

# about our friends

### birthday

**Lucille Price** will celebrate her 85th birthday Jan. 15, 2007. Her family is holding a reception from 1 to 3 p.m. Mountain Time Saturday, Dec. 30, 2006, at the United Methodist Church, 512 S. Scott, St. Francis. No gifts.

### activities

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

The **High Plains Museum**, 1717 Cherry Ave., is open from **9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday** and from **9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday**. A temporary exhibit on Goodland Dentist Dr. Harry M. Steever is on display. It features an 1870 foot-treadle-driven dental engine. Quilts by the **Prairie Piecemakers** are also on display.

The **Carnegie Arts Center** is open from **10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday** and from **1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday** at 120 W. 12th. Local artists will display their work in December.

The **Goodland Public Library** holding **story hour** for 4 and 5-year-olds at **10 a.m. Wednesdays** and 3 and 4-year-olds **Thursdays**, both from **10 to 11 a.m. Born to Read** for children birth to age 3, accompanied by an adult, will be **10 to 10:30 a.m. Fridays**. Marcy Melia, children's librarian, is in charge of story hour and can be reached at 899-5461.

**Big Brothers/Big Sisters** of Sherman County is seeking mentors and children to mentor. Call 899-3665.

**Goodland Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)** will meet from **6 to 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month** at the First Christian Church, Eighth and Arcade.

**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 899-6044.

**Breast Cancer Support Group** meets at **5 p.m. (instead of 5:30) the first Monday** of the month in the dome at Howard Johnson's. Any woman with cancer is welcome. Call Cheryl at 899-5528.

**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 899-7242.

**TOPS Meetings - Take Off Pounds Sensibly** meets at **5:30 p.m.**

## the calendar

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The **Goodland Public Library** is offering the **Food for Fines Program in December**. Anyone with an outstanding fine can bring in a food item for Genesis in exchange for the fine. Food items needed include Jell-o, pudding, cake mixes, cereal, pancake mix, peanut butter and canned goods. The library is asking everyone to return their overdue books and bring in food.

**The library will be closed Monday for New Year's Day.** The

library will be open regular hours the rest of December.

**Prairie Land Food** (formerly SHARE) **sign up** for the January distribution of food will be **until Monday, Jan. 15**, at the Sherman County Health Department. **Pick up** will be from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Goodland Elks Lodge for the January distribution.

### school menu

**Today through Friday:** No school. Christmas break.

### school calendar

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### seniorcentermenu

**Wednesday:** Baked fish, broccoli casserole with rice, seasoned carrots, bread and applesauce.

**Thursday:** Chicken leg quarters, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, bread and peaches.

**Friday:** Chili with beans, Jell-o with mandarin oranges and pineapple, crackers and cinnamon rolls.

**Tuesdays** 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 899-2858.

**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 899-3023 or Linda at 399-2353. For Al-Anon, call Cheryl at 899-3023.

The "Freedom Today" group of **Narcotics Anonymous** meets at **8 p.m. Tuesdays and 7 p.m. Saturdays** at the Goodland Elks Lodge. Call 899-8369.

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

### area events

Admission to the **Prairie Museum of Art and History** will be free from **1 to 5 p.m. Central Time Sundays** at 1905 S. Franklin in Colby. The museum is also open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time Monday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday.

### health department

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

**Wednesday:** Blood pressures 10 a.m. at the Goodland Senior Center.

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

The health department has flu vaccine.

Medicare Plan D annual enrollment is from Wednesday, Nov. 15, through Sunday, Dec. 31. Senior

citizens can change plans during this time.

Assistance for Medicare Plan D, Benefits for Seniors and application for Patients Assistance Drug Program. 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 clipping available by appointment. Sharps containers are available free. Call 899-4888.

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 899-4888.

### hospital volunteers

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

**Wednesday:** Shirley Hayden, a.m., and Mazie Sutton, courtesy. **Thursday:** Faye Paxton, a.m., and VanVleet, courtesy. **Friday:** Sutton, courtesy.

### reunion

The USS Springfield Bluejackets Inc. CL66/CLG7/SSN761 will be holding its 16th reunion on Thursday-Sunday, April 26-29, at the Omni Hotel, Newport News, Va. Contact John W. Adams, 71 Brookview Rd, Windham, N.H. 03087-1780, phone (603) 598-2806 or e-mail johnmrwillie@aol.com.

