# about our riends

#### anniversary

Leslie and Alice Watkins will celebrate their 66th anniversary Friday, Feb. 24, 2006. Send cards to them at 403 Cherry, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

#### 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. Elementary art will be on display until Tuesdav

The Goodland Public Library will have story time for 3-5-yearolds 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 Senter, Burlington. Call Pamela at 719-346-7711 or Dave at 890-2858.

**Goodland Alcoholics Anony**mous meets at 8 p.m. Monday, a closed meeting with Al-Anon, Wednesday, the book meeting, and Center. For Alcoholics Anony-

## the calendar

#### calendar

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Sherman County and Wayne Luckert's Tae-Kwon-Do are holding a "Big for a Day" event at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Goodland Activities Center.

SHARE sign up for the March distribution of food will be until Monday, March 13, at the Sherman County Health Department, the Regional Prevention Center or the Kanorado Senior Center. Pick up will be Saturday for the February distribution.

Meals on Wheels needs someone to **deliver meals from 11** a.m.-noon on Sundays, March 5, 12 and 19, and Saturdays, March 18 and 25. Call Ruth Soward at 899-2095 and leave your name and number.

#### school calendar

Today: Black day. State Kansas Music Educators Association re-

northeast Colorado. The music ranges from classical to popular. Call Dr. David Younger at 899-3421 or e-mail Gail56@hotmail.com.

#### area events

The Sacred Heart School Carnival will be from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Central Time Sunday in Colby. There will be food, games and prizes.

The Vienna Boys Choir will perform at **4 p.m. Sunday** at the Colby High School auditorium. Admission is by Western Plains Arts Association season passes or can be paid at the door.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks in cooperation with the Kansas Hunter Education Instructor's Association will present a workshop for certified hunter education instructors, guest hunter education instructors and potential instructors on Saturday, March 4, in Colby. The topic is "Improving Presentation Skills for Hunter Education Classes," and the presenter will be Dave Oakes from Skillpath Seminars. It will be from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Central Time at the Colby Law Enforcement Center, 360 N. Franklin. Pizza will be provided for lunch. Drawings will be held for door prizes. There is no clipping available by appointment. charge. To register, call Stacy at (800) 272-3488.

The Tumbleweed Chorus will Saturday, an open meeting, at 1013 perform "Showboat" at 2:30 p.m. or complaints about child care, call and 7:30 p.m. Central Time Sat- the health department. mous, call Rob at 890-3023 or urday, March 4, at the Cultural Arts Center/Frahm Theater in Local Environmental Protection Colby. Guest quartets 12th Street Group does well evaluations, in-Rag and U.S. Male will accompany the chorus along with its own Lasting Impressions quartet. Call (800) 279-8208 to buy tickets. The University of Kansas Office of Admissions and Scholarships is inviting high school students from intent fee (similar to a permit) which across the state to "Hawk Talk" receptions that will include information and prizes. A reception will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. Central **Time** at City Limits in **Colby.** The event will provide students an opportunity to learn more about the university with representatives from its professional schools and other offices on hand to answer questions and give information about various departments. Renot require auditions and is open to freshments will be provided. Those charge a \$25 fee for child care and

hearsal in Wichita. Varsity wrestling-state. Boys/girls varsity basketball 1A regional tournament.

Saturday: State Kansas Music Educators Association concert in Boys/girls varsity basketball 1A regional tournament.

sports practice. Sub-state basketball. Goodland Activities Center youth basketball 6 p.m. in the high school gym. School board meeting.

Tuesday: Black day. Seminar AFS. Sub-state basketball. Bullying workshop for students.

Wednesday: Gold day. Bank Day-all elementary schools. Substate basketball. State assessment testing window. Professional Development Conference meeting at Central Elementary. City/ county recreation.

Thursday: Black day. Spring picture day-North Elementary. Seminar – FCCLA. Sub-state basketball. State assessment testing window.

