

giving season

Angel Tree and Toys for Tots

Toys for Tots, a drive to collect toys for underprivileged children, is underway. Look for "Angel Trees" at Dollar General, Walmart and Orscheln's. Drop off locations include the Walmart service desk, the Goodland United Methodist Church and the Goodland Star-News office. For information, call Michelle Douglass at (785) 821-3858.



weather report

11°
10 a.m.
Monday

Today
• Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

Wednesday
• Sunrise, 6:57 a.m.
• Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

Midday Conditions
• Soil temperature 27 degrees
• Humidity 61 percent
• Sky sunny
• Winds west 6 mph
• Barometer 30.20 inches and rising
• Record High today 71° (1975)
• Record Low today -14° (1972)

Last 24 Hours*
High Sunday 14°
Low Sunday -6°
Precipitation 0.01
This month 0.02
Year to date 16.71
Below normal 2.62 inches

The Topside Forecast
Today: Sunny with a high near 35, winds out of the southwest at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 7.
Wednesday: Sunny with a high near 29, winds out of the west at 5 to 10 mph switching to the southwest and a low around 9.

Extended Forecast
Thursday: Sunny with a high near 44 and a low around 17.
Friday: Sunny with a high near 44 and a low around 18.
Saturday: Mostly sunny with high near 42 and a low around 18.
(National Weather Service)
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

local markets

10 a.m.
Wheat — \$6.87 bushel
Posted county price — \$6.69
Corn — \$4.25 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.20
Milo — \$3.91 bushel
Soybeans — \$12.46 bushel
Posted county price — \$12.63
Millet — no bid
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$18.95 cwt.
Confection — no bid
Pinto beans — no bid
(Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

Trout released into county lake

By Kevin Bottrell

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The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism has released what could be the first of many new fish into the lake at Smoky Gardens, just in time for ice fishing season.

Fisheries Biologist Dave Spalsbury said about 400 rainbow trout were released into the lake last Tuesday. The trout weighed one half pound to one pound on average, he said. They were purchased by the department from a fish farm in La Junta, Colo.

Spalsbury said the department will do at

least one more release in January or February, and may do a third if the budget allows.

For most, fishing in the lake will require a license and a trout stamp, which are sold at Walmart. For people aged 16 to 74, a valid license is required with a trout stamp. Spalsbury said people will have to get a 2013 stamp if they want to fish in the month of December and a 2014 stamp for after the new year. Those stamps go on sale Monday.

For youth 15 and under, no stamp is required, but the catch limit is two per day. With a stamp, the limit is 5 per day.

The trout season is open until April 15.

Spalsbury said temperatures in the lake can change very quickly, and he expects there to be a freeze once the wind dies down. Ice fishing can be dangerous, but Spalsbury offered some guidelines to stay safe.

"You need five to six inches of deep, clear ice," he said. "Once it starts to appear cloudy that means a thaw has started. At Smoky Gardens there is a lot of flooded brush; it will thaw there first so stay away from submerged objects."

Spalsbury said never go ice fishing alone,

always bring a buddy as well as rope and a throwable life preserver, which can also be used to sit up off the ice.

Spalsbury said the state will continue to manage the water levels in Smoky Gardens using water from the state fishing lake. When the weather warms up again next year, he said he plans to stock Smoky Gardens with warm water fish such as minnows, sunfish and channel catfish.

For information, Spalsbury can be reached at (785) 726-3212.

Filling the baskets



Volunteers were organized into an assembly line to help fill food baskets at the Genesis food drive Saturday. Orange Bag donations were picked up around town Saturday morning. The food was then collected, sorted and organized. There is still time

to donate to the Goodland Star-News food drive, which ends Wednesday, Dec. 18. Food collected will be donated to Genesis and each donor is entered in a drawing to win a year's subscription to the paper. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

District conducts safety drill

By Pat Schiefen

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On Wednesday at 2:45 p.m. Central Elementary had a crisis drill to prepare them for an emergency. Emergencies can be varied such as a gas leak, weather or outside threat.

"This drill will help us better prepare and manage crisis situations," said Superintendent Bill Biermann. "As part of the drill we will be practicing evacuating the school to an offsite location."

Parents were notified where the offsite location was and got a message to pick up their children there.

Biermann said they did it at the end of the day so parents could pick their children up and take them home.

"I thought that the drill went great," said Goodland Police Chief Cliff Couch. "The logistics involved in evacuating a school are overwhelming, and it went surprisingly well."

"I was proud of the way our staff and students handled the event," said Biermann. "The teachers did a great job of prepping the students and alleviating any concerns they had. I appreciated very much the parents working with us to conduct this exercise so we can be better prepared in the unfortunate situation that we have to conduct an actual exercise."

"Everything went really well, we have a few little procedure things to iron out, but overall it was a success. I can't stress enough how important it will be in an actual crisis situation for all involved to remain calm and

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Topside Tipoff tourney set to begin on Thursday

By Kevin Bottrell

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The 2013 Topside Tipoff will look a little different this year without Ottawa.

The east-central Kansas team has been a mainstay at the tournament since 2001. The boys team won the championship five years in a row from 2007 to 2012. They lost the championship to Goodland in 2006 by just two points, but racked up wins in 2002, 2003 and 2005.

Fan favorite Semi Ojeleye — who has set several tournament records including most individual points in a tournament, most three pointers in a game and most three pointers in a tournament — is in his freshman year playing for the Duke University Blue Devils, who are 7-2 so far this season. Ojeleye won the school's preseason slam dunk contest and has played in five games. He is currently averaging 3.6 points per game with a shooting percentage of 75 percent.

The Ottawa girls team won the Topside Tipoff four years in a row from 2008 to 2011. They also won the championship in their debut appearance in 2001 and again in 2004.

This year they will be replaced by newcomers Belleview Christian from Westminster, Colo. Otherwise the roster remains unchanged from 2012 with McCook, Neb., Burlington, Colo., Wray, Colo., Wallace County, Norton and Oakley.

On the boys side, the Burlington Cougars and Oakley Plainsmen will play the opening game at 2

p.m. Thursday in the junior high gym. The Cougars are 1-1 so far this season, having beaten Lamar 49-40, but losing to Yuma 60-38. The Plainsmen made it to the championship game in last year's tournament, where they were beaten by Ottawa. This year they are 1-0, beating Wichita County 64-45 in their first game of the season Friday.

Next will be the McCook Bison and Norton Bluejays at 4 p.m. in the main gym. The Bison lost to Chase County, Neb., 45-25 on Friday, while the Bluejays lost 54-49 to Goodland.

The Wray Eagles will play the Wallace County Wildcats at 6 p.m. in the junior high gym. The Eagles have played two games so far this season, losing 59-46 to Fleming, Colo., last Tuesday and losing to Perkins County, Neb., 44-33 on Friday. Wallace County beat Hoxie 69-54 on Friday. In preseason the Wildcats were ranked No. 2 in Class 1A Division II by the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association.

The Goodland Cowboys will play the late game against the Belleview Christian Bruins at 8 p.m. in the main gym. The Bruins are 0-3 this season, having lost 56-34 to West Grand last Thursday, 44-33 to Middle Park on Friday and 64-44 to Eagle Ridge Academy on Saturday.

