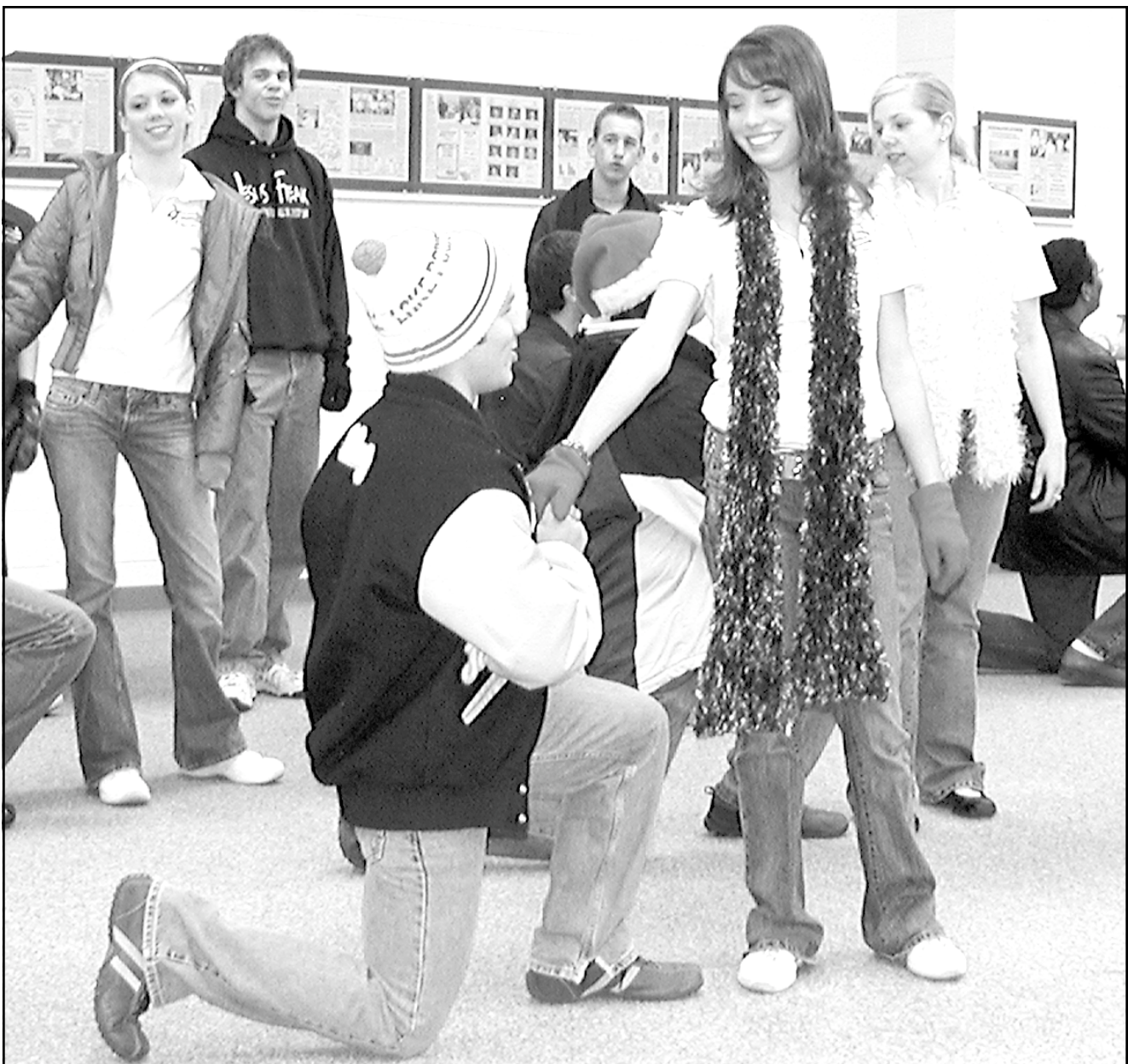




Congressman Jerry Moran (above), talked to Curtis Duncan of KLOE Radio after the Goodland Lions Christmas dinner on Tuesday. Moran was holding a special gift the club gave him for his wife. The X-Pressos show choir (right) entertained the Lions and guests with holiday songs.

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Moran says agriculture at the top of his list

By Tom Betz

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Congressman Jerry Moran says agriculture is still a top goal for him, and he will be the ranking Republican on the House ag committee when Congress begins work in January.

Speaking at the Goodland Lions Club's annual Christmas dinner, the representative said he was back on the road for his annual "listening tour."

Things will be a little different this year, he noted, with the Democrats in power and the Republicans a minority for the first time since he went to Washington.

"With the thanks of the Kansas voters, I will begin my sixth term on Jan. 4," Moran said. "Some of the goals have stayed the same. I like rural America, and it's my goal to see that our families are able to raise their kids here and that their kids have opportunities when they grow up."

