

# District celebrates 60 years of stewardship



Entertainment for the 60th annual Sherman County Conservation District banquet on Monday, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, was the High Plains Chorus, a Colby-based chapter of the Sweet Adelines. The ladies sang a selection of songs starting with "Consider Yourself," "Red Rose Rag," "Carolina in the Morning," "White Wings" and finishing with "God Bless America." There were 17 members of the chorus, which included Elmarie Nelson of Goodland (right end of third row). Don Kready conducted and Joan Wessel was the narrator.

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The Sherman County Conservation District celebrated 60 years of saving soil and protecting the environment Monday night with a banquet and awards presentation at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall.

More than 200 supporters had a pork-chop dinner prepared by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, followed by entertainment by the High Plains Chorus, a Colby-based chapter of the Sweet Adelines.

As people arrived, they were asked to sign in and if they were 18 and a citizen of Sherman County, they were offered a ballot for the Conservation District board election.

After dinner and before the entertainment, Dean Graber and Scott Jarrett, both members of the district board, announced there was one position up for election and that Lynn Ihrig had been nominated for re-election.

There were no nominations from the floor and those who had ballots were asked to fill them out. After the entertainment, it was announced Ihrig had been elected.

Lonnie Whitaker, district board chairman, introduced guests in the audience, including County Commissioners Mitch Tiede and Chuck Thomas.

Ihrig presented the Friends of Conservation Award to Steve

Haynes of *The Goodland Star-News* and Marty and Kathy Melia of KLOE/KKCI/KWGB Radio. Ihrig said the award was being given to the news organizations for their continued support of the district and the goals of soil and water conservation.

Sandy Rogers, district manager, and Dan Farmer, conservation technician, presented the limerick, poster and essay contest winners to area students.

Rogers said sixth grader Vance Johnson's limerick had received an honorable mention at the state level. The limerick was: "A farmer brought crops to the fair. His grain was beyond compare. He used crop rotation, for his soil preservation. He won first place fair and square."

The annual Windbreak Award was presented to Vernon and Karen Issac by Dwane Timm of the First National Bank. He presented the Bankers Award to David and Lori Leonard.

The Conservationist of the Year Award was presented to Brady and Jane Philbrick by Fred Wedel, district conservationist.

Wedel said the Philbrick operation was a superior example of the value of conservation measures. He said that the couple used the latest conservation techniques to keep moisture and topsoil in his farming with no-till, low-till and chemical-tillage techniques.

## Student winners

### Posters

**Third and fourth grade:** First, Travis Williams; second, Connor Gray; third, Shaley Miller; honorable mention, Dallas DeLaRosa, Nathaniel Smith, Jacee Herl, Sydney Winston.

**Fifth through eighth grade:** First, Brook Redlin; second, Freda Barber; third, Jessica Lake; honorable mention, Paul Starr, Marisa Lopez, Lorenzo Delgado, Ryan Irvin.

### Limericks

**Third and fourth grade:** First, Connor Gray; second, Shaley Miller; third, Travis Williams; honorable mention, Luke Hunter.

**Fifth through eighth grade:** First, Colton Nelson; second, Javier Gonzales; third, Jessica Geist; honorable mention, Cory Millam, Jennifer Pennington, Michael Johnson.

### Essays

First, Ashley Garza; second, Day Waugh; and third, Brook Redlin.

### HyperStudio Stacks

First, Ross Townsend; second, Jade Herl; third, Brandi Bahe; honorable mention, Stephanie Becvar, Kirsten Topliff, Michael Johnson, Eric Whalen.

## Air Force A-10 makes unplanned stop here

An Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt II "Warthog" landed at Renner field about 11:45 a.m. Tuesday as a precaution after losing oil pressure on its way from Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., to Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs. The attack plane, from the 442nd Fighter Wing, was enroute to Hill Air Force Base in Utah for "depot-level maintenance." The pilot, 1st Lt. Scott Siems, said a maintenance team from Whiteman traveled to Goodland and repaired the plane. Butterfly Aviation said the plane left Renner about 9 a.m. Thursday.

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## Air ambulance crash kills three

The first crash in air-ambulance operator EagleMed's 22-year history claimed three lives, but officials says the crash will not affect the company's service in Goodland or reduce the company's service area.