Second round games will be at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday. On Saturday, the game for seventh place will be at

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Holidays from around the world



Education coordinator Sami Philbrick for the High Plains Museum in Denver showed different places on a world map to kids and adults at a passport program on Saturday afternoon. At this program Mary Porterfield and Nick Everett talked and had activities on the different ways of celebrating Christmas around the world. The current exhibit at the museum is a celebration of the 100 years of AFS and foreign students at Goodland High School since 1970. That exhibit will close on Saturday, Jan. 11.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

patient news

Carolyn Schritter is a patient in Parker, Colo. She would appreciate hearing from her friends and cards may be sent to her at The Center at Lincoln, Room 237, 12230 Lioness Way, Parker, Colo. 80134.

Doris Raile is a patient at Select Hospital and she would like to hear from friends. Her address is 6001 E. Woodman Road, 6th Floor Room 6126, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80923.

genesis and salvation army

If you can spare one hour **ringing the bell for the Salvation Army** contact 890-2299 to schedule a time. The annual event raises the majority of money used throughout the year. The money raised in Sherman County from Friday, Nov. 29, to Dec. 24, stays in Sherman County.

Genesis and Salvation Army are available year round to help those in need. Call (785) 890-2299 to speak to a volunteer.

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 5 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.

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.

Breast Cancer Support Group meets at **5:30 p.m. the second Monday** of the month. Any woman with cancer is welcome. Call Norma at 890-6629 for more information.

The **Goodland Activities Center** has the daily activities. For information call 890-7242. Memberships options for everyone including day passes for \$5. Visit goodlandgac.com or stop by 808 Main. The hours are 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, Friday 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. **Aerobics** are at 5:30 a.m. on Monday and Wednesday. **Insanity class** meets at 5:30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. **Taekwondo** with Wayne Luckert call for times and dates.

Weight Watchers meets at **5:30 p.m. for weigh in** and 6 p.m. for the meeting every **Tuesday** at the Harvest Evangelical Free Church,

the calendar

calendar

Prairie Land Food distribution is 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21. at Cat's TnT, 1018 Main, or at the Bernadine Johnson residence, located at 704 Walnut. For information call 899-2338, 821-1275, 890-2287, 821-1827, 890-3793 or 899-4278 or order online at www.prairielandfood.com.

The **Pride of the Prairie Orchestra** will present "Many Merry Melodies: at **2:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Sunday** at Frahm Theatre/Cultural Arts Center on the Colby Community College Campus. The orchestra is directed by Andrew Salvador and will include a sing-a-long and gift drawing. Admission costs are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for student or by Pride of the Prairie Patron ticket. For questions call Mary Shoaff (785) 462-2159 or Janet Hopson (785) 462-5102.

The **Goodland Soup Bors** serves dinner at **5 p.m. on Monday nights** at the Goodland Methodist Church Fellowship Hall for any-

one who wants to come. Free will donations welcome. For information call 899-3631.

The **Kids Cooking Class** is held on the **second Wednesday of each month** from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. at the 4-H Building. This class is open for second to fifth graders. For information call 890-4880.

senior menu

Today: Ham and beans, coleslaw with carrots, cornbread and five cup salad. **Wednesday:** Oven baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread and cottage cheese with fruit. **Thursday:** Liver and onions, mashed potatoes with gravy, winter mix vegetables, bread and rosy pears. **Friday:** Tuna salad, tomato soup, three bean salad, crackers and mixed fruit.

school menu

Today: Breakfast - star spangled pancakes, sausage links, fruit, fruit juice and milk. Lunch - chicken quesadilla, chips and salsa, refried beans, orange and milk. **Wednesday:** Breakfast - whole

wheat bagel with toppings, fruit, fruit juice and milk. Lunch - corn dog, spinach salad, seasoned peas, apple wedges and milk. **Thursday:** Breakfast - breakfast pita with salsa, fruit, fruit juice and milk. Lunch - beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, baby carrots, blueberry oat muffin, pineapple tidbits and milk. **Friday:** Breakfast - whole grain cinnamon roll, fruit, fruit juice and milk. Lunch - cowboy cavatini, salad, green beans, banana and milk.

school calendar

Today: 7 p.m. 7 to 12 Winter Vocal Concert in the high school auditorium. **Wednesday:** 11 a.m. Senior Citizens Dinner. 7:30 a.m. professional learning community. **Thursday:** First round of the girls junior high basketball at league tournament. Topside Tipoff Basketball Tournament at Max Jones Fieldhouse. **Friday:** 1 p.m. varsity wrestling at the Colby Tournament. Topside Tipoff Basketball Tournament at Max Jones Fieldhouse

obituaries

Raenita Mae Artzer

Raenita Mae Artzer, 73, retired dispatcher for the Goodland Police Department, died Thursday, Dec. 5, 2013, at her home.

She was born April 9, 1940, to Marjorie (Finley) and Raymond Monroe at Vona, Colo. Mrs. Artzer graduated from high school in Seibert, Colo.

On May 7, 1960, she and Donald Artzer were married at Sterling, Colo. and they made their home at Windsor, Colo. In 1967, they moved to Goodland with the Great Western Sugar Co.

Mrs. Artzer served as an enforcement officer with community correction, a matron with the Sherman County Sheriff's office and a reports clerk with the Sherman County Attorney's office, working with Bonnie Selby. She retired in 2005 after over 20 years. Previously she had worked at Great Western Sugar and Safeway.

She enjoyed bowling, working in her rose garden, playing bingo,

going to coffee and taking trips to the mountains.

Preceding her in death were her parents; a sister, Goldie Marie Conroy and two infant brothers.

Survivors include her husband of the home; two daughters, Macheria (Raul) Diaz of Burlington, Colo., and Gail (Brent) Owens of Goodland; son Jason (Kim) Artzer of Goodland; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2013, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 307 W. 13, Goodland, with Father Norbert Dlabal presiding and burial in the Goodland Cemetery.

Visitation was from 3 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 9, 2013, at Koons Chapel, 211 N. Main, Goodland.

Memorials to the Knights of Columbus #1993 may be sent to the funeral home.



Artzer

Johnny S. Reyna Sr.

Johnny S. Reyna Sr. 84, Kansas City, Mo., former resident of Goodland, died on Sunday, Nov. 29, 2013.

He was born on April 6, 1929, to Juan Reyna and Ramona (Servantes) Reyna in Eceto, Texas.

Preceding him in death was his parents, his wife and a sister, Anita Sandoval.

Survivors include children: Jimmy (Minga) Reyna of Goodland, Felicia (Ruben) Sanchez of Poth, Texas, Lupe (Vidal) Barrera, Sylvia (Alberto) Barrera and Johnny (Roseanne) Reyna Jr., all of Belton, Mo., Yolanda Reyna of Naperville, Ill., Jenny (Julio) Ramos of San Antonio, Texas and Lilly Smith of Scott City; five sisters,

Soila Barrientez, Sofia Pena, Sara Osuna, Maria Morena and Victoria Castaneda; three brothers, Pancho Reyna, Alcario Reyna and Pedro Reyna; 85 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

Services were at 9 a.m. (Mountain Time) on Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2013, at St. Cornelius Catholic Church, Highway U, Crocker, Mo. Interment followed at the Karnes City Cemetery.

