

## Great day in the park



Mothers of Preschoolers had their kickoff at a picnic at Gulick Park on Sunday afternoon. Also at the park was a birthday party and the park was full of kids. The next meeting for MOPS will be at 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 4 at the First Baptist Church. Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News



# Goodland School District mails brochures

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The Goodland School District is mailing a brochure to parents explaining that the district is on improvement in reading for the third year. In the third year the district moves to corrective action status.

All schools that receive Title I money are required by the federal law, No Child Left Behind, to make adequate yearly progress, says the brochure. Adequate yearly progress is measured through the Kansas State Assessments and includes reading and math scores for all stu-

dents in grades 3 to 11. The goal is to achieve 100 percent proficiency for all students by 2013-14.

Every student and all subgroups must meet the annual targets in reading and math in the state assessments. The goals for kindergarten through eighth is reading was 83.7 and in math 82.3 for the 2009-10 school year. Years 9-12 need to hit 81.3 in reading and 76.4 in math. The district as a whole must meet 81.3 in reading and 76.4 in math. The goals are higher every year.

The subgroups measured in the district are all, free and reduced

lunches, disabilities, English language learners, African-American, Hispanic, white, Asian, Indian/Alaska native, multi-racial and Hawaiian/Pacific Islander. Thirty students are needed for a subgroup to count.

The scores for the district in 2009-10

Students	reading	math
all	86.3	83.6
free and reduced	77.7	75
disabilities	69.6	66.8

English language learners	67.4	71.2
African-American	69.4	64.2
Hispanic	75.2	74.2
white	90.7	87.7
Asian	88	90.5
Indian/Alaska native	81.4	76.8
multi-racial	85	81
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	85.7	80.9

The district had to come up with a plan on how they are going to

improve scores. The Kansas State Department of Education works closely with the district to help improvement efforts. Technical assistance is provided through the Kansas Learning Network.

Last year a visible sign of the efforts was the late start on Wednesdays when teachers work with each other in professional learning communities. Two efforts this year involve walk through observations of teachers in their class rooms by administrators and fellow teachers and implementing Marzano Strategies. The walk through is to

help teachers teach better but is not used as an evaluation. The Marzano Strategies use science to show better ways to instruct kids.

In the state there are 24 Title I districts on improvement and no one that was on improvement went off of improvement.

"We must make continuous improvement together so that all students will be successful at USD 352 Goodland. In everything, our people make the difference," said Superintendent Shelly Angelos.

# Cancer alliance strengthens clinical trails network

The Midwest Cancer Alliance announced recently thousands more people will have access to clinical trials in the next year.

Clinical trials are the best way to learn whether new treatments work and how better to use drugs currently on the market – yet only 3 percent of cancer patients who are eligible to enroll in a clinical trial actually do so said MCA Medical Director Gary Doolittle, MD. Bringing clinical trials to cancer patients as close to home as possible is one of the crucial missions of the Midwest Cancer Alliance.

Headquartered at the University of Kansas Medical Center, the Midwest Cancer Alliance is a network of professionals working to advance the quality and reach of cancer prevention, early detection, care and survivorship programs in Kansas and western Missouri. The MCA connects the University of Kansas Cancer Center with patients, nurses and physicians battling cancer throughout the region, from Truman Medical Center in Kansas City, MO., to Goodland, on the Colorado border.

Since the alliance was launched in 2008:

More than 11,450 people have attended community education and screening events supported by MCA, Members, and Partners.

6,200 cancer screenings resulted in more than 470 referrals back to local physicians for follow-up on abnormal results.

Cancer patients are actively screened for clinical trial eligibility at four MCA sites.

At its annual meeting, on the KUMC campus, the MCA highlighted innovative collaborations at several sites:

Goodland Regional Medical Center is piloting a new Patient Support Services program using I-TV technology.

Researchers at the University of Kansas Medical Center and Children's Mercy are collaborating on new studies involving drug development, bone marrow transplant and cancer survivorship.

Stormont-Vail HealthCare in Topeka has begun several new trials conceived by researchers at the University of Kansas Medical Center, fulfilling the MCA's mission of providing access to trials to community cancer centers, thus allowing patients to receive cancer care close to home.

"These are just a few examples of how the Midwest Cancer Alliance is strong and getting stronger," said Dr. Doolittle. "Our network of partners and collaborators demonstrates strong regional support for The University of

Kansas Cancer Center's effort to attain National Cancer Institute designation. Our partners' commitment and dedication was recognized in May, when a visiting group of directors from National Cancer Institute-designated centers around the country said it was gratifying to see the MCA's continued growth."

