

# Man's friends hold benefit dinner

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Organizers called it the community giving back to someone who has given so much to them.

A soup lunch and dinner and bake sale were held Saturday at the Knights of Columbus to benefit Tom Hellerud, a nurse practitioner who is undergoing treatment for colon cancer.

"Tom is embarrassed that he's in the position to need help," said Tammy Cloyd, a friend who helped plan and carry out the benefit. "But we never know when it will be us."

And Hellerud has been there to help so many others when they needed it, she said.

"I've seen him take money out of his own pocket to pay for prescriptions for people who couldn't afford it," she said. "He made house calls for people who couldn't get out."

"He's taken care of my family; now I'm trying to take care of him."

Hellerud had a rough day Friday, she said, but was feeling better Saturday. He thought about coming to the benefit, she said, but was too embarrassed about needing help. He will be getting more treatment soon, she said, if he's strong enough and will have surgery when an infection is cleared up so he can.

In the meantime, his friends are trying to raise money to pay for it.

"Tom's been our friend for more than 30 years," Cloyd said, "and has done a lot for the community. We wanted to do something for him."

And others were generous, she said, adding that when they asked for baked goods, many were provided and people offered to help.

It was like wildfire, said Marta Ketler, another friend who helped; that's what small towns are all about, helping people. He needs to know he has a lot of friends, she said, adding that some who helped had come in at 8 a.m. and were still



Jan McClelland (front) and Jamie Baker stirred the soup at the dinner held to benefit Tom Hellerud Saturday. Friends were at the Knights of Columbus hall all day for the lunch, dinner and bake sale to raise money to help with Hellerud's cancer treatments. Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

there after 7 p.m.

Others pointed out that the only time Kettle left was to make more soup when they ran out.

"We had a good turn out and a lot of good help," said Joe Ginn, another friend.

People donated money far beyond what it took to pay for their food and things they bought, Cloyd said; one woman who ordered food

to go gave \$100. They estimated over 350 people had eaten.

The benefit started with Kettle, Cloyd and Ginn and then got help from Luke Gibble, Connie Waldman, Jamie Baker, Pat Leiker, Avis Alcorn, Elda Blake, Jan McClelland and Randy Raile.

Edith Blume, manager at Presto convenience store, donated paper goods, Cara Short made crafts

and Mary Callahan put up posters around town to advertise the event.

The group plans to help with the Methodist Church's spaghetti dinner to benefit Hellerud in January and has boxes in businesses around town to collect donations. The dinner will probably be around the first of the year, Cloyd said, after the holidays are over.

# Family wrecks on ice on I-70

A four-door Ford pickup pulling a U-Haul trailer driven by Iris Clemons, 46, of Goodland lost control on ice and went into the median and struck a guardrail at milepost 21.2 westbound on I-70 at 7 a.m. on Friday. She was wearing a seat belt. Kurt Clemons, 39, a passenger

was wearing a seat belt and was not injured. Another passenger Ethan Clemons, 10, was taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center and released. He was not wearing a seat belt.

Kansas Highway Patrol Trooper Eric Hodges covered the accident.

# Goodland woman elected to state board

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A Goodland Regional Medical Center board of trustees member was elected to the state hospital association board in November.

Brenda McCants, member of the Goodland board and former director of marketing and volunteer services at the hospital, was elected to a one-year term on the Kansas Hospital Association Board of Directors. The election took place during the association's annual meeting on Monday, Nov. 20, in Overland Park.



McCants

"I was honored to be chosen," McCants said — "it was mostly hospital CEOs and physicians who voted."

McCants said she will represent all of western Kansas, replacing Sheila Frahm of Colby who resigned for the board of Citizen's Medical Center in Colby and from the state board.

"I think it's advantageous out here

in western Kansas to know the person we can contact if we have issues to address," McCants said.

After serving the one-year term, McCants may be offered a three-year term on the board. She will begin attending meetings in January and has been asked to join a delegation going to Washington D.C.

The 21-member board oversees the organization's strategic activities and meets at least five times a year.

The board's vision is an organization of hospitals working together to improve access, quality and the affordability of health care for all Kansans, and its mission is to be the voice and resource for community-based hospitals by meeting member needs for advocacy and service.

The association is a not-for-profit association of health care providers that are committed to the health improvement of their communities. Membership include 184 125 full-service community hospitals. The group was founded in 1910.

# Hospital board plans three meetings

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The Goodland Regional Medical Center board has scheduled two extra meetings in December to plan for the coming year as well as its regular board meeting, and one of those meetings will determine the process for evaluating the hospital's administrator.