Visitation was from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Mountain Time) at the Rhodes Funeral Home, 216 Linn Street, Brookfield, Mo. Rosary was recited at 6 p.m. (Mountain Time).

Virginia Kay Smith

Virginia Kay Smith, 88, Olathe, former longtime Goodland resident and owner of Sage and Smith Funeral Home, died Monday, Dec. 9, 2013.

Cremation was chosen and graveside services will be held later in the spring.

A full obituary will follow.

Kingsford Burch David

Kingsford Burch David, 75, Smithville, Mo., died Thursday, Dec. 5, 2013, at NorthCare Hospice in Kansas City, Mo. Mr. David was a retired minister.

Services will be at noon (Mountain Time) on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2013, at Porter Funeral Home, 8535

Monrovia, Lenexa and buried at the Gateway to Heaven.

Visitation will be from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2013, which is his birthday, at the funeral home.

A full obituary will follow.

521 E. Hwy. 24. For information call (785) 890-6423.

Goodland Alcoholics Anonymous, 1013 Center. If you drink alcohol, that's your business. If you want to stop, we can help. Call 821-3826 or 728-7491.

Goodland AI-Anon Family Group meets at **6 p.m. on Fridays** at First Christian Church, 711 Arcade. For information call Alice or Marilyn at 890-5914 or 821-2862.

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.

Straton "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.

thrift store

The Goodland Churches Thrift Shop, 1002 Main, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Donations welcome. The **daily specials** are 50 percent off men's department on Monday, 50 percent off housewares, furniture, electronics and crafts on Tuesday, 10 cent books on Wednesday, 50 percent off children's department on Thursday and 50 percent of ladies' department on Friday. For informa-

tion call 890-2007.

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 for a fee. 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.

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

Kansas professor to speak in Colby

Kansas professor Joyce Thierer will present "Our Food, Our Land," a program of the Kansas Humanities Council's "The Way We Worked" speakers bureau, at noon on Thursday, Dec. 19, at the Prairie Museum of Art and History.

The presentation is part of *Food for Thought*, a series offered the third Thursday of each month from

November to March. Bring a friend, and enjoy a free lunch and an informative presentation.

Thierer will explore the role of women in Kansas agriculture, from native women using bison-scapula hoes to modern farm gals with ethanol-powered, satellite-controlled, robotic drones.

A professor of history at Emporia

State University, Thierer splits her time between teaching and Ride into History, a historical performance touring troupe. She specializes in the history of the American West, with an emphasis on rural women's lives in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

"As a fifth-generation Flint Hills rural Kansan," she said, "I wish to

engage folk in a lively discussion about the many changes over the last 150 years as we have sought to feed ourselves."

Anyone who'd like to sponsor lunch for a Food for Thought program, an individual, civic group or business, should call the museum at (785) 460-4590.

Specials for the week December 6-12

Drinks included. Dine-in or carry out!

Friday, Dec. 6: Tacos

Saturday, Dec. 7: Rueban

Sunday, Dec. 8: Pork Roast

Monday, Dec. 9: Chicken Alfredo

Tuesday, Dec. 10: Shredded Pork sandwich

Wednesday, Dec. 11: Meatloaf

Thursday, Dec. 12: Ham and Scalloped Potatoes

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Enjoy a night at the movies!
Tonight 7 PM:
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG-13)
Starts Friday 7 PM: The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug 3D (PG-13)

Sherman County Health Fair

Saturday, January 25, 2014
8 to 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Kansas Tech College Student Union
1209 Harrison • Goodland, KS

Blood Profiles done prior to Health Fair at Goodland Regional Medical Center
January 6-10, 2014 • 7 to 9 a.m. each day
At Main Entrance to Hospital

Blood Profile:
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\$10—CBC only
\$15—Additional for A1c (Diabetes)
\$15—Additional for PSA (Prostate)
\$15—Additional for TSH (Thyroid)
* 12-14 hours fasting recommended for Cholesterol Screening included in Blood Chemistries

Prior to Health Fair:
• Free Carotid Ultrasound Screening—by appointment, call (785) 890-6033
• Free Pulmonary Function Screening—Call (785) 890-6023 for appointment

Free at Health Fair: •Blood profile consultation•DRE (Prostate)•Skin Cancer Screening•Bone Density•DermaScan•kids activities•great door prizes •free blood pressure checks & much more!

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Oberlin bank named one of best

By Cynthia Haynes

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An Oberlin bank has been named by federal examiners one of the best in the country for investing in and serving the communities where it operates.

The Bank received its second straight "outstanding" rating after a recent examination done for the Community Reinvestment Act, a federal law designed to encourage banks to help people in their own area, including those with low to moderate income, obtain loans and deposit accounts.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., commonly known as the FDIC, the agency which insures bank deposits, reported that The Bank shows a strong commitment to the area, making loans to farms and businesses of all sizes.

Of 244 banks in Kansas examined by the agency, only seven received the outstanding designation and all but one of those are in the eastern part of the state, the agency said.

It was the second time in a row for The Bank to receive the designation. The last time it was examined for the reinvestment act was in 2007, and it got an "outstanding" then also.

One of the main ways that The Bank is able to loan money to people in northwest Kansas is through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency, which has designated it a preferred lender.

Board Chairman Bob Gaskill said The Bank is the largest maker of Farm Service Agency loans in Kansas and has been working with that agency for at least 35 years.

They have few losses with FSA loans, he added.

"The Bank prides itself in helping young farmers get started," said President Gary Walter. "This is done utilizing the Farm Service Agency Guaranteed Loan programs."

The Bank also makes loans through the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Department of Agriculture's Rural Development's Business and Industry and Guaranteed Housing programs.

The examiners reported that they reviewed sample loans of small farms and small businesses. The report noted that seven automated teller machines are located throughout the area and that loans are being made in "distressed and underserved" (rural) areas. Distressed areas are those with a high unemployment or poverty rate or those losing more 10 percent of their population, a problem across the area.

The bank operates 12 locations in eight counties with assets of more than \$300 million. Headquarters are in Oberlin, with branches in Norton, Jennings, Norcatur, Selden, Colby, Oakley, Quinter, Winona, Atwood, Herndon and Bird City.

The examiners looked at loans in a 13-county area, including Sheridan, Sherman, Trego, Wallace and Wichita, and said they found nearly all the institution's loans were made in that area. Most of the census tracts in that area are designated as middle-income, with nine listed as "distressed" by population loss exceeding 10 percent. Only rural Decatur County was listed as moderate income.

Suspect may face 'Hard 50' if convicted

The man charged with killing 27-year-old Colby resident Teri L. Morris on Feb. 9 could face a "Hard 50" prison sentence if he is convicted of that crime.

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt filed a motion Thursday indicating he will seek the special sentence for defendant William Andrew Shank, 25, of Garden City.