### 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 emer-

gency cell phone. The group has a drop-off point at American Communications, 726 W Hwy 24. Call Jeannie Topliff at 899-2426 or Candice at 866-448-2366.

### 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.

### alateen

A former Alateen member and an Al-Anon member have formed an Alateen support group that will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. on Mondays at 1275 W. Sixth in Colby. The group is for relatives and friends of alcoholics and is open to anyone 19 years old or under. Call 785-462-8152 or 462-6101.

### crimestoppers

If you have information about any crime, call the Goodland Area Crime Stoppers "Look Line" at 899-5665. Your call will be confidential and you will not be asked your name. If the information results in the arrest and/or conviction of those involved, you could be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000. Goodland Area Crime Stoppers is a nonprofit organization formed by citizens against crime.

### tree donations

Many trees at the Goodland Cemetery have died and the cemetery board is trying to replace them. Contributions for the Goodland Cemetery Memorial Tree Fund can be left at Koons or Bateman funeral homes or sent to the Goodland Cemetery Board, Box 59, Goodland, Kan. 67735. Donations may be made in memory of a loved one.

### animal shelter

Lost a pet? Call the Goodland Police Department at 899-4570. Interested in adopting a pet? Call the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter at 821-4142 or 821-4146.

## obituaries

### Kenneth Lloyd Peck



Peck

Kenneth Lloyd Peck, 90, Goodland, a retired assistant postmaster, died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006, at Goodland Regional Medical Center.

He was born Oct. 4, 1916, in Wymore, Neb., the only child of Robert and Dencie (Harris) Peck. In 1917, the family moved to Bird City, where he grew up and attended school, graduating from Bird City High School.

On April 5, 1939, he married Viola Kehlbeck. He served in the Army from October 1943 to January 1946, and was stationed in Europe with the 17th Base Post Office.

They moved to Atwood in 1946, where he worked at the post office. In 1951, they moved to Goodland, where he was assistant postmaster before retiring in 1972 after 35 years of service.

Mr. Peck was a member of the Goodland Emmanuel Lutheran Church, where he had served as treasurer, and the Lutheran Brotherhood.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Goodland Elks Lodge and the Promenaders Square Dance Club. He enjoyed fishing,

traveling, playing cards and square dancing, and was especially proud of his nine grandchildren.

In 2002, the Pecks moved to Wheat Ridge Acres and later to the Sherman County Good Samaritan Center.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a grandson, Brian VanAllen; and a great-grandson, David Baney.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Doug (Cheryl) Peck of Goodland and Kenneth (Patty) Peck Jr. of Winter Springs, Fla.; two daughters, Barbara (Robert) VanAllen of Wheeler and Rebecca (Rick) Baney of Des Moines, Iowa; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, at the church with the Rev. H.A. Lycett officiating and burial in the Goodland Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Koons Chapel in Goodland. Memorials may be made to the Kenneth Peck Memorial in care of the funeral home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.

### C. Amos Brown



Brown

C. Amos Brown, 91, Salina, a former Goodland florist, died Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2006, at Hospice of Salina.

He was born Feb. 23, 1915, in Galatia, Kan., the son of Harrison Morton and Mae Elizabeth (Tullis) Brown. His father was a grain elevator manager, and his mother was the postmistress in Seward. She died in 1929.

Mr. Brown attended grade school in Seward and graduated from the Bresee Academy in Hutchinson in 1934. Work was difficult to find due to the Great Depression, but he worked on farms for two years before going to Fort Hays State University, where he graduated in 1940 with a Bachelor of Science in business administration.

On June 24, 1943, he married Lorna Maxine Smith at Stafford. Mr. Brown served as a lieutenant in the Navy in World War II. He enlisted in the Naval Reserve in 1942 and was discharged in 1945.

The Browns bought the Goodland Greenhouse and Garden Center in 1948 and operated it until 1976. The many high school students who worked for them were like family, relatives said.

They moved to Salina in 1981, where they were members of the Trinity United Methodist Church and did volunteer work.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his wife, on April 21, 2001; and two brothers, Merle and Morris.

Survivors include a sister, Marge Eastman of Salina, and a brother-in-law, Eugene Smith.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Mountain Time Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, at the church, 901 E. Neal Ave., Salina, Kan. 67401-7680, with the Rev. Andrew Gardner officiating. Inurnment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. There is no visitation.

Memorials may be made to the church or Hospice of Salina, 730 Holly Lane, Box 2238, Salina, Kan. 67401.

