

Air Force country band plans Jan. 29 appearance

The six-piece Air Force Academy's Wild Blue Country band will perform at a free concert at 7 p.m. on Sat. Jan. 29, at the Goodland High School auditorium.

Sponsored by *The Goodland Star-News* and Goodland School District the concert will be free to the public, and coupons will be printed in advertising in the newspaper which will be used as tickets for admission to the concert. Each coupon will be good for up to four people.

Wild Blue Country is one of 10 groups that make up the 76-member Air Force Academy Band.

The country band performs a variety of traditional and today's country music with some blue grass thrown in said Master Sgt. Jerome Oddo the musical director.

"Some of the selections have been written and arranged by members of the band," Oddo said.

Wild Blue Country has been fea-

tured on the Grand Ole Opry and television shows like Nashville Now and Opry Back Stage. They have appeared with country recording artists such as Charlie Daniels, Conway Twitty, Boxcar Willie, Hank Williams, Jr., Louise Mandrell, Reba McEntire, Roger Miller, Ray Price, "Whispering" Bill Anderson and Mickey Gilley.

The full-time professional musicians are lead by Senior Master Sgt. Jim E. Christian who was born in Vinita, Okla. He earned his Bachelor and Master of Music Degrees in Theory and Composition from Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kan.

Sergeant Christian joined The United States Air Force Academy Band Wild Blue Country in 1992. He has studied with Mark O'Conner, Byron Berline and other fiddle players. He is versatile playing the fiddle, mandolin, harmonica,

banjo and guitar, and his arranging capabilities, bring a refreshing dimension to the country music.

Bassist and Musical Director, Sgt. Oddo hails from Detroit Michigan. He graduated from New Smyrna Beach High School in Florida in 1990, and attended Daytona Beach Community College. He joined The United States Air Force Academy Band in June 2000. Jerome performs bass and vocals with Wild Blue Country, arranges music for the band, and coordinates local and national tours. He has performed with Lari White, Mila Mason, Crystal Gail, Christ Church Mass Choir, Nashville, TN, and Bud Shank. Sergeant Oddo has studied with Jeff Berlin, Kim Stone, Mariam Delapp, Tom Thorsen and Jim Graves.

Master Sgt. James Bristow plays the guitar and is a native of Manhattan, Kan. He joined the United

States Air Force Academy Band in 1989. As a guitarist, he has been a contributing member in virtually all of the Band's commercial settings, including jazz, rock, rhythm and blues, Concert Band, and country music. Sergeant Bristow majored in music at Kansas State University and graduated from the Musicians Institute in Hollywood, Calif. in 1980. His mentors include guitarists Dawayne Bailey of the group Chicago, Bob Segar, Steely Dan's Larry Carlton, Robben Ford, Lee Ritenour, as well as Joe Pass, Tommy Tedesco, and Pat Martino. James has performed throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe.

Master Sgt. Edgar Price, the banjo player, was born in Huntington, West Va. After high school he toured with various bluegrass bands, playing five-string banjo for all the major Bluegrass festivals on the East Coast, including Bill

Monroe's Bean Blossom Festival where he judged the five-string banjo competition. While not performing at bluegrass festivals, Ed attended Marshall University where he studied tuba and electric guitar. He joined the Air Force in July of 1984 as a crew chief at Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock, Texas and was voted the best T-38 crew chief of 1986. Ed retrained into the band career field in 1987 and was assigned to the 502nd Air Force Band in Biloxi, Miss. as a bass guitarist. In 1989, Sergeant Price was reassigned to the Air Force Band of the West in San Antonio, Texas as a steel guitarist where he performed with the group Sky Country. His next assignment took him to the Band of Flight at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. In 1997, Sergeant Price joined The United States Air Force Academy Bands' Wild Blue Country.

Master Sgt. Michael E. Riley, the audio engineer, is a native of Rochester, New York. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1990, from State University of New York College at Fredonia. Mike then

worked as a recording engineer and free-lance musician in the Rochester area until 1993, when he was invited to join The United States Air Force Academy Band as an audio engineer. Since joining the Band, Sergeant Riley has worked with virtually every component group, providing live sound reinforcement and recording services.

Master Sgt. Chris Gaona, the drummer, is from Colorado Springs, and joined the Wild Blue Country in October.