Shank is charged with first-degree murder, aggravated arson and aggravated burglary for his actions in connection with Morris' death.

Schmidt's motion requests that the court conduct a separate sentencing procedure if Shank is convicted of first-degree murder. This

second proceeding would determine whether Shank would be required to serve a mandatory 50-year prison term before he first becomes eligible for parole.

This special sentencing proceeding, available in cases with aggravating circumstances, was made possible by a modification to Kansas' Hard 50 statute earlier this year.

Schmidt also asked for an upward departure from Kansas' sentencing guidelines if Shank is convicted of a lesser offense than first-degree murder.

Shank's trial is scheduled to begin Monday, March 24, in Colby.

Christmas shopping



These kids were among the many who came for the Just Kids Christmas Shopping Day at the Goodland Churches Thrift Shop on Saturday. Santa and Mrs. Claus made an appearance. Santa's helpers were there to help kids pick out presents and to wrap them. The Just Kids Christmas Shopping Day is held every year. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Things to remember when decorating

Festive decorations are an enjoyable part of the holiday season for many families. But some decorations, especially candles and electrical lighting, can be dangerous. Safe Kids Kansas reminds parents and caregivers to take a few precautions when decorating.

Holiday lights and other decorative electrical lighting were involved in an average of 160 home fires per year from 2006 to 2010, according to the National Fire Protection Agency. During that same five-year period, 230 home structure fires began with Christmas trees, and 11,640 home structure fires were started by candles. The top three days for home candle fires were Christmas, New Year's Day and Christmas Eve.

"As you deck the halls this holiday season, keep safety top of mind," said Cherie Sage, Safe Kids Kansas. Pay attention to labels when choosing your lighting. "Decorative lighting should be labeled with the seal of an independent testing lab. If it's not labeled for outdoor use, don't use it outdoors."

If you decorate a tree, Safe Kids Kansas recommends these precautions:

- Never leave a lit Christmas tree or other decorative lighting display unattended. Inspect lights for exposed or frayed wires, loose connections and broken sockets. Do not overload extension cords or outlets and do not run an electrical cord under a rug.
- Natural Christmas trees always involve some risk of fire. To minimize the risk, get a fresh tree and keep it watered at all times or consider an artificial tree. Do not put the tree within three feet of a fireplace, space heater, radiator or heat vent. LED lights burn cooler than incandescent lights and pose a lower risk of fire.
- Decorate with children in mind. Do not put ornaments that have small parts or metal hooks, or look like food or candy, on the lower branches where small children can reach them. Trim protruding branches at or below a child's eye level, and keep lights out of reach.
- Do not burn Christmas tree branches, treated wood or wrapping paper in a home fireplace.

• Never leave burning candles unattended. Don't put candles on a tree or a natural wreath, or near curtains or drapes. Keep matches and lighters locked out of reach. Battery-operated flameless candles are an alternative that does not have a fire risk.

• Have working smoke detectors on every level of your home and in every sleeping area.

Safe Kids Kansas also offers these tips to prevent accidental poisoning:

- Keep alcohol, including baking extracts, out of reach and do not leave alcoholic drinks unattended. Don't forget to store all medications, including those for children, out of reach.
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from our viewpoint...

U.N. fumbles human rights issue

In a little-noticed abomination last month, the United Nations elected a batch of countries to its Human Rights Council that should demonstrate to the whole world just where the U.N. stands on human rights.

This bunch of demons – China, Russia, Cuba, Saudi Arabia, Vietnam and Algeria – will bring a lot of collective expertise to this so-called world body. It's going to be hard to find a larger collection of human-rights violations than these nations have on their collective ledger.

Where to begin? China, where the government decides how many children couples can have, where there is no political opposition and where dissenters often just disappear? Cuba, where the people have been impoverished by decades of one-man rule, and dissenters are allowed to flee over the ocean in leaky boats?

Or Russia, where those who speak out against the leadership wind up in jail? Where elections end with one man holding the reins of power, no matter who is president? Saudi Arabia, where women can't even drive a car in public?

Or maybe you'd rather live in Vietnam or Algeria?

This Gang of Six was elected to the council by the U.N. General Assembly, giving us a glimpse of how much of the world values human rights. The election prompted a howl of protest from independent human-rights groups, but to no avail.

Other nations in this year's class, the Associated Press reported, included Britain, France, the Maldives, Macedonia, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia and South Africa. Most have somewhat better credentials for the task.

Seats are allocated by region, with all 198 member nations voting by secret ballot. That makes it hard to figure out how the choices are made.

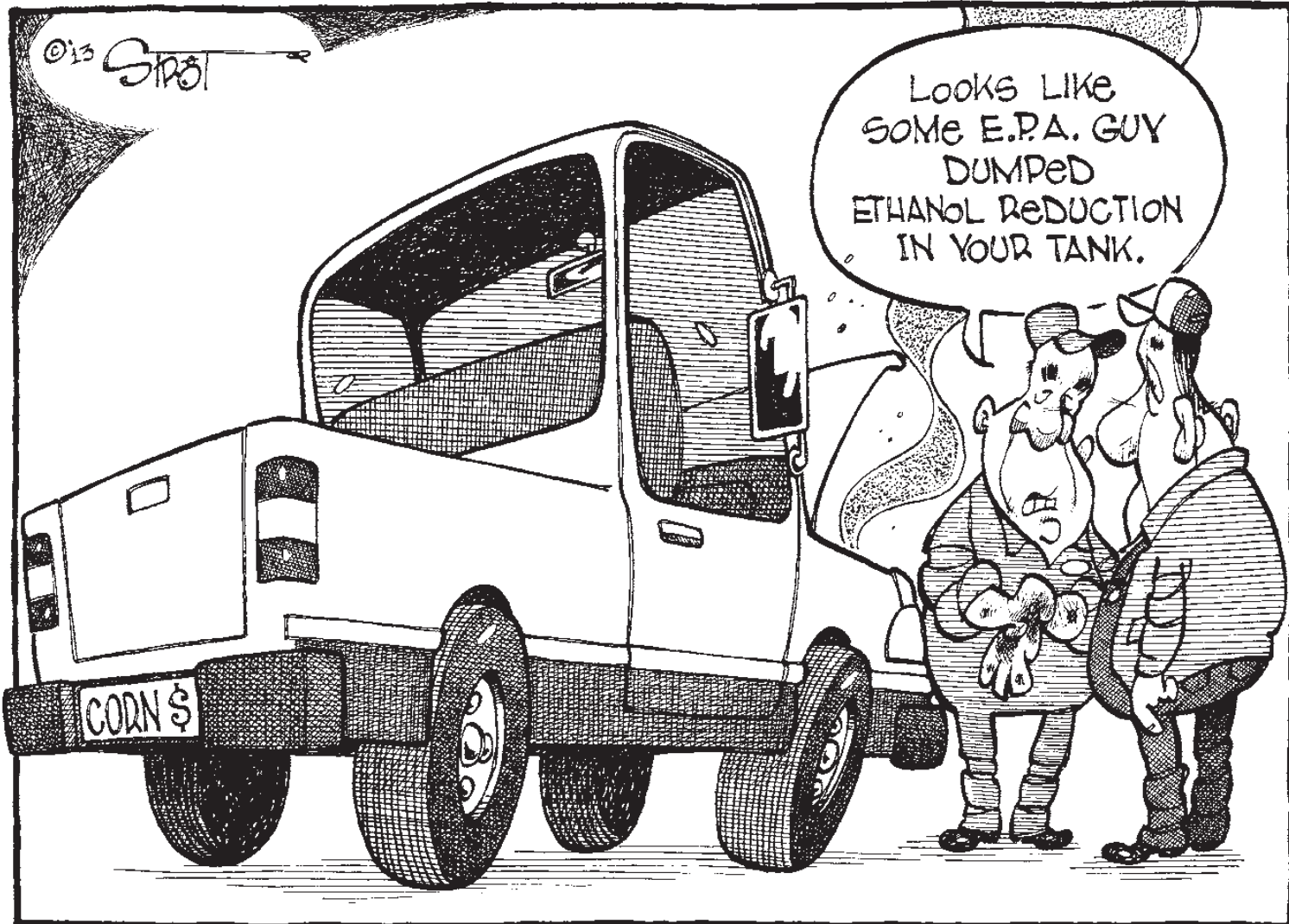
A group called Human Rights Watch noted that five of the new members refused to even allow U.N. inspectors a visit to check alleged rights abuses. China, Russia and Algeria each has more than 10 outstanding unfulfilled requests.