The board will meet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 8, to work on the hospital's strategic plan for 2009 and at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 15, for its budget review. The board's regular meeting will be 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 22.

The board's professional committee met, said Patty Eckhardt, member of the committee, at the board's regular meeting Monday, Nov. 24, and is looking at changing the process for Administrator Jay Jolly's evaluation. The committee is

thinking the whole process for doing evaluations needs to be changed, she said.

After the strategic planning meeting, she said, the committee will base Jolly's evaluation on the strategic plan for next year. She suggested Dec. 8th or 9th might be a good time for the meeting and asked if the board wants to have the budget review at the same time.

Chief Financial Officer Jim Precht said he still has some departments to work with on the budget and after that needs to meet with Jolly before the budget can be completed. He felt he wouldn't be ready by the 9th, so the board planned the budget review for the following week.

## corrections

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# Colby school board to hire interim principal

The Colby School Board was to hold a special meeting Monday night at the district office, 600 W. Third St., to hire an interim high school principal and take final action on the departing principal.

According to the board agenda final, action would be take to terminate the contract of former Principal Rocky Robbins, who

was relieved of his duties at a special board meeting on Nov. 13. At that time, the board cited its reason for termination as:

- "Unprofessional conduct, including engaging in acts of moral turpitude."
- "Conduct unbecoming a school administrator, including dishonesty with the superintendent and board..."

"Mr. Robbins has betrayed the trust and confidence of the board, engaged in unprofessional conduct and is not an appropriate role model."

Robbins had been with the district since July 1, 2005.

High School Activities Director Larry Gabel has been acting as

interim principal until the board could find a replacement.

On Monday night, after finalizing Robbins termination, the board was expected to name a new principal.

Much of the meeting could be in closed session because it involves personnel, though actual votes must be done in open session.

## HOMESTEAD REALTY & AUCTION ANNUAL FALL CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

Saturday, December 6th starting at 9:30 MST

Location: Homestead Auction Lot, East Highway 24, Goodland, KS. (1/2 mile North of Exit 19 on I-70) Partial list only. Check [www.goodlandhomestead.com](http://www.goodlandhomestead.com) for pictures and daily updates!

