. the second Monday** of the month. Any woman with cancer is welcome. Call Cheryl at 890-5528 for more information.

**Emotions Anonymous** meets at **7:30 p.m. Wednesdays** at the Goodland Regional Medical Center board room.

**Aerobics Classes - 5:30 a.m.** aerobics classes are offered **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** at the Goodland Activities Center. 5:30 p.m. aerobics classes are offered

the calendar

calendar

On **Saturday** there will be a **benefit soup lunch and dinner** at 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 7th and Caldwell, for Tom Hellerud. Hellerud has been battling cancer. Chili, chicken noodle soup, beef stew and potato soup will be served. There will also be a pie and bake sale. Adults are \$6 and children under 12 \$3. For information or delivery call (785) 821-2996, 899-8495 or 821-4903.

The **free Holiday Matinees at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday** will be "Space Chimps" at the Sherman Theatre, 1203 Main. "Kung Fu Panda" will show on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6 and 7.

**Prairie Land Food sign up** will be until **Monday, Dec. 8.** Distribution is from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 20, at the Goodland Elks Lodge back door. Anyone

interested in seeing the food may stop in on distribution day.

A **Senior Health Insurance Counselor of Kansas** will be at the Goodland Public Library on **Monday to Friday** to help Medicare patients enroll in a new drug plan. Call (785) 890-5908 or (785) 821-1626 to set up an appointment.

The **Annual Christmas Home Tour and Open House** by the Carnegie Arts Center will be from 1 to 4 p.m. on **Sunday, Dec. 7.** Homes on tour will be Brian and Victoria Freeman, Gregory and Dennie Sorwell and J.D. and Jan Wilson. There will also be an open house and bake sale at the center. Tickets are \$15 and \$12 for members.

**Sherman County Kansans for Life** will meet at 6:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, Dec. 16,** at the Rock House.

**senior menu Thanksgiving and Friday:**

No meal. **Monday:** Pasta, beef and tomato casserole, tossed salad, corn, bread and mandarin oranges. **Tuesday:** Swiss steak, scalloped potatoes, peas, bread and rosy pears.

school menu

**Wednesday to Friday:** No school. **Monday:** Corn dog, baked beans, pickle spear, mandarin oranges and pineapple and milk. **Tuesday:** Chicken patty sandwich, seasoned potato wedges, lettuce, pickle, apple half and milk.

school calendar

**Thursday and Friday:** Thanksgiving vacation. **Monday:** Black day. **Tuesday:** Gold day. 3 p.m., high school scholar's bowl at Tribune. 3:30 p.m., eighth grade basketball at Scott City and seventh grade basketball against Scott City. Family, Community and Career Leaders of America state officer meeting in Hesston.

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Call 890-7242. The center is open from 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and 1-5 p.m. Sundays.

**Goodland Alcoholics Anonymous** meets at **8 p.m. Monday,** closed meeting, **Wednesday,** the book meeting, **and Saturday,** an open meeting, at 1013 Center. For Alcoholics Anonymous, call Rob at 890-3023 or Linda at 399-2353.

**Goodland Al-Anon Serenity Seekers** group meets at **5:30 on Wednesdays** at 1013 Center. For information call Cheryl at 890-3023.

The "Freedom Today" group of **Narcotics Anonymous** meets at **8 p.m. Tuesdays and 8 p.m. Fridays** at 1013 Center. Call 890-8369.

**Bird City Alcoholics Anonymous** group meets at **6:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Fridays** at the Senior Center on 4th Street. **Narcotics Anonymous** meets at **6:30 (Mountain Time) on Tuesdays** at the Senior Center. Call (785) 734-2734 for more information.

**Stratton "AA by the Book" Alcoholics Anonymous** group meets at **7 p.m. Thursdays** for a beginners open meeting. Families and young people welcome. Call (719) 348-5398 for men and (719) 346-8553 for women. On U.S. Highway 24 go to Statton and it is the second house on the left, 513 Iola Street.