Activists from Tibet protested across the street from the U.S. Headquarters in New York, hanging a banner that said "China Fails Human Rights," something of an understatement.

The head of a Geneva-based group UN Watch denounced what it considered the worst of the worst, the AP reported: "China, Cuba, Russia and Saudi Arabia systematically violate the human rights of their own citizens.... For the U.N. to elect Saudi Arabia as a world judge on human rights would be like a town making a pyromaniac into chief of the fire department."

The group criticized the U.S. and the European Union for not denouncing this charade. It and like groups pointed out that while the council regularly cites Israel over the Palestinian issue, it has not once adopted a resolution critical of Russia, China or Saudi Arabia.

All of which is a pretty good argument for declaring that our world organization has a long way to go before it can be considered a champion of rights, any way you look at it. You could argue that no nation is perfect in this field, certainly not ours, but it's obvious the U.N. has no grasp of the issue at all. – Steve Haynes



Blows to liberty still impact us today

Until 30 years ago we were taught that we were a republic and not a democracy. Today we treat them as the same – a serious mistake.

Two Amendments, the 16th and 17th, both ratified in 1913, laid the groundwork for the destruction of limited government, which is the foundation of a Republic, the Constitution, and liberty. A review of our 100-year history reveals the continued damage to your liberty as a result.

What largely brought about the give-away programs of the 20th century was the now-100-year-old 16th Amendment – the federal income tax. All three 1912 presidential candidates Teddy Roosevelt, William Howard Taft and Woodrow Wilson, and their respective parties, wanted this financial water faucet that they could turn on at will. They could purchase anything.

Prior to 1913, the federal government remained mostly faithful to her grants of power in Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, which left them with only four powers: to tax, pay the debts, provide for the general welfare and provide for the common defense. Because the federal government has the inclination to grow general welfare and common defense, each had eight qualifiers to harness them more fully. Outside these four powers the federal government had no power to tax or spend.

General welfare then meant everyone equally and at the same time as opposed to "specific welfare" or "privileged welfare" as it is today, targeting those to forfeit and those to receive money. The Constitution did not bar states, counties or cities from having such programs, only the federal government. But



from other pens

• dr. harold pease

the more politicians promised to the people, from the money of others, the easier it was to get elected and stay elected.

So, how did we cover the expenses of the federal government – even wars – before 1913? Products coming into the country were assessed a fee to market in the U.S. called a tariff. We got producers in other countries to cover our national expenses and thus we were able to spend, on ourselves, every cent of what the federal government now takes.

So why does the government now need a fourth of everything you make and it is still not enough? Because we went off the listed powers of the Constitution and every departure required more taxpayer funding. The answer to less tax is less government and always will be. A side benefit is more freedom.

The freedom lost by the 17th Amendment, ratified on May 31, 1913, is harder to explain and mandates the readers' understanding of what a republic is. In such there is no federal government over the states. Think of it as a marriage where one party performs domestic duties (the states) and the other foreign policy duties (the federal government). Neither is boss over the other. Neither manages the other. As in any good marriage they are equal but sovereign over their areas of jurisdiction.

The major protector of state sovereignty was

the state legislatures who picked two of their own body to protect state interest from federal intrusion and sent them to the U.S. Senate. The ability to combine to hold the federal government to the listed powers of the Constitution is absolutely critical to remaining a republic and remaining free. The Senate is the only body powerful enough to do so. This is why we have two law-making branches of government, one the Senate: to protect the interest of the states.

All this protection from government's natural inclination to grow, dominating and controlling everything that it touches, was unwisely removed by the 17th Amendment and states today are not shielded from federal intrusion. Senators are elected precisely as are House of Representative members, by popular vote. In fact, they may not even know of, care about, or be loyal to state issues.

These two 1913 amendments largely destroyed our status as a republic. We can look back and see the trail of damage of both. The 17th removed our shield from federal intrusion and the 16th enticed politicians to feed at the trough of "free" federal money for their own personal elevation, consequently syphoning authority to the federal government.

The result: the federal government has its dominating presence in every aspect of your life and in everything that moves. Only the ill informed can call this freedom.

Dr. Harold Pease is an expert on the United States Constitution. He has taught history and political science from this perspective for over 25 years at Taft College. To read more of his weekly articles, visit www.LibertyUnderFire.org.

Exaggeration not required

We were starting out for a walk along the river, back a few days when the weather was warm, Cynthia, daughter Lindsay and I. Someone asked what time we were starting, so we'd know when half an hour was up and we could turn for the car.

"I just started the time," I said. "Well, you know your father," Cynthia said. "He never starts his watch until we've been walking five minutes."

I rolled my eyes. "You know how your mother exaggerates," I said.

Lindsay smiled. "I'd say she just lies," she said, but not without affection.

The children, all victims of many of their mother's columns over the years, always told their friends that their mother might put them in her column if they, say, came over for dinner. And their mother always exaggerated. Sometimes made things up. Changed the facts to fit the story.

Whatever you want to call it.

I think it was handy to have their friends believe this, especially if their mother wrote a column about them that, while excruciatingly embarrassing (And, when you're in junior high, what isn't?), they could say she just made things up.

Well, she did exaggerate a lot. She'd just smile and say, "I like to call it artistic license."



steve haynes

• along the sappa

Take the case in point. It's true, sometimes I don't start the timer right away. It might take me 30 seconds or a minute to remember. Rarely longer. Now, that's morphed into five minutes. "Never" less.

You see what I mean? I'm sure the children did suffer, having a mom who wrote about them. I told them it could have been worse.

