

birthday

Lucille (Hicks) Walters, formerly of Goodland, is celebrating her 85th birthday Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005. Her family is requesting a card shower. Send cards to her at 2734 Hall, Apt. 112, Hays, Kan. 67601.

activities

**Tours of the 1907 Victorian House** at 202 W. 13th are from 1-5 p.m. **Wednesday-Sunday.**

**"Nifty '50s Photograph Collection"** is on display from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. **Monday-Friday** and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. **Saturday** at the High Plains Museum, 1717 Cherry Ave.

The **Carnegie Arts Center** is open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. **Tuesday through Friday** and from 1-4 p.m. **Saturday, Sunday** and **Monday.**

Area artists will display their work from Sunday through Friday, Dec. 30.

The **Goodland Public Library** will have story time for 3-5-year-olds at 10 a.m. **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays.** Born to Read for children birth to age 3, accompanied by an adult, will be at 10 a.m. **Fridays.**

**Prairie Piecemakers Quilt Guild** will meet at 6 p.m. the second **Thursday** of each month at "The Rock House," 326 E. 6th in Goodland. Call Cora House at 899-2619, Joan Reid at 890-7301 or Carol Tupper at 890-5955.

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

**Diabetes Support Group** meets at 7 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.

**Emotions Anonymous** meets at 7:30 p.m. **Wednesdays** at the Goodland Regional Medical Center board room.

**Aerobics Classes - 5:30 and 7:30 a.m.** aerobics classes are offered **Monday, Wednesday** and **Friday** at the Goodland Activities Center. Yoga is offered at 8:30 a.m. **Wednesday.** Call 890-7242.

**TOPS Meetings - Take Off Pounds Sensibly** meets at 5:30 p.m. **Mondays** at North Elementary School. Weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

**Alcoholics Anonymous S.O.S. Group** holds open meetings at 7 p.m. **Monday** at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Seventh and Center, Burlington. Call Pamela at 719-346-7711 or Dave at 890-2858.

**Goodland Alcoholics Anonymous** meets at 8 p.m. **Monday,** a closed meeting with Al-Anon, **Wednesday,** the book meeting, and **Saturday,** an open meeting, at 1013 Center. For Alcoholics Anonymous, call Rob at 890-3023 or Linda at 399-2353. For Al-Anon, call Cheryl at 890-3023.

The "Freedom Today" group of **Narcotics Anonymous** meets at 8-9 p.m. **Tuesdays, open; 8-9 p.m. Thursdays, closed; and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Saturdays, open,** at the Elks Lodge. Call 890-8369.

**Fibromyalgia and Chronic Myofascial Pain Support Group** meets from 6:30-8:30 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.

The **Pride of the Prairie Orchestra** meets from 7:30-9 p.m. **Central Time on Mondays** at the **Colby High School Band Room.** The all-volunteer orchestra does not require auditions and is open to anyone from northwest Kansas and northeast Colorado. The music ranges from classical to popular. Call Dr. David Younger at 899-3421 or e-mail Gail56@hotmail.com.

**area events**

**Colby singles dances** will be from 8 p.m. until midnight **tonight** and **Friday, Jan. 6,** at the City Limits Convention Center. Couples are also welcome. There is a charge, which includes line dance lessons, which start at 7 p.m. Call Darline Freytag at 785-890-3243.

Kappa Upsilon is holding a **Holiday Home Tour** from 2-5 p.m. **Central Time Saturday** in Colby. Tickets can be bought at any of the five homes, 935 S. Range, 350 E. Plum, 1325 W. Cottonwood Dr., 1880 County Road O or No. 20 Cottonwood Dr.

Cal and Cindy Turner of C.C. **Turner Music Ministries** will perform at 4 p.m. **Central Time Saturday** at the Peace Lutheran Church, 202 N. College, St. Francis. They will be doing their new holiday program, "Let There Be Peace on Earth," which will include music, humor, gift giveaways and Christmas cookies. Donations are appreciated.

**"Red, Hot and Blue! White Christmas!"** a popular attraction at Branson, Mo. will be performed at

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**Genesis Food Drive** will be **Saturday.** Put canned goods and non-perishable food items **on your porch by 8:30 a.m.** for pickup. Kids from 4-H clubs and scouts will pick food up starting at 9 a.m. For more information, call Pat Jordan at 899-5073.

**Free matinees** will be held at 1:30 p.m. **on Saturdays and Sundays** at the Sherman Theatre. **"Madagascar"** will be **this weekend.** "Elf" will be Dec. 10 and 11, and "Christmas with the Kranks" will be Dec. 17 and 18.

For most **APO/EPO zip codes,** the **deadlines for Christmas delivery** to military personnel are **Saturday** for Parcel Airlift Mail, Dec. 10 for Priority Mail or First Class letters and Dec. 19 for Express Mail Military Service.