**Fibromyalgia and Chronic Myofascial Pain Support Group** meets from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the third Wednesday** of every month in the Emergency Medical Services building, 257 15th St., in Burlington. Call Debbie at 719-346-4612.

area events

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum, 110 W. Main, Logan will have a four-day **painting workshop** with pastel artist Kaye Franklin from Tuesday to Saturday, Dec. 2 to 6. Instruction will be on the use of oils and pastels on various subject matter.

The **Colby Christmas Homes Tour** will be from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7. Homes included are the Lon Frahm's Carriage House and Pond Retreat, 18 Cottonwood Drive; Janice and Lynn Kreider, 670 N. Grant, Ave.; Tanya and Brian Staats, 5 Cottonwood Drive; and Judi and Jim Withers, 430 W. 4th.

**Prairie Museum of Art and History**, 1905 S. Franklin, in Colby is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

memorial field

The Goodland Baseball Club is planning to install sod and a sprinkler system for the infield at Memorial Field. The group also is interested in planting a windbreak

around the field. They are accepting donations for this project. For questions, call Roxann Kling at (785) 899-5011, John Dautel at 899-3444, Gary Smith at 899-6166 or any other Goodland Baseball Club member.

health department

The Sherman County Health Department at 1622 Broadway is open from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Blood pressures; infants', children's and adult's immunizations; health assessments for Kan Be Healthy, daycare and school entry; fasting blood sugar and hemoglobin; and family planning available by appointment. Sharps containers are available free. Call 890-4888. WIC program available.

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

**Water Testing** — The Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group does well evaluations, including testing for bacteria and nitrates. To schedule an evaluation or discuss environmental concerns, call the Health Department at 890-4888.

hospital volunteers

Gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; a.m. and p.m. volunteers are in the gift shop.

**Monday:** Debbie Lucas, morning and Mazie Sutton, courtesy. **Tuesday:** Anita Coleman, a.m., Shelby Miller, p.m. and Emma VanVleet, courtesy. **Wednesday:** Connie Soellner, a.m., Jo Simmons, p.m. and Sutton, courtesy.

cell phone drive

Save a Life-Give a Phone collects used cell phones and refurbishes them to provide 911 access for domestic violence victims locally and nationwide, including all YWCA Domestic Violence Shelters. Phones are also provided to the elderly and others in need of an emergency cell phone. The group has a drop-off point at American Communications, 726 W. Business U.S. 24. Call Jeannie Topliff at 899-2426.

thrift store

Anyone wanting to donate to the Goodland Churches Thrift Shop should call 899-2007 to arrange to meet by the door in the alley and take donations directly from the car to the warehouse.

early head start

Early Head Start is a state funded program for income eligible families with prenatal mothers and children up to three. Families participate in a variety of educational activities and receive free medical and dental care.

Services include special needs of children with disabilities. If you have a family member with a special problem, such as drug or alcohol

abuse, job loss or other family crisis, your family can qualify. Call 785-672-3125, ext. 187.

preschool

Sherman County Head Start is a free preschool for eligible 3 and 4 year olds. The federally funded program is targeted to families who meet certain economic guidelines and provides hearing, vision, dental and educational screenings. Nutritious meals are served, and parents are encouraged to get involved in their children's education.

Families interested in having their child in the program should call Carrie Starns at 890-2552 or go to Sherman County Head Start, 823 W. 11th.

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 Domestic and Sexual Violence Services provides help day or night to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available in Hays. Support group for women's domestic violence victims/survivors is from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Central Time on Wednesdays; a men's domestic violence victims/survivors support group from noon to 1 p.m. Central Time Tuesdays; and a youth support group is available by appointment. A sexual violence victims/survivors support group in Hays and a domestic violence support group to meet in Colby are being formed. If interested in joining or for information or help, call (800) 794-4624. In the Colby area, call (785) 443-1130 ask for Becky. For time and location of youth support group, ask for Jennifer Follis.

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 890-4570. Interested in adopting a pet? Call the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter at 821-4142 or 821-4146.