They could have been born to, say, a cartoonist like Lynn Johnston, who chronicled her family through good times and bad until it just got too complicated. When she quit tracking the family story, Lynn said it'd gotten so involved she had to hire a continuity editor to tell her if the grown kids' homes looked the same from week to week. Otherwise, sharp-eyed readers would complain.

Our kids's foibles were exposed to a few thousand readers, but Lynn's "Mike" and "Elizabeth" (names had been changed to

protect the guilty) had an audience of millions when "For Better or for Worse" was the most popular comic strip in the world.

Or they could have been related to Dave Barry, the syndicated humor columnist, who once wrote about picking his son up in front of the junior high school in (gasp) the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile.

Compared to them, you wouldn't think our kids had much to worry about, but then their friends were the ones who wound up in the columns and/or read about their episodes. Not millions. But I suppose it was only the ones the kids knew who counted.

It's true, their mother did write about them a lot. She couldn't write about the cats every week; the old men would complain.

And their mother does exaggerate. I never let it bother me, and I'm sure I've been the target of more of her barbs than any of them. But then, I have a column, too, and I can get even. They didn't.

But I never exaggerate. There's too much good stuff out there as is.

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Topside tourney set to begin Thursday

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1 p.m. and the game for fifth place will be at 3 p.m., both in the junior high gym. In the main gym on Saturday will be the game for third place at 3 p.m. and the championship game at 7 p.m.

On the girls side Wallace County and Norton will play the early game at 2 p.m. Thursday in the main gym. The Lady Wildcats lost 68-35 to Hoxie last week. The Lady Bluejays fell 42-25 to Goodland in their first game of the season Friday.

Oakley and Wray will play at 4 p.m. in the junior high gym. The Lady Plainsmen

won their first game of the year 49-27 over Wichita County. The Lady Eagles played twice last week, winning 67-42 over Fleming on Tuesday and winning 49-45 over Perkins County on Friday.

The Goodland Cowgirls will take on Bellevue Christian at 6 p.m. in the main gym. The Cowgirls beat Norton in their opening game on Friday, while the Lady Bruins are 3-0. They beat Front Range Baptist 57-11 last Thursday, beat Eagle Ridge Academy 55-13 on Friday and beat Denver Eagles Christian 49-37 on Saturday.

The late game will be McCook versus Burlington. The Lady Bison, the defend-

ing tournament champions, are 1-0, having beaten Chase County, Neb., 56-36 on Friday, while the Lady Cougars lost their first game of the year against Lamar 75-29 and lost against Yuma 74-34.

Second round games will be at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Friday. On Saturday will be the game for seventh place at 11 a.m. in the junior high gym and the game for fifth place in the main gym, also at 11 a.m. The game for third place will be at 1 p.m. in the junior high gym, while the championship game will be at 5 p.m. in the main gym.

School district conducts evacuation drill on Friday

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listen to directions."

The drill involved moving the students by buses to the chosen location. The teachers and staff kept track of each student. When parents picked the kids up teachers also kept track.

"It's sad that we live in a world where schools have to be concerned about these types of things, but I think

it's a great credit to our school district that they are willing to do these drills and invest in our children's safety," Couch said. "Mr. Biermann and other administrators have also attended various school safety seminars with me. As a law enforcement officer, I consider myself lucky to work in a jurisdiction where the school administration places such a great emphasis on keeping their students safe."

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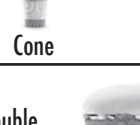





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OXY currently provides free, useable gas to class members who currently use house gas and must continue to provide free, useable gas for the duration of the leases. (Dkt. No. 110 at page 10).

OXY's implied duty to produce and market diligently does not eliminate its duty to provide free, useable gas. (Dkt. No. 110 at pages 19, 21).

OXY may not be able to satisfy its duty under the free gas clause simply by providing

gas as it emerges from the well. Rather, OXY must bear the expense to make gas useable. The Court did not specify what OXY must do or cannot do to make gas useable but found that OXY must provide free, useable gas to class members as required under the leases. (Dkt. No. 110 at page 20).

Free means without cost to the surface owner so OXY must provide free, useable gas at its sole expense. After the gas is in a useable form, the surface owner bears the risk and expense of using that gas in their home. (Dkt. No. 110 at 16-17, 19-20).

The Class was not entitled to injunctive relief because: a) OXY is currently providing free, useable gas to the current house gas users; b) there was no evidence that OXY was going to stop providing free and useable gas in the future; and c) if OXY did stop providing free and useable gas in the future, members of

the class could sue for money damages based on the Court's declaratory judgment. (Dkt. No. 110 at 23-24, 26-29).

A free and complete copy of the referenced opinions is publicly available and published at HYPERLINK "https://ecf.ksd.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/Opinions.pl" https://ecf.ksd.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/Opinions.pl by using the date of the Orders, "03/26/2013" and "09/29/2011", the party-name "Schell", or the Case Number "07-1258". The Court also denied OXY's motion to decertify the action as a class action. (Dkt. No. 191).

Denial of Request for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses

This case was filed August 31, 2007. Since that time, Class Counsel has pursued this case against OXY on behalf of the class on a contingent fee basis in which it advanced all of the expenses and time in hopes of

prevailing. Class Counsel filed a motion with the Court asking it to order OXY to reimburse Class Counsel for both taxable and nontaxable expenses, to pay Class Counsel attorneys' fees, and to pay the Class Representatives incentive awards. The Court denied Class Counsel's motion for an award against OXY of attorneys' fees, nontaxable expenses, and incentive awards (Dkt. 192), finding no legal basis for an award. Class Counsel may appeal this ruling.

Finality of Judgment

The Judgment entered November 5, 2013 is not yet final. The parties may file notices of appeal which may modify of all or part of the Judgment.

Should you have any questions about your rights as announced by the Court or about the other subjects of this Notice, please contact either

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ORDERED: November 25, 2013.

J. THOMAS MARTEN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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vs.

OXY USA Inc.
Defendant.

Case No. 07-1258-JTM

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT IN CLASS ACTION

On March 26, 2013, the Honorable J. Thomas Marten, District Court Judge of The United States District Court for the District of Kansas entered a declaratory judgment in favor of the class in this case. (Dkt. 155). The Memorandum and Order (Dkt. No. 155, 156) of March 26, 2013 reinstated