"Regional health care and research institutions recognize the tremendous burden cancer places on our families and the tremendous opportunities we have before us," said former Kansas Lt. Gov. Gary Sherrer, the MCA's founding chair. "There is no greater challenge we can meet than by bringing the latest and most cutting-edge clinical trials and treatments to people in this region. I know we can achieve this through the collaboration of the institutions in the Midwest Cancer Alliance."

Midwest Cancer Alliance 2010 members:

MCA Partners Advisory Board Hospital Members: Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, Randall L. O'Donnell, PhD, President/CEO; Stormont-Vail HealthCare, Maynard Oliverius, President/CEO; The University of Kansas Hospital, Bob Page, President/CEO; and Truman

Medical Centers. John W. Bluford III, President/CEO.

Research Institution Members: University of Kansas, Roy Jensen, MD, Director, The University of Kansas Cancer Center and CEO/ Midwest Cancer Alliance; Barbara Atkinson, MD, University of Kansas Medical Center Executive Vice Chancellor and Executive Dean; Jeffrey S. Vitter, PhD, University of Kansas Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor; Stowers Institute for Medical Research, David M. Chao, PhD, President; Kansas State University Terry C. Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research, Robin D. Denell, PhD, Director.

Civic/State Representatives: Board Chair (Civic Leader), Gary Sherrer;

## corrections

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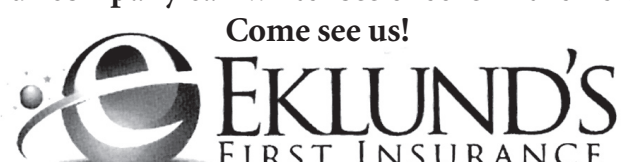
Kansas Governor's Office, Lt. Gov. Troy Findley (ex-officio); Kansas Bioscience Authority, Thomas V. Thornton, President/CEO (ex-officio).

MCA Clinical Trials Network: Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, Goodland Regional Medical Center, Hays Medical Center, Prom-

ise Regional Medical Center, Salina Regional Health Center, St. Francis Health Center, Saint Luke's Health System, Stormont-Vail HealthCare, The University of Kansas Hospital, Truman Medical Centers and Via Christi Hospital in Pittsburg.

## Wheat sign-up deadline is September 30!

Our company can write loss checks in the field!



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## HOUSEHOLD & VEHICLE MOVING AUCTION

for Frances Jones

Saturday, Oct. 2nd starting at 10:30 AM MDT

Location: 5 miles west of Brewster KS on Hwy 24 to road 33, then 2 1/2 miles North. (signs will be posted).

VEHICLE: 1992 Dodge Dakota, ext. cab, auto, air, 95,000 miles. HOUSEHOLD: GE refrigerator, GE portable dishwasher; Maytag gas stove (propane); Matching Hot Point washer & Dryer; GE upright freezer; Dropleaf table W/3 leaves, pads; Kitchen table & 4 chairs; Double bed; 2 dressers; Book cases; Shelves; Wardrobe; 1/2 moon cooking island; Kitchen cabinets; Portable TV; File cabinet; Tables of nick knacks & Christmas decorations; Lots of small items to sell. MOWERS & SHOPEQUIPMENT: JD 425 mower, 54" deck, 3pt, pto, hydro trans, all wheel steering, only 272 hrs.; JD mdl 450 - 5' roto tiller, 3pt, pto driven; Mantis roto tiller; Lawn Cart; Air compressor; Work bench W/wise; Generac 500W portable generator; Battery charger; Fence Charger; Ant. hand tools; 8' extension ladder; 2 step ladders; 500 gal gas tank on stand.

The Jones' were Stanley Products dealers for many years so we have a building full of Stanley cleaning products to sell. All pictures on www.goodlandhomestead.com

For more information contact Terry Richardson at Homestead Realty & Auction, 1023 Main, Goodland, KS. 785-899-2328 or 899-8094.



## Beginning Microsoft Excel Class

In this class, we will create an invoice and learn how to do various formatting tasks, basic calculations, page setup operations, and printing.

Provided by:

Western Kansas Business Consulting  
When: September 30 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Where: Goodland Public Library

To register contact:

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space is limited - register today

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## City Wide Clean Up October 4th-October 8th, 2010

Residents may place any unwanted items in alleys and front yards during this week only. City Crews will be picking up any discarded items throughout the week. Any items that residents DO NOT wish to be discarded need to be removed from these locations prior to the CITY WIDE CLEAN UP.

Items such as tree limbs, leaves, grass clippings, furniture, appliances, metal, plastics, tires, etc. need to be separated out to allow faster and more efficient pickup by City crews. There is no need to phone in your pickup, just place the items in the designated places during that week.

The City Commission's goal is to beautify the City and with your help and cooperation, we can obtain that goal!