Three EagleMed crew members were killed early Tuesday, Feb. 17, when their plane crashed in a field several miles north and west of the Dodge City Regional Airport.

The victims were Brandon Bow of Dallas, the pilot, and Jonathan Dye of Meade and Jennifer Hauptman of Coldwater. The plane was on its way back to Dodge City from Wichita Mid-Continent Airport.

Among those affected by the tragedy are officials at Goodland Regional Medical Center.

"We're very sorry about the accident and very sorry for them," said Administrator Jay Jolly. "It's a real shock to anyone. It's hard when any of your professional colleagues have something like that happen."

The accident shouldn't affect the company's operation in Goodland, Jolly said; they are operating other bases as normal. The accident's affect to the medical field was the loss of three trained professionals.

"It's hard enough to find trained health care professionals as it is," Jolly said. "It's hard when they become victims of an accident like that."

EagleMed officials said they lost contact with the plane about 3 a.m. Feb. 17, and a crash was reported northwest of the Dodge City airport at 3:25.

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"As rescue personnel arrived at the scene," the company said in a press release, "it was quickly determined that there were no survivors."

The company, based in Wichita, said it would continue to provide air ambulance service throughout its six-state coverage area in honor of the victims.

The Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board are investigating the accident.

## corrections

A story about the dedication of the Ed Wolak building on the front page of the Feb. 24 *Goodland Star-News* incorrectly reported that Wolak was helping on his father-in-law's ranch when he died on Nov. 29. He was helping his brother-in-law. This was a reporting error.

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The Goodland Star-News will correct any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story. Please call our office at (785) 899-2338 to report errors. We want to keep an accurate record.

<p><b>Calendar Girls</b> PG-13: Nudity, some language; drug-related material. www.goodlandnet.com/movies</p>	<p>Bring this AD to the theatre for \$1 OFF on a large popcorn &amp; 2 med. drinks EXP 12/31/04</p>	<p><b>Fri. &amp; Sat. 7:00 &amp; 9:00</b> <b>Sun. 1:30 &amp; 7:00</b> <b>Mon. - Thurs. 7:00</b> Movie Bucks Make Great Gifts! <b>Sherman</b> 1203 Main - Phone 899-6103</p>
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### Shouldn't you consider these advantages?

Diann Ross, a trained pre-need funeral counselor, representing Bateman Funeral Home can assist with those decisions concerning pre-funding of funerals.

Call 785-890-6600 for further information or to set up an appointment.

Diann is a representative of Homesteaders Life Co.

## Got facts?

Most people think of secondhand smoke as a minor nuisance. **FALSE:** Secondhand smoke has twice the tar and nicotine of smoke inhaled from a cigarette. It has 4,000 chemicals, 40 of which are known to cause cancer and thanks to secondhand smoke, every year 250,000 children get lung and bronchial infections. Help protect yourself and your family from secondhand smoke.

**So, let's clear the air and get the facts!**

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## Another FUN BANE AUCTION Antique & Household Items

for Betty Parker Estate, Harry & Leta Johnson and other individuals

**Saturday, March 6 • 9:30 a.m. MST**

**Location: VFW Hall, 824 Main, Goodland, Kan.**

**FURNITURE & MISC** (NOTE: Most of the furniture is newer colors & styles): Full size hide-a-bed sofa, less than 2 yrs. old; Loveseat sleeper-sofa, like new; Green hide-a-bed; Swivel rocker; Several nice end & coffee tables; 2 apartment size drop leaf tables & chairs; Small writing desk; Queen bed w/frame; Blue swivel rocker; Green recliner; Expandable table w/4 chairs; Double bed, dresser w/mirror; Captain Bed, 9 drawers, desk, nice; Amigo, 3 wheel elect. Scooter; 1 twin bed; Bedroom set w/double bed, chest, dresser; Formal walnut dining table w/6 chairs; Wicker sofa, 2 chairs, 2 tables; Small console stereo; GE Refrigerator; TV stands; GE Elect stove w/microwave; 3 nice portable tv's; Walnut coffee table & 2 hexagon end tables; Double bed w/headboard; 2 entertainment centers; New Sears built-in dishwasher; Mita DC - 1455 copier on stand; Smith Corona 1100 WP; Kirby Gen. 3 vacuum; Kirby 2000 vacuum; Several office chairs; Kirby vacuum; New Eureka vacuum; Kenmore vacuum; 2-Microwave stands; Lamps; Pictures; Kitchen cookware, dishes, silverware; Bedding; Baskets; Plant stands; Schwinn boys 10sp bicycle.