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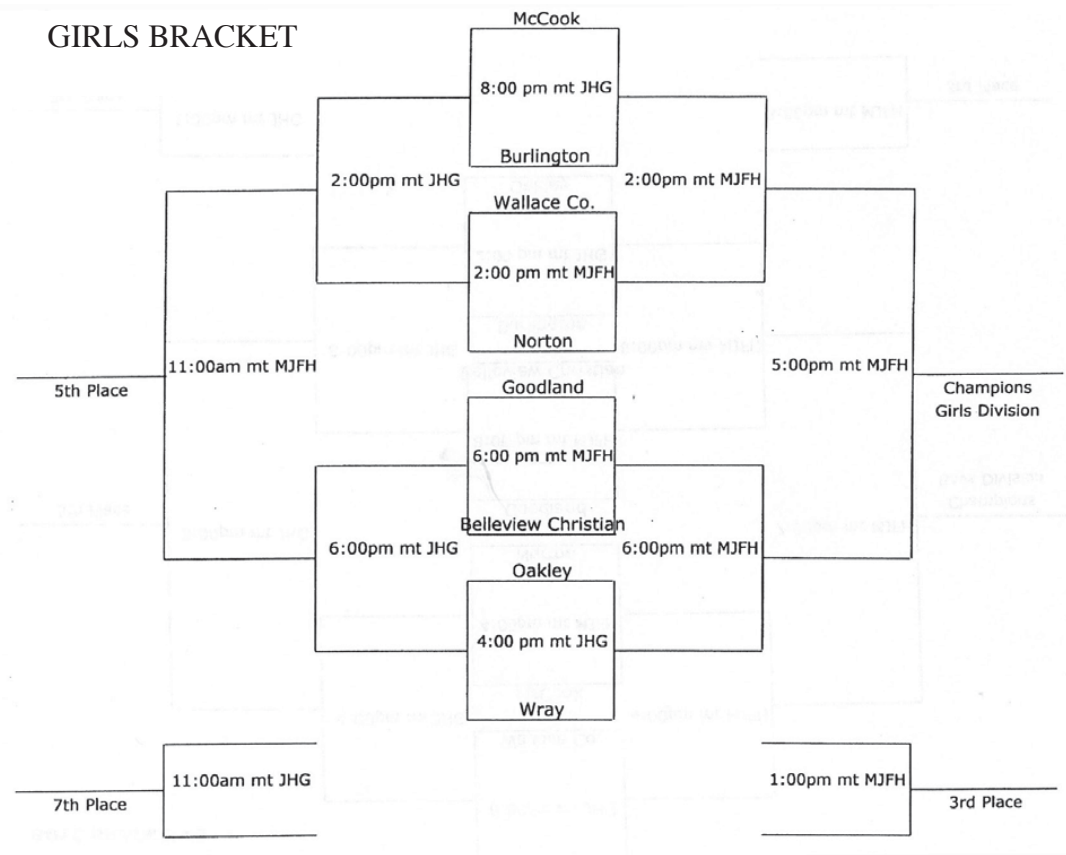
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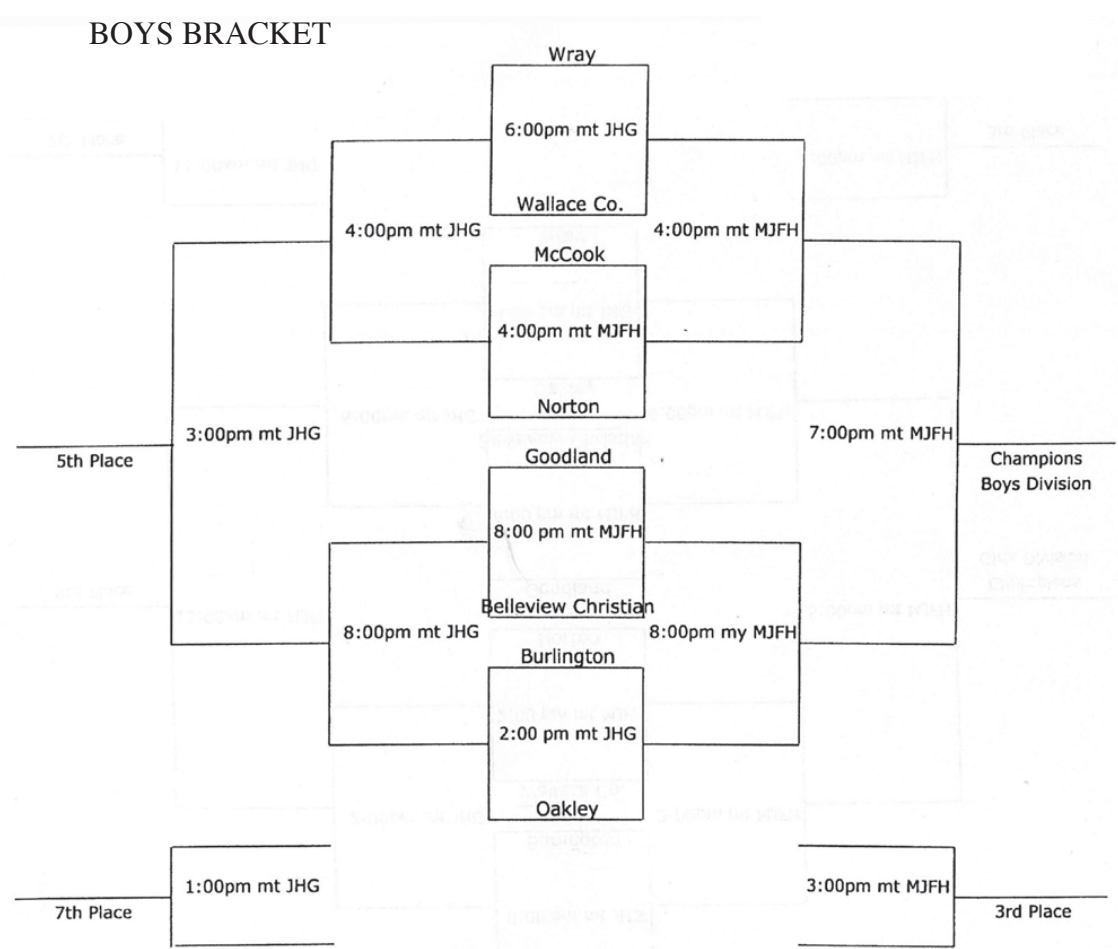
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U.S. Bank National Association Plaintiff,

vs.

Anthony S. Duraso, et al. Defendants.

Case No. 13CV14
Court Number:
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

NOTICE OF SALE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

U.S. Bank National Association Plaintiff,

vs.

Della Soellner, et al. Defendants.

Case No. 13CV16
Court Number:
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR ASSET BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-HE1 PLAINTIFF

-vs-

GREG WILKINSON, et. al.; DEFENDANTS

No. 11CV1
Div. No.
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Cowgirls start season with win over Norton

By Pat Schiefen
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The audience at the Max Jones Fieldhouse on Friday got a preview of this week's Topside Tipoff as the Goodland High School girls and boys basketball teams faced the Norton Bluejays.

Both teams will play in the Topside Tipoff tournament that begins Thursday, though they are on opposite ends of the bracket.

The Cowgirls started their basketball season on a high note with a 42-25 win against the Bluejays.

The starting lineup included seniors Hope Cochran, Brianna White, Berkley White, Maddie Mayer and junior Kate-Lynn King.

Within the first two minutes of the first quarter Goodland jumped ahead, 4-0, with one of the baskets made by Berkley White. Norton made their first basket of the night around the four minute mark. The Cowgirls were having foul trouble with four team fouls. At three minutes left in the quarter, Cheyenne Ortnier made a bucket. A loose ball led to players scrambling on the floor for possession. At the two minute mark,

King added a bucket. The score was Goodland, 8-2. Norton added a three-pointer before the end of the quarter and in the last 30 seconds Cochran made a bucket. Goodland led, 10-5.

