

card shower

Raymond Boll will 90 today and his family is requesting a card shower for him. His address is in care of Good Samaritan Society - Sherman County, 208 W. 2nd, Goodland, Kan. 67735

student news

Emma Cress of Weskan is in the Honors Program at Northwest College of Orange City, Iowa. She is also serving as a tutor of kinesiology for 2011-12 school year. She is a senior and is majoring in athletic training. Her parents are Timothy and Elizabeth Cress of Weskan.

activities

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

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

The Carnegie Arts Center is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday and 1 to 6 p.m. on Monday at 120 W. 12th. The center is always in need of hosts and hostesses on Sundays. New monthly exhibits and you are invited to visit the gift shop.

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. For information call (785) 899-5461 or stop by the library.

The local High Plains Constitutional Society will meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Rock House, 6th and Caldwell, Goodland.

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

The Good Sam Family Support Council meets at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of every month at the Goodland Elks Lodge. Meetings are open to all interested people. For information call 890-3117 or 890-5936.

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.

Cancer Support Group meets at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Goodland Regional Medical in the large board room. Group open to any cancer patient, survivor, caregiver and family members. Call Tina Goodwin at (785) 890-6036.

The Goodland Activities Center has the following activities. Monday: 5:30 a.m. aerobics with Tena Tompkins and 5 p.m. taekwondo. Tuesday: 5:30 a.m., workout with Grady Bonsall. Wednesday: 5:30 a.m. aerobics with Tena Tompkins, 9:45 a.m. finding fitness class, 4 p.m. taekwondo classes and 5:30 p.m. aerobics with Lisa Malsom. Thursday: 5:30 a.m., workout with Grady Bonsall and 9:45 a.m. finding fitness class. Friday: 5:30 a.m. aerobics with Tena Tompkins and starting at 5 p.m. taekwondo classes. For information call 890-7242.

Weight Watchers meets at 5:30 p.m. for weigh in and 6 p.m. for the meeting every Tuesday at the Right Combination Dance Studio, 902 W. Hwy. 24. For information call (785) 890-3285 or visit rightcombinationdance.com.

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 Pat T. at 890-3915 or Laura at 821-4277.

Goodland AI-Anon Serenity Seekers group meets at 8 p.m. on Mondays at 1013 Center. Contact Cheryl at (785) 890-3023, Shelly at (785) 890-3915 or Twila at (785) 332-2078 for more information.

Goodland Adult Children of Alcoholics meets at 6 p.m. on Fridays at First Christian Church, 711 Arcade. For information call

the calendar

calendar

Goodland High School's annual basketball scrimmage begins at 5 p.m. with the girls scrimmage on Tuesday. Admission will be a sports drink or bottle of water.

Jodie Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs will be in Goodland from 1 to 2:15 p.m. Thursday in the Assembly Room on the third floor of the courthouse to help veterans and dependents with claims. Call the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at (785) 462-3572.

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will present "A Cozy Christmas with the POP" conducted by Andrew Salvador of Burlington. The concert will be at 2:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Sunday at the Frahm Theatre/Cultural Arts Center on the Colby Community College campus. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for students.

Prairie Land Food sign up will be until Monday. Distribution is 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Knights of Columbus, 7th and Caldwell. For information call 821-1827, 821-1275, 821-0120 or 728-7196 or order online at www.prairielandfood.com. The Prairie Pak will have one pound lean ground beef, breaded salmon nuggets, all beef meatballs, fully cooked grilled hibachi seasoned chicken, fully cooked turkey and pork sausage patties and a variety of seasonal fresh fruits. The specials are Christmas Tyme with ham steak, boneless turkey breast, beef

stew meat, boneless pork roast and sliced peaches; Home Sweet Home with two New York style cheesecakes with peach topping and a pecan pie; Santa's Meat and Cheese with two all beef summer sausage, pork and beef summer sausage, mild cheddar cheese, block medium cheddar cheese and a block Monterey Jack cheese; and a spiral ham.

The annual open enrollment for Plan D of Medicare has changed to last until Wednesday, Dec. 7. Senior Health Insurance Counselors of Kansas will be at the Goodland Public Library. For appointments call (785) 890-5908, (785) 821-1626 or (785) 399-8019.