Tech Sergeant Todd Gustafson, the keyboard player, comes from Stevens Point, Wis., and he joined the band this month.

Wild Blue Country will perform in Hays at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 30 at the Hays High School 12th Street Auditorium. They will perform in Limon at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 31, at the Limon Public School activities building.

The United States Air Force Academy Band is a 76-member organization that performs for millions of people each year in support of United States Air Force recruiting and community relations.

Three-day ice, snow storm socks area

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a bridge rail with the front end of the vehicle after sliding on the ice about 10 miles west of town at 1:56 p.m. Tuesday. Sheriff Butts said Julie G. Richardson, 58, Florissant, Colo., and passenger John C. Russel escaped the accident uninjured.

Late Tuesday night, a two-car accident 12 miles east of town sent one California girl to the hospital.

At 9:55 p.m. Trooper Bryon Wilson reported George Fluksa, 34, Antelope, Calif., was driving a 2003 Chevrolet utility vehicle west on I-70 and while being passed by a 1998 Kenworth truck Driven by Andy L. Butts, 55, Oklahoma City, he lost control on the ice.

The report states Fluksa slid into the passing lane and Butts hit him

sending the Chevrolet into the north ditch facing west. Butts' truck ended up on the north shoulder.

Passenger Eva L. Fluksa, 11, Antelope, Calif., was taken by ambulance to Goodland Regional Medical Center for injuries. Kristina A., 34, and Elizabeth L., 7, George Fluksa and Butts were uninjured. Everyone was reported to be wearing a seat belt.

Another Toyota pulling a U-Haul struck an embankment about 15 miles west of town on I-70 at 11:15 p.m., Tuesday.

An accident report from deputy Showalter said, Thomas Howard, 55, Corning, N.Y., slid on the ice hitting an embankment on the south side of the road and damaging only the trailer.

West said they worked another

accident where a 2001 GMC pickup with a 28 foot goose-neck trailer slid on the ice Wednesday at mile marker 28 on I-70. He said the trailer contained precious cargo of show cattle worth \$60,000.

Wednesday Trooper Richard Hageman was called out to an accident involving three tractor trailers at 1:30 p.m. in the westbound lane of I-70 near the Colorado boarder. Traffic had to be zig-zagged through the accident that took up most of the road.

Another rollover accident, in the eastbound lane of I-70 at the rest stop sent items in a moving truck all over the side of the road. The truck lost control on the ice and rolled over sending the contents into the snow. The passengers were not hurt.

Priscilla Parham, technician at

the National Weather Service here, said the office issued a Winter Weather Advisory for freezing rain Sunday night.

She said the office followed up on Monday with a Winter Storm Warning, a warning that severe weather is eminent, that lasted through Wednesday.

"The warning for (Wednesday) was mainly for wind chills," she said adding the Weather Service was advising people to dress in layers and avoid long term exposure to the outside.

Wednesday, Parham said, the roadways were still dangerous with the snow covering up the layer of ice underneath.

"Driving is still very difficult," she said.

The ice will be slow to melt, she added, saying that although the sun will come out today and temperatures will be up in the 30s, the mercury will not significantly rise until the weekend.

The forecast calls for temperatures in the 40s on Saturday and maybe into the low 50s on Sunday. She said areas with more snow cover will be slower to see the warm up.

Parham said the forecast calls for temperatures around normal into next week and there is no more precipitation in sight.

Family repeats with first baby of year

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will be up to date on local news for the next year with a one year subscription to *The Goodland Star-News*.

Pizza Hut gave the new mom a night off from cooking with a medium pizza and a two liter bottle of soda.

To keep Nicholas safe on the ride

home the Kansas Highway Patrol gave the family a new car seat and even offered to help with installation.

The hospital gave the baby a kit that included formula, water, diapers, socks, a diaper bag and a baby blanket.

Cobblestone Floral sent a \$25 gift certificate along with flowers and a baby blue teddy bear and the Meth-

odist Quilter group and the Prairie Piecemakers each donated a new quilt to the family.

Kathleen is excited to have the new addition to the family, but they will be short on room at home. She wants a new mini-van and said they plan to move into a bigger house soon.

"I'm ready to get home and make the adjustments," she said.

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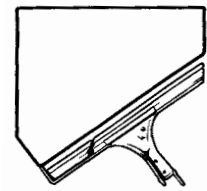
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