Faith Biermann put in the first bucket of the second quarter to make the score 12-5. Norton went on a scoring run to over take the Cowgirls with six minutes left, 14-12. Biermann added a bucket to even things up. At 3:30 Berkley White got the ball, had an open court and went all the way to score a bucket. On a rebound Kate-Lynn King made a bucket. The score was Goodland, 18-14. Norton added a free throw and a bucket before the end of the quarter. Goodland kept their lead, 18-17.

In the opening minute of the third quarter Norton again regained the lead, 19-18. When Mayer fouled, Norton added a free throw to make it 20-18. With 5:30 left Brianna White made a basket to tie things up. Then Brianna stole the ball and made another bucket to give Goodland the lead, 22-20. With four minutes left in the quarter Biermann added a bucket followed closely

by another Norton basket. The score was 24-22. Then Biermann added a three pointer at the three minute mark. Norton added a free throw from a foul by Cochran. With 45 seconds left Biermann added another bucket. The third quarter ended with Goodland leading 29-23.

Brianna White added a bucket in the first minute of the fourth quarter. When Biermann was fouled she added a free throw to make the score Goodland, 32-23. Norton score followed by Berkley White adding a free throw and King a bucket at 3:43. The score was Goodland 35-25. With less than two minutes remaining Ellie House made two free throws. Ortnier made a three pointer and Mayer a bucket to end the game with a 42-25 Cowgirl victory.

Cheyenne Ortnier looked for a teammate to pass the ball to during the Goodland High School varsity basketball game against Norton on Friday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

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Goodland High boys team rallies to 54-49 victory over Bluejays

By Kevin Bottrell
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The Goodland High School boys basketball team fell behind against the Norton Bluejays during Friday's game, but fought back hard and won 54-49 victory.

The Cowboys won the jump, but neither team was able to score in the first minute of the game.

Norton scored the first points with a free throw at the 7 minute mark. It would be more than a minute of game time before Gage Ihrig put in a three pointer to make it 3-1. Norton answered with a three pointer of

their own, but Kolt Trachsel hit a three pointer with 4:28 remaining in the quarter, keeping the Cowboys in the lead 6-4.

Norton took the lead on a two pointer and free throw, but the Cowboys took it back when Zach Miller rebounded a shot by Ihrig and gave it back to him. Ihrig sunk the two pointer to make it 8-7.

Norton scored five points to regain the lead. Ihrig made a steal and a layup, but Norton put in another four points. Jarod Lake made a two-point shot at the buzzer to end the quarter with Norton on top 16-12.

Much like the first quarter, it would be more than a minute before the first score in the second. That basket, a three pointer from Norton, came at 6:42 on the clock. The Cowboys rallied over the next several minutes, with three pointers from Gage and Gannon Ihrig and a two-point shot from Gannon to put the Cowboys on top 20-19.

Norton battled back to take a 23-20 lead. Trachsel put in a free throw, but committed a foul on the next play, resulting in two free throws for Norton. Then Adam Simmerman fouled a Norton player who was

shooting a three pointer, resulting in three more free throws.

The Cowboys were able to close the gap a little with two-point shots from Gage Ihrig and Miller, but Norton put in the last shot of the half to make it 30-25.

In the second half, Norton scored first on a two-point shot. The Cowboys went on an eight-point run with baskets from Gage and Gannon Ihrig and Taylen Smith, briefly retaking a 33-32 lead. Norton added six points to take it back, ending the third quarter ahead 38-33.

The Cowboys and Bluejays kept

pace with each other over the first few minutes of the fourth quarter. Smith scored the opening points on a putback. Norton scored, then Smith got another basket and was fouled. He made his free throw to make it 40-38.

Norton put in a three pointer, followed by a pair of free throws from Gage Ihrig. The Bluejays got another two points on a steal, followed by another pair of free throws from Gage, making the score 45-42.

With 2:45 to play, the Cowboys tied the ballgame 45-45 on a three pointer by Luke Avila. The Cow-

boys got the ball back quickly and took the lead on a three pointer from Gage Ihrig. A foul on Gannon Ihrig resulted in two free throws for Norton. Gannon was then fouled with 1:22 to play, sinking a pair of free throws to make it 50-47.

In the final seconds, Norton put in a two pointer, pulling within one point. Gannon Ihrig drew a foul, putting in two free throws to make it 52-49. Gage Ihrig added the final nail in the coffin for the Bluejays when with 14 seconds left he put in two free throws, making the final score 54-49.

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

		7		2	5	4		
					1			
6		3						
7								6
4			8					9
			1			2	3	
	6				2		1	
							4	9
			4	3	5	6		

Level: Beginner

Crossword Puzzle

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10							
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CLUES ACROSS

- Binder
- Move up and down
- Wild sheep of northern Africa
- Annoys
- An upward movement
- Ducktail
- Town in central Minnesota
- Philatelist's delight
- Carrier's invention
- Foreign travellers
- Aurochs
- Batter advanced score
- Show the way
- Steep rugged mass of rock
- Valley
- Digital data device
- Insert mark
- Breakout
- Dissent from dogma
- Kuhil and clown fish
- Unconsciousness
- Czech River
- Johann Sebastian
- Flows to the Danube at Belgrade
- World data organization (abbr.)
- Comedian Sahl
- Porch furniture wood
- Potato state
- American Pickers
- Yellow-fever mosquitos
- Edison's company
- Axis and offshoot angle
- Standard
- Blame (Scottish)
- Esoteric
- Pronounces

CLUES DOWN

- Any wrist bone
- Baltimore bird
- Czar's nation
- Regulated food
- Space next to someone
- Expunction
- Trauma center
- Spanish yes
- Matters
- Twist out of shape
- Toward
- Renders able for a task
- An extended social group
- Article
- GMA anchor's initials
- Streetcar
- Summer month (abbr.)
- Not widely distributed
- Plays great music
- Female 1776 descendants
- Speed gauge ratio
- Old English
- After B
- Expressing sorrow
- More hearty, firmer
- Taxis
- Single pip card
- 50th state
- A source of worry
- Eight sided
- Highest military valor award (abbr.)
- Former Harvard Pres. Derek
- Drinking tubes
- Loss of coordination
- Self-love
- Talus joints
- Accumulator
- Rural delivery
- Lady Soul's initials
- Prefix indicating abstraction
- Hawaiian goose
- Prince William's mom, Lady
- Aid organization (abbr.)
- Farm state

School calendar for December 11-17

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West Elementary School • Central Elementary School

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Senior Citizens Dinner
7:30 a.m.: PLC

Thursday:
Topside Tipoff Basketball Tournament, here
First Round Girls Junior High Basketball League Tournament

Friday:
Topside Tipoff Basketball Tournament, here
1 p.m.: Varsity Wrestling at Colby

Saturday:
Topside Tipoff Basketball Tournament, here
ACT Test
7 a.m.: Varsity Wrestling at Colby
9 a.m.: Girls Junior High Basketball GWAC League Tournament at Oakley

Monday:
3 p.m.: Junior Varsity Basketball Tournament, here

Tuesday:
5:30 p.m.: Varsity/Junior Varsity Basketball at Atwood

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