Couple to wed in May in Colby

Courtney Haeffner and Lance Goodman, both of Goodland, plan to marry Saturday, May 23, 2009, at the Wesleyan Church of Colby with Pastor Gene Rothfuss officiating.

Her parents are Rick and Gina Haeffner of Colby formerly of Goodland and her grandparents are Rod and Donna Haeffner of Goodland and Trent and Sharon Blythe of Stillwell, Okla. formerly of Goodland. Her great-grandmother is Lila Gotchall of Goodland.

His parents are Steve Goodman and Vickie Crotinger, both of Goodland, and his grandparents are R. D. and Jean Russell of Goodland and Fred and Nadine Goodman of Ness City.

The bride elect is a 2003 graduate of Colby High School and 2004 Northwest Kansas Technical College with a business degree. She works at Vision Source of Goodland.

The groom to be is a 2002 graduate of Goodland High School and a November graduate of Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center of Hutchinson. He is a sheriff's deputy for the Sherman County Sheriff Office.



Haeffner and Goodman

Use creative ideas to market business

As Christmas approaches, think of creative ways to market to holiday shoppers. You could offer a wish list service. Let customers register for gift items they would like to receive to make gift buying easier for their family and friends. You could also create gift packages. Put various lotions and soaps in a pretty basket, add a soothing candle, then top with a bow. Another idea is to use food items: pasta, bread, a jar of sauce, parmesan cheese, everything you need for a nice Italian dinner. Put a movie and microwave popcorn in a cute popcorn bowl. This idea could also work for a service. Offer a gift basket with hair care products and a gift certificate for a haircut and a style. The ideas are limitless. For a

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finishing touch, attach a candy cane, mistletoe, or some festive holly. Be creative and make the holidays merry for your customers and your business.

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Christmas concert for area band in Oberlin

A Christmas Concert will be presented at 6 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Decatur Community High School Auditorium in Oberlin featuring the Oberlin Area Concert Band.

The opening act will feature Joel Shaw, guitar, and Lonnie McEvoy, harmonica.

Band members are from Oberlin, Danbury, Atwood and McCook. The band will feature the vocal quartet of Mirla Coleman, soprano; Susan Nelson, alto; Jim Buchholz, tenor; and Robert Rouse, bass.

Instrumental soloists are Joan

Glading, saxophone; Donnie McCorkle, French horn, and Lonnie Weyeneth, trumpet.

The show will include patriotic, sacred and Christmas music from serious to fun.

The band is under the direction of Neal Russell.

This is an Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission season ticket event or admission is \$10 for adults, and \$5 for students grades 1-12 at the door.

For details, call Ella Betts (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel (785) 470-0218.

auxiliary

Winners in the Ninth District Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen contests sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary have been announced. The Voice of Democracy contest is a three to five minute speech on this year's theme of "Sacrifice and Service by America's Veteran's benefits Today's Youth By ...." This contest was open to students in grades from nine to 12. On the local level Devin Mangus placed second and Brennen Clouse placed first.

Brennen Clouse, sponsored by Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 1133 also placed first at the district level in the Voice of Democracy contest. Second place was Kaley Goetz from Victoria and third place was Kinsey

Bellemy from Sharon Springs. Brennen's speech will now go to the state level. If he wins at that level, he is eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship and a trip to Washington, D. C.

Patriot's Pen is a 300 to 500 word essay by students in grades six to nine. The district winner was William Allen from Brewster sponsored by the Colby Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary. Second place went to Shelby Steward sponsored by Hill City and third place went to Libby Schneider sponsored Stockton.

On the local level in Goodland, Drew Dautel placed first in Patriot's Pen. Carly McCracken placed second and Tanner Jones placed third.

Jo Ann Wahrman

Baby born in Colby

Coletin Schritter was born on Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2008, at Citizens Medical Center of Colby. He weighed 6 pounds 11 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

His mother is Melissa Schritter of Colby and grandparents are Wanda Schritter of Goodland and Neil Schritter of Kanorado.

**Sending Our Prayers**

Everyone at The Goodland Star-News wishes Dale Shields a quick recovery! Get better quickly, Dale!

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