Friday, March 3: Gold day. Wichita. Varsity wrestling-state. Sub-state basketball. State assessment testing window.

Saturday, March 4: State Monday: First day of spring DECA career development conference. Sub-state basketball. State assessment testing window.

#### school menu

Monday: Roast beef gravy, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, dinner roll, fruit crisp and milk. Tuesday: Pizza, lettuce salad, green beans, brownie and milk.

#### seniorcentermenu

Monday: Cook's choice entree, candied sweet potatoes, peas, bread and pineapple. Tuesday: Chili, five-cup salad, crackers and cinnamon roll.

anyone from northwest Kansas and in attendance will be eligible for door prizes. RSVP to www.admissions.ku.edu/receptions.

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: Scheduled appointments. Thursday: WIC in Colby. Scheduled appointments. Friday: Scheduled appointments.

The health department still has flu vaccine.

Assistance is available with comparing prescription drug plans and enrolling in Medicare Part D. Call for an appointment.

Blood pressures; infants' children's and adult's immunizations; health assessments for Kan Be Healthy, daycare and school entry; fasting blood sugar and hemoglobin; family planning; and toenail Sharps containers are available free. Call 890-4888.

If you have questions, concerns

cluding 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 is good for one year. It is required on the installation or modification of all septic systems in the 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 fee. The inspection includes site evaluations on well and septic systems and testing the water. The group will also

#### 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: Fern Heckman, a.m.,

and Mazie Sutton, courtesy. Tues-

day: Anita Coleman, a.m., and Beulah McClung, p.m.

#### alumni reunion

The High Plains Museum will be displaying school photos during the 2006 alumni reunion. The museum needs photographs from the 1980s and '90s. Graduates from those decades should call the museum at 890-4595 or stop by if they can provide pictures.

#### tax help

AARP Tax-Aide, administered through the American Association of Retired Persons with cooperation from the Internal Revenue Service, is providing free tax help from 1-4 p.m. every Friday through April 14 at the Goodland Public Library and the Goodland Senior Center.

They can answer most tax questions for mid- and low-income taxpayers, with special attention to those age 60 and over.

#### 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. Water Testing — The Northwest 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.

# 102nd birthday celebrated

Gladys Nicholson, Goodland, celebrated her 102nd birthday Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2006. There was a party for her at 2:30 p.m. at the Sherman County Good Samaritan Center, and her sister Florence Balsitis came from Yucca Valley, Calif., to visit.

Nicholson was born in Jennings, then her parents moved to a farm north of Brewster, where she lived until she was 15, when she moved back to Jennings, where she met her husband, Casey Nicholson.

She and Casey moved to Goodland in 1939, where she stayed until 1987, when she moved to Minnesota for one year and California for six before returning to Good-

### obituary

#### Opal Brachtenbach

Opal F. (Degering) Brachtenbach, 82, a Kit Carson County farm wife and mother of Barbara (Tom) Eisenbart of Goodland, died Monday, Feb. 20, 2006, at the Kit Carson County Memorial Hospital in Burlington.

She was born Aug. 27, 1923, on the family farm north of Stratton, Colo., the youngest of three children of Benjamin and Amelia (Schroeder) Degering. She attended country school until the family moved to Avoca, Ark., in the 1930s. The family then moved to Orange, Calif. They later moved back to live north of Stratton.

On Jan. 26, 1942, she married Joe Brachtenbach. They lived in several places north of Stratton, moving to town for a short time before buying the "home place." In 1992, they moved off the family farm to Burlington. They raised six children.

Mrs. Brachtenbach enjoyed being a homemaker and helped with the farming and ranching. She and her husband worked all week, so they could travel the countryside "antiquing" on weekends.

She had a wealth of knowledge about collectibles and passed that on to her children. The Brachtenbachs met countless others who

#### **Gladys Nicholson**

#### land. Casey died in 1974.

Nicholson said it was her husband's job on the railroad that brought them to Goodland. She was a clerk in clothing stores, including J.C. Penney's, Wolf's and Mc-Donald's, a store she said was managed by Mr. Drennan before he opened the shoe store.

shared their interests. When asked, she would not only tell you how much the items she had cost, but also the name of the people she bought them from and where they lived.