Health care will continue to be another major area, the congressman said, and he will keep working to keep hospitals open despite the divisions in Washington over Medicare.

Moran said on education, he believes the No Child Left Behind Act

Speaker swells crowd at club party

Attendance at the Goodland Lions Club Christmas Party on Tuesday swelled with the help of the featured speaker, Congressman Jerry Moran.

About 50 people attended the evening session at the Northwest Kansas Technical College Student Union, which included dinner and entertainment by the Goodland High School show choir, the X-Pressos.

"Getting a good crowd is a cinch when you get a Congressman to come," said Lions District Gov. Don Keihl of Goodland.

Club President Wallace Hansen introduced Moran.

"You are helping me make up one of the Lions Club meetings I miss in Hays," the representative

said. "I was a Lion in Hill City as a young man, and have been a member of the Hays club since we moved there.

"I keep saying I was a Lion before I was a politician,"

Moran said he was counting the appearance as one of his town hall meetings, his fifth stop of the day. He had started that morning in Elkhart with stops in Johnson, Syracuse and Tribune.

Later, the club presented a plaque to Dr. Mark Wahlmeier for his help when the Lions Sight Van was at Wal-Mart in October.

Old-fashioned telephone centerpieces were on the tables for every Lions member and guests, made by member Ed Carleton.

in northwest Kansas. Today, veterans have to go to a clinic in Hays or to hospitals in Denver or Topeka.

He said the Veterans Affairs director in Denver told him they have two clinics that had been promised, but that once those were open, they would look at others.

"I told him we would make the case for having a clinic here," Moran said. "The overall goal is to bring the services closer to our veterans."

Asked what he expects from the new Congress, Moran said, "I worry that if it is led by the San Francisco and Massachusetts Democrats, we could be led in the wrong direction.

"I have been disappointed in people from the Republican party, as it seems to be more about the game of politics and not the process of governing and doing what is good for America."

He said it was disappointing that when North Korea exploded an atomic bomb, the House spent several days arguing which party was to blame. Moran said he supports renewable fuels, which he sees as another market for farm products.

"We want to tell Saudi Arabia and others that we do not need your petroleum," he said, drawing a round of applause.

Moran was asked if he would consider a move to the Senate if a position come open.

"If it occurs, I would ask Kansas for the opportunity to support that move," he said. "I have realized that if you really want to get more done in Washington, it can be done from the Senate better than being one of 435 in the House."

He said he had thought about running for governor because he had enjoyed the eight years he spent in the state Senate.

"I am homesick," he said, "but it made no sense to run for governor. My family would have supported that, but when my daughter said she would not move to Topeka, I realized my family was more important."

In closing, Moran said he felt what the people in every town do is more important than what goes on in Washington.

"What you do is more important," he said, "because you change the world one person at a time."

correction

The wedding story for Stacy Dennee Detmer and Garrett Allen Cloyd in Tuesday's edition of *The Goodland Star-News* incorrectly identified the groom's grandparents as the late Guy and Maxine Lucas of Sharon Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Lucas are living. This was a reporting error.

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District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:
Nov. 22 — Thomas L. Snow, dismissed for no liability insurance.

John M. Walters, \$120 for speeding.
Nov. 23 — Jose J. Becerra, \$126 for speeding.

Gary W. Davis, \$150 for speeding.
Lyle E. Lohrmeyer, \$126 for improper parking.

Nov. 24 — Daisy A. Hunsinger, \$156 for speeding.

Nov. 25 — Xiaoyu J. Hou, \$126 for speeding.

Joseph C. Kane, \$120 for speeding.

Dustin C. Smith, \$132 for speeding.

Nov. 27 — Amber J. Heasley, \$120 for speeding.

Sharon L. Lorenzini, \$138 for speeding.

Nov. 28 — Veronica Sandoval, \$126 for no driver's license and \$60 for driving without headlights when needed.

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student of the week



Name: Lea Shores

Parents: Nancy Shores

Grade: Senior

Age: 18

We've nominated this student because: Lea supplied great leadership to our musical cast throughout the practices and performances.

Student Comment: My favorite classes are band and vocal. I will always remember the crazy discussions at the library table.

Activities involved in at school: FCCLA, NHS,

AFS, Scholar's Bowl, X-Presso's, Jazz Band, Musical

My choice of movies, books, and games: I enjoy a wide variety of music, romantic comedies. Valley of the Dolls, To be Someone, and Pride & Prejudice are just a few books I like.

After I leave Goodland High School I intend to: Attend Southwest College at Winfield for pre-pharmacy and then continue on to get my Pharmacy Degree.

And 10 years from now, I think I'll be: settling down in my career and maybe starting a family

Favorite Quote: "Aerodynamically the bumblebee shouldn't be able to fly, but the bumblebee doesn't know if he goes on flying anyway."

— Mary Kay Ash

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