Tuesday Flicks are at 1:30 p.m. at the Goodland Public Library, 812 Broadway. Call the library for the title of the movie at 899-5461.

school calendar

Today: Black day. 3 p.m. girls eighth grade basketball at Scott City. 3 p.m. junior high wrestling quad at Holcomb. 3:30 p.m. girls seventh grade basketball against Scott City at the junior high gym. Wednesday: Gold day. Thursday: Black day. 3:30 p.m. girls eighth grade basketball against Colby at junior high gym. 3:30 p.m. girls seventh grade basketball at Colby. 5:30 p.m. varsity wrestling against Oberlin. Friday: Gold day. 7 p.m. varsity basketball against Scott City at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Saturday: Kansas Music Educators Association high school honor concert with band and vocal at Fort

Hays State University at Hays. 8:30 varsity wrestling at St. Francis. 9 a.m. junior varsity wrestling tournament at Max Jones Fieldhouse. 9 a.m. junior high wrestling at Grest West Activities Conference at 9 a.m. Monday: Black day. Seventh, eighth and high school choir concert. 3 p.m. girls seventh basketball at Scott City. 3:30 p.m. girls eighth basketball against Scott City at Max Jones Fieldhouse. 7 p.m. Central school music program at the Goodland High School Auditorium. Tuesday: Gold day. 5:30 p.m. West Elementary second grade music program.

senior menu

Today: Chili, five cup salad, crackers and cinnamon roll. Wednesday: Smothered steak, scalloped potatoes, peas and carrots, bread and cottage cheese with peaches. Thursday: Liver and onions in gravy, cook's choice vegetable, mixed fruit with banana, bread and cookie. Friday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, bread and cherry crisp. Monday: Cook's choice entree, hash brown casserole, seasoned carrots, bread and plums. Tuesday: Ham and beans, ambrosia fruit salad, cornbread and cake.

school menu

Today: Chicken sandwich with lettuce and pickle, potato wedge, spiced pears and milk. Wednesday: Goulash, green beans, salad, garlic bread, half a banana and milk.

Alice or Marilyn at 890-5914 or 821-2862.

The Incognito Group. If alcohol has made your life unmanageable and you find yourself powerless. Our group meets at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in Goodland. Talking about it is the first step. Call for our meeting place (303) 905-3817, (785) 728-7022 and (785) 728-2120. Leave a message and number and we will get back to you.

The "Freedom Today" group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and 8 p.m. on Sundays 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. Filies 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

Prairie Museum of Art and History, 1905 S. Franklin, 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.

thrift store

Anyone wanting to donate to the Goodland Churches Thrift Shop, 1002 Main, should call 890-2007. The store is open 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

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 adults' 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. WIC program available. Call 890-4888 or go to www.sherman.kansas.com.

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. Today: no volunteers. Wednesday: a.m. Debbie Lucas and p.m. Margaret Baalman.

early head start

Early Head Start is a state funded program for income eligible families with prenatal mothers and children up to age 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.