**ROCK ISLAND ANTIQUES:** Brakeman uniform, vest, jacket, pants, hat; w/RI pins; Pencils, several new; Shop rags; Train manuals; Pass records; Seniority lists; Uniform code books; Ticket punch; Shovel; #7 wrench; Line bucket; New match books; Rocket unused passenger tickets; Police badge; Marble; Timetables; Children's menu 1963; Adults menu; Manager car accounting envelope; 3-Brass oil lamps; 2 Lanterns; 4-Tool house keys; Train rules; Unused postcards; Paper Dolly.

**OTHER RAILROAD ANTIQUES:** 1987 & 88 UP calendars, all months, mint; 1-Rio Grand key; CRI&P padlock; BN padlock; Conductor & Brakeman badges; Belt buckle; 8-RR Buttons; Several time tables; Engineers Book; 1914 Monthly bulletin; Date Nails for RR ties; BN timetables; Chicago, RI, & Pacific RR stock certificate; Chicago, Burlington & Quing RR time tables, 1940's; UP & Santa Fe time tables; RR decanter; Lots of train magazines.

**ANTIQUES:** Crock bowl - Harrison Merc. Co., of St. Francis, McDonald, Bird City; 2 crocks w/Harrison's Two Stores; St. Francis & Bird City; 20 gal, 3 gal, 4 gal. Red Wing crocks; 2 small crocks; Crock butter churn; 2 Butter mold crocks; Cast iron pot; Large Cast iron kettle w/legs; Insulator collection; 20 small dolls; Blue Red Wing vase # 894; Floraline Vase #4532 & 406; Roseville 3" vase #663; Roseville 10" vase #421; Haeger Bowl #101; Matching Roseville floral vases; Hull, McCoy & Hobnail pieces; Franciscan dinnerware for 8; Collector plates; Brass candle holder from Japan; Aunt Jemima Syrup bottle; McComb pottery; Ash tray collection; Pure Land bucket; Lots of 78 records; Leatheroid, Walton & Steamer trunks; Music books; Model T Radiator cap; Hand tools; Sad irons w/handles; Avon bottle collection; Washer; Skelly & Sinclair KS, CO & NE Roadmaps; 1 qt. milk bottle, Eastern Milk & Cream Co.; 3 box cameras; Small yard stick collection; Pepsi wall thermometer; Carpenter & Sons Feeds picture & thermometer; Hubley tractor; 1969 Batman comic book; 1940's kids typewriter; 1967 The Man From UNCLE comic book-Mint; 1981 Wonder Woman comic book - Mint; 2 Kids metal irons; 1950's plastic piggy bank; 8 x 10 Wonder woman B&W photograph - Mint; 1993, 94, 95, 96 Barbie's never out of box; 1995 Avon Exclusive, never out of box; 50's Tin Litho Bar Tender toy; 1950's cards; 1954 US Army advertisement; Camel back trunk; 1963 Kellogg cereal premium cut outs; Woodgrain porcelain parlor heat stove; Pewter plates & glass; Cash register; Hubley fire truck.

**MISC. ITEMS:** 4' x 8' Fold-up trailer; 12" Craftsman band saw; Drill press; Portable air compressor; Chopsaw; Paint pot - guns - hoses; 15,000 BTU heating stove, Nat. gas; 100,000 BTU Kero. space heater; 120,000 BTU Kero. Space heater; Hand tools; 100,000 BTU Lenox overhead furnace; Nat. gas grill; Propane grill; 150,000 BTU Kero. Space heater.

The hall will be full. For more information contact Terry Richardson at 785-899-2328, 899-3093, 800-974-2426 or Maynard at 785-899-2078 or 899-4385. www.goodland-ksrealestate.com.