### Ophelia Pauline Kitten

Ophelia Pauline Kitten, 89, a Goodland homemaker, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006, at the Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby.

She was born June 21, 1917, in Vici, Okla., the daughter of Homer Lee and Mary Margaret (Castor) Quickel. She grew up in Gage and Fargo, Okla., and attended schools in Gage.

On Nov. 16, 1935, she married Arthur Lennington in Woodward, Okla. They lived in Fargo, but moved to California during World War II. They moved back to Fargo and in 1946 moved to Kearny County, Kansas.

Mr. Lennington died on Aug. 11, 1959. On Nov. 22, 1963, she married Lawrence Kitten in Ellicott, Colo. They lived in Lakin until 1968, when they moved to Goodland.

She was a cook at the Kendall, Kan., schools while the couple lived at Lakin and worked in the deli at the IGA grocery store in Goodland.

She enjoyed sewing, cooking, gardening, flowers and writing, and

friends say she was known for her kindness.

Also preceding her in death were her parents; a brother, Albert Quickel; and a grandson, John Jury.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Arnold Lennington of Lakin; three daughters, Lois Kitten of Yoder, Colo., Shirley Perkins of Colby and Rita Ihrig of Goodland; two sisters, Margaret Olson of Pahump, Nev., and Thelma Bailey of Woodward; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Mountain Time Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, at the Lakin United Methodist Church with the Rev. Tod Anthony officiating. and burial in the Lakin Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Wednesday and from 8 to 10 a.m. Thursday at the Garnand Funeral Home, 508 N. Main, Lakin, Kan. 67860.

Memorials may be made to the Lakin or Kendall United Methodist churches in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to garnandfh@sbcglobal.net.

## Veterans plan state conference in McPherson

The Department of Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary will hold their State Mid-Winter Conference and Council of Administration meeting the first weekend of January in McPherson.

The meeting will be Friday-Sunday, Jan. 5-7, at the Holiday Manor, 2211 E. Kansas, McPherson. State Commander James Graham of McPherson and State Auxiliary

President Frances Parks Rice of Topeka will lead. State officers and members from across the state will discuss and update their veterans service, patriotic, community service and youth activities programs.

VFW Commander-in-Chief Gary Kurpius from Anchorage, Ala., and Ladies Auxiliary 13th District Council Member Lana Swisher from Greensburg will represent the national organizations.

The VFW committee meetings and Ladies Auxiliary Council meeting will start Friday evening. VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Council of Administration meetings will start at 7 a.m. Mountain Time Saturday.

The Mid-Winter Conference meetings will start at noon Saturday and will be followed by the Voice of Democracy Reception for the nine District Voice of Democracy Script Writing winners from 4:30-5:30

p.m. at the Holiday Manor.

The annual Voice of Democracy banquet follows at 5:45 p.m. Kurpius will be the speaker, and the State Voice of Democracy winner will be announced.

The Kansas Past Commanders Club will meet at 6:30 a.m. Sunday, and the State Convention Corporation will meet at 8 a.m. to discuss the State Convention to be held in June in Topeka.

## Ornaments serve as reminders of blessings, family

Standing in the living room of Cedar Crest is a nine-foot tall Scotch Pine Christmas tree. It was grown here in Kansas and brought to Cedar Crest by a horse-drawn wagon.

On it, amidst the lights, are ornaments my boys made when they were little, ornaments I had when I was a child and ornaments given to me by friends over the years.

These serve as little reminders of life's blessings and of having my family home for the holidays, celebrating Christmas with my father, my husband and our two sons. For a mother, there is no greater gift.

As governor, my thoughts often turn to the Kansas mothers and fa-



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thers whose own children will not be home this year, children who are now grown men and women, serving their country overseas.

As a state, we have taken steps to honor and support our military men

and women, and we will continue to do so.

As a community, we have sent gifts and supplies, and we'll continue to do so. But this year, we must all remember to give that one thing for which there can never be enough.

We must give our love — to these brave men and women, to their friends and, most importantly, to the families whose most precious keep-

ers is not an ornament on a tree but a yellow ribbon on their lapel or a Service Star Banner in their window.

So as you celebrate this month, please send your love in letters, in prayers or in a simple "thank you" to all those willing to give everything, in a world where so many have nothing.

That is a true present. That is giving. That is Christmas. God bless us all, and God bless the great state of Kansas.

## Need a Ride?

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### China Gardens

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We will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2007.