The Goodland Elks Lodge is having a **Memorial Service** for departed Elk members at 1 p.m. **Sunday** at 1523 Arcade. The fourth annual **Blue Star Banner Ceremony** will be at 2 p.m. **Sunday** at the Elks Lodge.

The **Holiday Home Tour** will be from 1-4 p.m. **Sunday.** Homes featured will be those of Dale and Jacque Schields, Josh and Koren Dechant and Michael and Loretta Borgmann. Refreshments and an open house will be at the Carnegie Arts Center. The open house will coincide with the **opening reception from 1-5 p.m.** for the December gallery show. Several area artists will show their work during December.

The **Breast Cancer Support Group** will meet at 5:15 p.m. **Monday** at the Harvesters Restaurant at the Howard Johnson Hotel.

**Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)** will meet at 6 p.m. **Monday** at the First Christian Church. Robin Rains will give a presentation, "The 5-Star Family: Topic of Faith." Child care provided for children kindergarten age and younger.

**SHARE sign up** for the December distribution of food will be until **Monday** at the Sherman County Health Department, the Regional Prevention Center or the

**3 p.m. Central Time Sunday** at the Colby High School auditorium. Admission will be by Western Plains Arts Association Passes or can be paid at the door. The cast will offer a 40-minute educational **workshop on musical theater techniques at 1 p.m. Central Time** in the auditorium. There is no charge for the workshop.

The 29th annual **meeting of the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission and Pioneer Country Development Inc.** will be **Wednesday, Dec. 7,** at the Bison Club, former Elks Club, in Hill City. Registration will be at 6:30 p.m. Central Time, and dinner will be served at 7, followed by the evening's speaker. A Power Point presentation will be made, showing the past year's business loan, grant and housing activities for northwest Kansas. Call Kathie Terry at 785-421-2151 **by Monday to register.** Admission to the **Prairie Museum of Art and History** will be free from 1-5 p.m. **Central Time Sundays** at 1905 S. Franklin in Colby. The museum is also open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Central Time **Monday-Friday** and 1-5 p.m. **Saturday.**

**health department**

The Sherman County Health Department at 1622 Broadway is open from 8 a.m. - noon and 1-5 p.m. **Monday-Friday.**

**Monday:** Scheduled appointments. **Tuesday:** WIC in Oberlin. Scheduled appointments. **Wednesday:** WIC in Goodland. Scheduled appointments. **Thursday:** Office closed 8-9 a.m. for a staff meeting. WIC in Goodland. Scheduled appointments. **Friday:** Scheduled appointments.

Blood pressures; infants', children's and adult's immunizations; health assessments for Kan Be Healthy, daycare and school entry;

Kanorado Senior Center. Get a 6-6 1/2 pound ham, potatoes, sweet potatoes, celery, carrots, egg noodles, apples, oranges, frozen strawberries, pears and a thaw-and-serve pie for \$21 and two hours of volunteer service. Pick up will be **Saturday, Dec. 17,** for the December distribution.

Sheryl Davis of the **Small Business Development Center** will be available for **business checkups next Friday afternoon.** Call the Sherman County Economic Development Office at 890-3743 or stop at the office at 1208 Main to make an appointment.

The Goodland Public Library is holding a **retirement reception** in honor of **Janet Warren** from 3-6 p.m. **Monday, Dec. 12,** at 812 Broadway. Warren, the library's director, has worked there 30 years.

Shores Bumper to Bumper is holding a **Toys for Toddlers Toy Drive.** Drop off new, unwrapped toy donations at 1615 Main **by Thursday, Dec. 15,** and they will be given to local charities to distribute to needy children in Sherman County.

The **third grade music program** will be at 7 p.m. **Tuesday, Dec. 20,** in the high school auditorium.

The **Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter** has **2006 calendars** available featuring dogs that have been adopted and stories written by their new owners. Contact board members or call 899-6464 and leave a message.

**school calendar**

**Today:** Gold day. Boys/girls varsity, junior varsity and freshman basketball 5:30 p.m. at Chase County Schools. Varsity and junior varsity wrestling 5:30 p.m. at Hoxie.

**Saturday:** High school Kansas Music Educators Association competition at Fort Hays State University. FCCLA high school dance. Varsity wrestling, St. Francis Invitational, 8:30 a.m. Junior varsity wrestling tournament 9 a.m. here.

**Monday:** Varsity Scholars Bowl 3 p.m. at Colby.

fasting blood sugar and hemoglobin; family planning; and toenail clipping available by appointment. Assistance is available for the new prescription drug program, and Sharps containers are available free. Call 890-4888.

For assistance with comparing prescription drug plan and enrolling in Medicare Plan D, call for an appointment.