**TRACTORS, LOADERS, SPRAYERS:** 2004 JD 4710, 90' self leveling booms, 800 gal poly tank, trimble easy steer, 2750 hrs, maintenance records available; 1994 Case IH 9250 tractor, 3pt, pto, power shift, 18.4 x 42 tires, 7000 hrs; JD 4020, 3pt, 18.4 x 34 singles; IH 1586, 3pt, 18.4 x 32 singles, Leon loader W/graphel fork; 2002 New Holland LS 170 skid loader, high flow hyds; Bobcat T-190 skid loader W/tracks; Cat 910 payload W/Tink dump bucket; 1974 Cat 922 payloader, 2 yd bucket; 1984 Clark 55c payloader, 3 yd bucket; 1980 Ford A66 payloader, 3 yd bucket; Heyster 9000XL forklift, rough terrain, new brakes; Liftall 8000lb rough terrain forklift; Champ 6000lb rough terrain forklift; Case 930 diesel, 3pt, pto, 2 hyds, cab; 1944 Farnall H, inframe OH, narrow front; 1940 MM-U w/loader, runs good **TRUCKS, TRAILERS:** 1990 IH 70 bulk fuel truck, 2200 gal, 5 compartments, 6cyl turbo diesel, 63,000 miles; 1997 Freightliner, Cummins diesel, W/Simon Electric pull box, only 56,000 miles; 1992 Mac truck W/1996 Supreme 1200 mixer box, reconditioned, W/scales; 1973 GMC 6500 tandem, twinscrew, 5&4, 427 motor, 20' box & twin hoist, RO tarp, 54,000 original miles; 1966 GMC, 16' box & hoist, 4 & 2 trans, 8:25 tires, runs good; Ford F-600 single axle truck W/1600 gal water tank, transfer pump, runs good; 1979 Ford LN 800; 1974 Chevy 1 ton, dump bed; 1964 GMC 7500 Fire truck, gas, V-6, good pump; 1953 Chevy 6400, 14' box & hoist; 1965 IH single axle, 4&2, V-6, 16' box & hoist, drill fill auger; 1985 C-60 Chevy, crew cab, 427 motor, 5&2, 22.5 tires; 1969 Tempte 40' grain trailer, converted 9 hole hopper, 10:00x20 tires, RO tarp; 6 X 12 Cargo trailer; Combine header trailer; Tandem converter dolly trailer; WW 6x16 bumper pull covered top stock trailer, new tires, paint, good floor. 20' - 3 axle steel bp trailer **ATV'S:** 2008 250cc 4-wheeler; 2008 150cc 4-wheeler; 2008 110cc 4-wheeler; Yamaha 175cc 3 wheeler; Yamaha 100cc motorcycle, no title **VEHICLES:** 2000 Ford F250 4x4 diesel, crew cab, auto trans; 1993 Ford F150 4x4, 5sp, 300 motor; 1997 Nissan 4x4, extended cab, 5sp; 1976 Ford 1 ton dually, auto, FB, 30,000 on 460 motor; 1987 Chevy 4x4 pu, 350, trans need work; 1984 Chevy crew cab, dually, 454 motor; 1996 Ford ranger, step side, 5sp **VEHICLES FROM ALEX'S RADIATOR:** 1989 Chevy S 10; 1991 Ford Taurus; 1989 Nissan pickup; 1982 Oldsmobile Cutlass; 1998 Dodge Caravan; 1991 Chevy Astro; 1995 Nissan Maxima; 1993 Subaru Legacy; 1995 GMC Suburban; 1993 Buick Skylark; 1992 Buick LaSabre; 1994 Chevy S-10; 1996 Buick Roadmaster; 1996 Pontiac GrandAm; 1991 Mazda B 2200 pickup **EQUIPMENT:** Orthman 8 row bedder W/Orthman ditchers, stabilizer wheels; Orthman 8 row bedder; JD 853 Crop head W/sunflower shields on side & back; Farnhand 1140 loader W/graphel forks, Case IH 7140 mountings; Noble 7x5 sweep W/pickers; JD 220 18' tandem disc; Krause 1950 - 30' tandem disc; Golden Plains 750 gal tow between 3pt caddy; Case IH 8460 round baler, good cond; IH 580 tandem axle manure spreader; 20' 3pt NH3 applicator, like new; JD model 100 - 18' chisel; IH 800 Cyclo pull planter, all boxes, monitor; 8 row subsoiler, on 2 - 7x7 bars; Speed King 6' x 60' auger, gas motor; Hutchinson grain cleaner W/wheat screens.; 2-Schafer 16' oneways; 7 Shank ripper; Overhead carrier; NH 276 square baler, excellent condition; Square bale loader; 5' 3pt mower; 5" pull mower **MISCELLANEOUS:** Regency business band radios, 2 mobiles & 1 base; Murray garden tractor W/new 22hp Kohler motor; 25K generator W/Ford 300 motor; Lenan Corporation waste oil shop heater model H590; Sportsman full pickup topper, off 89 GMC; Agri-Inject Chemigation system; New set 48' pallet forks for skid loader; McMillian Hyd.; Post auger for skid loader; 500 gal water tank on trailer; Drake 25 ton Air-Hydraulic press, foot peddle, works good; 3 pu tool boxes; 2 welding benches; Tire machine; Small pull sprayer; 6 Case IH suitcase weights; Trash dumpster; New 20' x 6' bin unloading auger; Assortment of Wisconsin engines; 90 Sprinkler drops; Krause center link screw jack; Metal walkway for probing trucks at scale; Pump jack; Hyd wet kit W/pump, tank, works good **LIVESTOCK:** Round bale feeders; Several cattle panels; 2 portable loading chutes; 2 Heavy duty squeeze chutes; 20+ wire hog panels; Hog waterers; 4 hole hog feeder; Goat water tanks; Rabbit hutch; Animal cage for 6' box; Wood self feeder on skids; 6 Round hog feeders **TIRES:** New & Takeoffs: 8-11R 24.5; 8-11R 22.5; 8-Low Profile 24.5; 8 Low Profile 22.5; 2-16.9 x 26 tires & rims for JD 50,55,60, FWA tractors; 4-14.9 x 26 tractor tires on rims; 2-18.4 x 38 tires; 2-15.5 x 38 tires; 1-30.5 x 32 tire; 4-10:00 truck tires on rims.

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## High School Holiday Dinner

Mrs. Angelos and the USD 352 Board of Education cordially invite you to attend our Holiday Dinner on December 10, 2008.

11:00 AM-Entertainment by GHS Students  
12:00 NOON-Dinner at Goodland High School

The members of The Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), National Honor Society (NHS), and Girls' Athletic Association (GAA) will serve as the hosts and hostesses.

Please RSVP before December 8th by call 890-5656. If you need transportation, please call. We will also deliver meals to those who are not able to leave their homes. PLEASE RSVP! Enter through the south doors on 13th Street and don't forget: valet parking will be available!