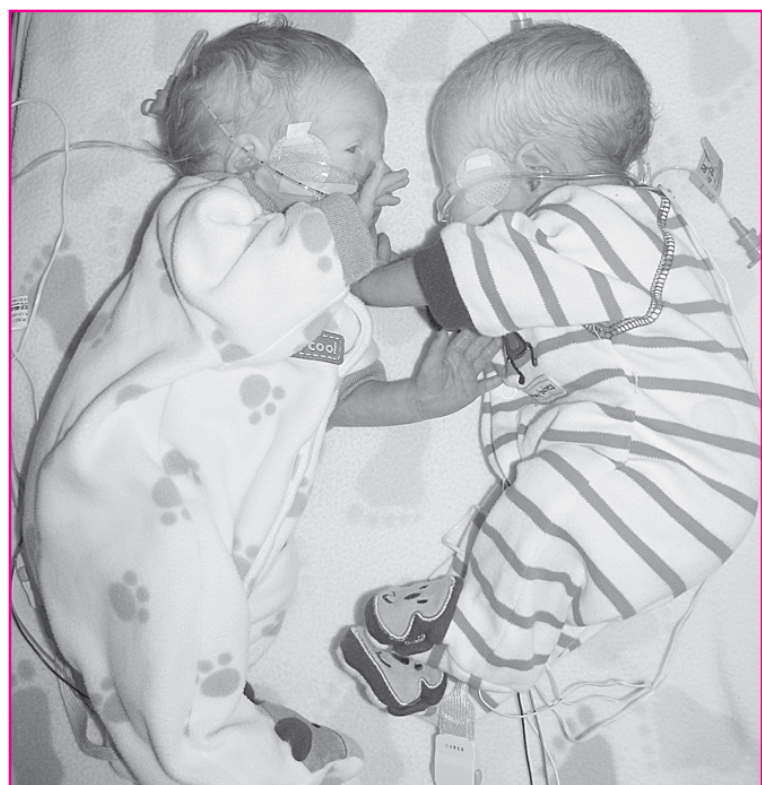
preschool

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 Colleen Wagner 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-



Lexten Calab and Colten Lee Hatcher

Twins get to go home to family

Lexten Calab and Colten Lee Hatcher were born at 11:51 a.m. on March 28, 2011, at University Hospital of Denver. The Hatcher twins were born at 29 weeks and spent 2 1/2 months in the neonatal intensive care unit recovering from prematurity.

Colten weighed 2 pounds, 6

ounces and was 14 1/4 inches long and Lexten weighed 2 pounds, 12 ounces and was 15 1/2 inches long.

Their parents are Wes and Katie Hatcher.

They were welcomed home by big brother Nolan and at 8 months both are currently doing well.

Check with advisor before exchanges

Kansans considering year-end tax decisions regarding annuities should always check with a trusted financial adviser before making any transfer of ownership, according to Sandy Praeger, commissioner of insurance.



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"One of the latest year-end tax saving promises wants you to sign over your annuity to an online, out-of-state organization in order to receive a tax break in return," Commissioner Praeger said. "However, companies like this may not be insurance companies and they provide no guarantee to protect your assets if they go out of business or shut down."

Commissioner Praeger also said another similar online offer is to consumers to directly purchase a "charitable gift annuity," which promises tax breaks over a certain period of time.

"The safety of insurance company-issued annuities is based on insurance department monitoring of insurance companies for their financial condition," Commissioner Praeger said. "However, the exchange- and charitable-type products we are concerned about now may be outside our authority and

don't have the same sort of protection and oversight for consumers. That's why we urge caution."

The commissioner is quick to point out that these online solicitations should not be confused with established annuity transfer programs, such as those used by colleges and universities. In any case, a conversation with a trusted financial adviser is a smart decision, she said.

"If your family, tax advisor, attorney or insurance agent hasn't heard of this "great tax-saving deal," something may be wrong," Commissioner Praeger said. "It always pays to 'Stop-Call-Confirm,' if you have any doubt at all: Stop any transaction, Call the Kansas Insurance Department and Confirm that the company is licensed to do insurance business in Kansas."

Call the Kansas Insurance Department's consumer hotline at (800) 432-2484 (in-state, to speak to a consumer assistance representative for more information.

matters of record

Accidents The following accidents were investigated by the Goodland Police Department.

Sept. 12 — 3:25 p.m., 1400 Main Ave., a 2002 Mitsubishi driven by Janeth Soto was driving south on Main Ave. A 2007 Dodge driven by Robert G. Doxon, stopped at the stop sign, but did not yield to oncoming traffic and pulled out in front of the Mitsubishi causing it to hit the Dodge.

Sept. 14 — 6 p.m., 2500 S. K-27, a 2002 Hyundai driven by Donald J. Kernal was driving north on K-27 when a 2007 Dodge driven by

Frederick Chester Hoyt was stopped at the stop sign on 25th Street. The Dodge pulled out causing the Hyundai to hit the Dodge on the driver's rear quarter panel.

Sept. 21 — 3:25 p.m., 1200 Wyoming Ave., a 2001 Ford driven by Trevor James Wright was attempting to back up in a parking spot and hit a legally parked 2008 Jeep owned by Ruben Garcia. The Ford then proceeded to turn right on Wyoming to find another parking spot and attempting to back up hit a legally parked 2002 Chrysler owned by Brandi Hays.

**Christmas Dinner and Dance**  
 Goodland Elks Lodge  
 Saturday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m. MT  
 Prime rib dinner, dance to Double Shot  
 \$20 per person  
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