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.

The group charges a \$50 letter of intent fee (similar to a permit) which is good for one year. It is required on the installation or modification of all septic systems in the protection group's area.

The group will continue to offer free testing to private individuals. However, if you are selling, purchasing or refinancing any property that requires an inspection, the group will charge a \$90 inspection fee. The inspection includes site evaluations on well and septic systems and testing the water. The group will also charge a \$25 fee for child care and foster care inspections.

**hospital volunteers**

Gift shop hours are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.; a.m. and p.m. volunteers are in the gift shop.

**Monday:** Bonnie Daily, a.m., and Mazie Sutton, courtesy. **Tuesday:** Anita Coleman, a.m. **Wednesday:** Ruth Ross, a.m., and Mazie Sutton. **Thursday:** Jessie Owens, a.m., and Kaitlin Lee, 3:30 p.m. **Friday:** Faye Paxton, a.m., and

**Tuesday:** Gold day. Seminar — STUCO and GRACE. Boys/girls varsity, junior varsity and freshman basketball 3:45 p.m. here vs. Burlington.

**Wednesday:** Black day. Bank Day-all elementary schools. Kansas Communities That Care Survey. Professional Development Council meeting 3:45 p.m. at Central Elementary. City/county recreation sports 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday:** Gold day. Seminar — FCCLA. Boys/girls varsity basketball-Topside Tip-off. Junior high boys basketball 4:30 p.m. at St. Francis. Varsity, junior varsity wrestling 5 p.m. at Atwood.

**Friday, Dec. 9:** Black day. Boys/girls varsity basketball-Topside Tip-off.

**Saturday, Dec. 10:** Boys/girls varsity basketball-Topside Tip-off. Varsity, junior varsity wrestling-Burlington Invitational. ACT Test 8 a.m.

school menu

**Today:** Nacho supreme, Spanish rice, lettuce salad, pineapple and mandarin oranges and milk. **Monday:** Burritos, lettuce and cheese, potato square, pear and milk. **Tuesday:** Hot ham and cheese sandwich, tator tots, pork 'n' beans, cookie and milk. **Wednesday:** Turkey and noodles, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, dinner roll, 1/2 apple and milk. **Thursday:** Chicken patty sandwich, lettuce, onion, pickle, potato wedge, strawberry Jell-o and milk. **Friday, Dec. 9:** Cheeseburger macaroni, broccoli, dinner roll, frosted banana and milk.

senior center menu

**Monday:** Sloppy joes, potatoes romanoff, mandarin oranges, bun and pudding. **Tuesday:** Pork roast with gravy, winter mix vegetables, cranberry fruit salad, dressing and cookie. **Wednesday:** Chicken fajita salad, citrus slices, crackers and bread pudding with sauce. **Thursday:** Liver and onions, corn casserole, pears, bread and cook's choice complement. **Friday:** Salmon loaf with sauce, green bean casserole, cottage cheese salad, bread and apricots.

cell phone drive

Save a Life Give a Phone collects used cell phones and refurbishes them to provide 911 access for domestic violence victims locally and nationwide, including all YWCA Domestic Violence Shelters. Phones are also provided to the elderly and others in need of an emergency cell phone. The group has a drop-off point at American Communications, 813 Main. Call Jeannie Topliff at 899-2426 or Candice 866-448-2366.

recycling

The **Goodland High School library** is **recycling used cell phones, ink jet printer and LaserJet cartridges.** The school receives from nothing to \$2 for cartridges and nothing to \$5 for cell phones. Drop them by the high school library or office. If you have several and would like them picked up, call the library at 899-5656 to make arrangements. The money goes to support National Honor Society, Scholar's Bowl, Science Olympiad, Electric Car and extra library projects.

thrift store

Anyone wanting to donate to the Goodland Churches Thrift Shop should call 899-2007 to arrange to meet by the door in the alley and take donations directly from the car to the warehouse.

The store needs zippered bags like those bedding and curtains are sold in, seal-a-meal bags or any bags that can be heat-sealed and jewelry gift boxes.

Goodland graduate to sing 'A Capella'

A Goodland High School graduate will be performing in a Christmas choral concert Sunday at Southwestern College in Winfield.

Alyssa Mason, a 2003 Goodland graduate, is a member of the college's A Cappella Choir, which, along with the SC Singers of Southwestern College, will present their Christmas choral concert at 2 p.m. Mountain Time Sunday in the Richardson Auditorium in the Christy Administration Building.

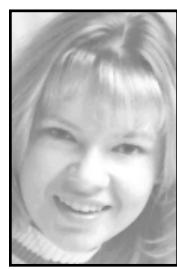
Admission is free. Call Lou Tharp at (620) 229-6272. For those unable to attend, the concert will be Webcast at www.moundbuilder.com.

