

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 Tuesday.

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 Senter, 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

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-

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

Saturday: State Kansas Music Educators Association concert in Wichita. Varsity wrestling-state. Boys/girls varsity basketball 1A regional tournament.

Monday: First day of spring 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. Sub-state 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. Sub-state basketball. State assessment testing window.

Saturday, March 4: State 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.

senior center menu

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

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. Tuesday: 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. 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 Jeanie 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.

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.

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-



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 McDonald’s, a store she said was managed by Mr. Drennan before he opened the shoe store.

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

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, LaDonna 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 great-grandchildren.

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.

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 Cassandra 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.

Internet tonight! 899-2338



You must see this unique home!! 3 Bedrooms, 2 bath, vaulted ceiling, 2 fireplaces, stained glass details, custom milled woodwork and doors, skylight, master bedroom with private deck, amazing workshop over garage with Forced Air Gas heat, partial basement, spiral stairs to deck room over family room, sprinklers, lots of flowers & landscaping. Call Charlene Cole for your private showing at (785) 899-2683.

Cole Real Estate 112 West 13th, Goodland, Kan. 67735 785-899-2683 Charlene Cole, Broker Diana Spinney, Salesperson www.goodlandksmls.com

Arts center to display Santas in March

Christmas in March? Almost. A WaKeeney painter best known for her whimsical Santa paintings will 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 limited-edition 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 hopefully it shows,” she said. “I am mainly self-taught, but owe much to 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 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

sculpture was created from her previous year’s Santa.

Kerth said she enjoys the challenge of capturing the beauty of nature in her artwork and enjoys the fun of painting the whimsical 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 Enhancement Program.

Goodland Star-News SUBSCRIBER Lane Woodworth You receive two free passes to see When a Stranger Calls PG-13 Sherman 1203 MAIN - Phone 899-6103

Thank you! Dr. Austin, hospital staff, & cooks for your care and kindness while I was a patient in the hospital. Thank you to my friends & relatives for the prayers, flowers, cards, visits and phone calls. Also for the wonderful care you have giving me while in the Denver Hospital and here at home. May God Bless You All! Melva Curry