Two hobbies that she enjoyed after the kids were grown were stained glass and bowling.

Preceding her in death were her parents and a brother, Duane.

Other survivors include her husband; three other daughters, La-Donna Anderson of Fruitland, Fla., Janell (Brian) Wood of Ordway, Colo., and Shirley (Kevin) Jarnagin of Seibert, Colo.; two sons, LeRoy (Susie) Brachtenbach and Gary (Cynthia) Brachtenbach, both of Stratton, Colo.; a sister, Gladys Mathison of Rosemead, Calif.; a sister-in-law, Carmileta Degering; 14 grandchildren; and 18 greatgrandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today, Friday, Feb. 24, 2006, at the Love Funeral Home in Burlington with Pastor Bob Strauch officiating. Burial will follow at the Claremont Cemetery in Stratton.

Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts in Stratton in care of First National Bank in Stratton. Condolences can be sent to the family at www.lovefuneralhomes.com.

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

#### recycling

The Goodland High School library is recycling used cell phones, ink jet printer and Laser-Jet 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.

### Area students listed on Fort Hays honor roll

Thirty-two area students were on the fall deans honor roll at Fort Hays State University.

Students from Goodland on the honor roll were Cassondra Van Allen, Holly A. Stephens, Jennifer E. Mentzer, Mark Alexander Collado, Nathan R. Elliott, Peggy S. Blake, Sondra S. Smith, Tamera Lynne Larson, Tara B. Schultz, Tess B. Schultz and Trista D. Lalicker.

Brewster: Jarrod R. Baird, Kelli M. Bickimer and Tara Marie Fulwider.

Sharon Springs: Corinna R. Bussen, Elana Jazelle Musquiz, Keli L. Wagoner, Mandi Kay Bellamy and Tamera Lynne Larson. Wallace: Maranda Jean Bussen.

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Weskan: Sage A. Sexson and Tucker B. Sexson.

Bird City: Brittany N. Kehlbeck. Saint Francis: Amber D. Feikert, Brett Matthew Petersen. Cale David Rieger, Heidi J. Rohweder, Jody L. Gienger, Kari N. Gienger and Kelsey R. Andrist.

Tribune: Felisha J. Nolan and Marlene R. Ibarra.

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# Arts center to display Santas in March

Christmas in March? Almost. A WaKeeney painter best known for display her work at the Carnegie Arts Center in March.

Bobbi Kerth has had paintings appear on greeting cards, calendars and catalog covers and a limitededition metal sculpture was made from one of her Santa paintings. Her show will open with a gallery reception from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 5, and continue through Thursday, March 30

Kerth said she has always loved to paint and has been using her favorite medium, watercolors, since retiring from the retail lumber busi-

ness 10 years ago.

"I paint what I love, and hopeher whimsical Santa paintings will fully it shows," she said. "I am mainly self-taught, but owe much to lenge of capturing the beauty of the many workshops I've participated in over the years."

Her paintings have been selected for cards and calendars by the American Diabetes Foundation and featured in its catalog. In 2000, she was the cover artist for the Gift of Hope catalog, and reproductions of ment Program. her painting were produced as Christmas cards. Sales of her cards

reached \$170,000, a record for the catalog

In 2001, her entry was again a winner, and a limited edition metal

Santas. In the past four years, she said, she has donated profits from her Santa prints for baskets for the

needy and Christmas lighting and WaKeeney's Downtown Enhance-

sculpture was created from her pre-

Kerth said she enjoys the chal-

nature in her artwork and enjoys the

fun of painting the whimsical

vious year's Santa.



She will have many framed prints and originals on display at the center. Jim Alcorn of Shelter Insurance in Goodland is sponsoring this gallery show. Center hours are from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday through Monday. Admission is free.



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