David Gardner, director of choirs at Southwestern College, said the

concert will feature a wide variety of styles, with some Christmas favorites, including "Twelve the Night Before Christmas," "Silent Night" and the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah."

The choirs will also perform many of these selections with the Wichita Symphony Orchestra Wednesday, Dec. 14.

Southwestern College is a private institution granting undergraduate and graduate degrees and is affiliated with the United Methodist Church. More than 1,400 students attend classes at the main Winfield campus, professional studies sites in Winfield, Wichita, and Oklahoma City or on-line at www.sckans.edu.



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Couple, business honored as 'Friends of 4-H'

The Sherman County 4-H Program Development Committee selected Jack and Marilyn Eklund and Eklund First Insurance Agency as recipients for the 2006 "Friends of 4-H Award."

They received the award at the annual 4-H Achievement Awards held Sunday, Nov. 6. The Eklunds have been supporters of the Sherman County 4-H Programs for many years, said Dana Belshe, Sherman County Agriculture Agent.

Jack, a life-long resident of Sherman County, showed beef as a member of the Warren Star Busy Bees 4-H Club.

The Eklunds involved both of their children in 4-H, with Shanna showing sheep and foods and Jacque showing sheep and dogs. Jacque (Eklund) Drennan has continued her support and is the current dog project leader for the county.

When Jack and Marilyn's children were involved in 4-H, Belshe said, they spent many hours helping them prepare their projects. Both

daughters were members of the Glendale Livewires 4-H Club.

When the livestock show arena was moved where it is today, he said, Jack was instrumental in seeing that there was a sound system that not only covered the arena but also covered the barn area. The main parts of that system, Belshe said, are the backbone of the system used today.

Jack also served for 16 years as a ring-man for the 4-H livestock sale and just retired from that job a few years ago.

He and the insurance agency remain one of the strong supporters of the livestock sale today. They have purchased animals every year for well over 20 years, many of them being top-selling animals.

Jack actively seeks other prospective buyers by going to local businesses and encouraging them to participate in the sale, Belshe said, and you can find the pictures of all the 4-H members and their animals he has purchased the last few years proudly displayed on his office walls.

Economic development council delays election until Wednesday

Nomination and election of the new members of the Sherman County Economic Development Council has been delayed until noon on Wednesday at Gambino's.

The winter storm delayed the original plan to do the election on Tuesday. Chairman John Garcia was on the road and stuck in Hays, and there was not a quorum available to meet.

Nominations are open for two

seats on the council, and Garcia said so far the name of Chuck Wilkens is the only one that has been submitted.

"This works out well for us," Garcia said. "It gives us a little more time to look for some good people who want to serve on the council."

Anyone interested should contact Garcia at 899-5123 or Kay Younger at 890-3743.

matters of record

District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court: **Aug. 20** — Diane E. Gravender was fined \$168 for speeding.

**Brett J. Larsen** was fined \$128 for speeding.

**Aug. 23** — Yu S. Lin was fined \$120 for improper parking.

**Aug. 27** — Nicholas H. Pastor was fined \$159 for speeding.

**Aug. 28** — Cody D. Holt was fined \$138 for improper parking.

**Aug. 29** — Teri L. Dickens was fined \$114 for speeding.

**Sept. 1** — Christopher C. Haxton was fined \$138 for improper parking.

**Sept. 2** — Kihem Carterbey was fined reinstated \$255 for speeding.

Timothy J. Juarez was fined \$168 for speeding and \$60 for unlawful acts with vehicle.

Joshua S. Mishell was fined \$159 for speeding.

**Sept. 3** — Daniel W. Gates was fined \$126 for speeding.

**Sept. 5** — Michael R. Crayton was fined \$138 for speeding.

Thomas J. Guerrero was fined \$126 for speeding.

Travis P. Lizar was fined \$90 for speeding and \$10 for not wearing a seat belt.

**Sept. 6** — Mark S. Beasey was fined \$285 for speeding.

Sidney E. Pratt was fined \$80 for child passenger safety no restraining systems or seat belts.

**Bridal Registry**

Kristi Hawkins & Aaron Mann Dec. 30, 2005

Heather Kerl & Alex Evert Jan. 14, 2006

Mann's Jewelry & Gifts

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**Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire.** PG-13: Sequences of fantasy violence and frightening images.

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Join us at Buffalo Inn 830 W. Hwy 24 Goodland, KS 67735 on **Thursday Dec. 8th** for a free meal. The meal will be a chicken breast dinner with all the trimmings (come hungry).

**Meal Registration - 6:15 PM Dinner Served - 6:30 PM Speaker - 7:15 PM Cash Drawing - 8:45 PM**

Call Terry for Reservations at 1-303-474-4382