

Sherman County Relay for Life wins award

By Pat Schiefen
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Two volunteer organizers attended a “leadership summit” in Houston and were surprised to learn that Sherman County Relay for Life was being recognized as one of the top events in the High Plains Division.
Sherman County won the Heart of the Relay — Mission Award at the summit on Friday to Sunday, Sept. 29 to Oct. 1. The award was based on the amount of money raised per volunteer and volunteer involve-

ment. Jessica Kannady and Brooke Lohr from Goodland were attending the leadership summit.
“We were very excited,” said Kannady. “We didn’t know we were getting an award.”
The award will be displayed in the lobby of the First National Bank first and then at Bankwest, the women said.
“It is very impressive for a town the size of Goodland to win an award of this caliber,” said Jennifer Van Eaton, community manager-development for the American

Cancer Society in Colby.
The Sherman County Relay for Life on June 21 and 22 raised \$33,071, with 40 survivors attending, Van Eaton said.
The money goes for cancer research and to help those battling cancer, their caretakers and survivors. Fifteen teams signed up for the relay, with each team having a member on the track during the 12 hours. The opening ceremony was followed by cancer survivors making a “victory” lap, followed by a lap with survivors and caretakers.
At dark, luminaries, candles placed in

paper bags, were lighted, each carrying the name of a person being honored or remembered. The relay sold over 1,000 of the candle-lit honors.
Teams also had bake sales and other projects to raise money before the actual relay. During the night, activities included a basket auction, bingo, tacky queen contest, scavenger hunt, newspaper costume contest, water balloon volleyball, bubble gum blowing contest and a shoe race.
The Goodland Kiwanis Club served hamburgers and the Knights of Columbus

served breakfast.
“We just appreciate all the help the community gave us,” said Sherida Shoff, vice president of First National Bank and a relay committee member. “It’s a pretty awesome thing.”
People can contact Josh Dechant (785) 899-2342 or Kim Horinek (785) 890-2000 to form a team or become involved in Relay for Life.
The 2007 event is planned for August at the Sherman County Fairgrounds.

Cooking show to feature ‘Savor Spring’ recipes

The *Taste of Home* Cooking School invites you to come to the Max Jones Fieldhouse at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20, when *The Goodland Star-News* hosts an evening demonstration to “Savor Spring.”
Culinary specialist Kristi Larson will demonstrate 10 fresh spring recipes on stage, blending ingredients to create what she calls a garden of flavors.
“We know people who come to our cooking schools love to cook and love to eat great food,” Larson said, “so every recipe prepared on stage will be given away as the end of the demonstration.”
Larson will begin the demonstration with two sweet treats; refreshing pineapple cheesecake squares and a towering ice cream bombe.
A bouquet of brunch recipes will follow, including a puff pancake, coffee cake, pomegranate jam and spinach-blue cheese bake.

“We think you will find these dishes ‘egg-ceptionally’ good,” Larson said.
During intermission, names will be drawn for special door prizes. Three winners will receive the new *Taste of Home* Cookbook.
“*Taste of Home* is about great food and real people who take pride in what they cook and have fun doing it,” Larson said. “People treasure *Taste of Home* recipes, but they value equally the connection they feel with other cooks just like themselves who want their families leaving the table full, happy and raving about their meals now and for generations to come.”
Four main entrees will round out the evening: Spanish paella, Greek gyro salad, an Italian Marsala dish and an easy penne pasta recipe with marinara sauce will provide inspiration for springtime entertaining.
Cooks can follow along in their complimentary “Taste of Home

Cooking School Classic Cooking” magazine, as each featured recipe is prepared. A \$5.99 value, this cookbook is included in the free gift bag everyone receives when entering the field house.
Taste of Home Cooking School has hosted cooking demonstrations for more than 10 years. National food companies sponsoring the program make it possible for these schools to be offered in over 250 locations across the country each year.
The program presents easy, reliable recipes that are kitchen-tested by the staff of Taste of Home Cooking School.
Come and enjoy this unique two-hour culinary event as Larson prepares a sunny selection of recipes ideal to “Savor Spring.”
Tickets for the Taste of Home show will go on sale Friday, Jan. 12, through *The Star-News* at \$8 each.

County sales tax shows slight increase over last year

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Star-News
Sales tax collections for Sherman County show an increase of 1.4 percent over last year, and four months of collection on the new one-cent road sales tax brought in about \$350,000.
Sherman County Treasurer Iris Scheopner said sales tax collections for the county, not including the special one-quarter cent health services tax, brought in \$446,962 through the first 11 months of the year.
The monthly average for the year has been \$40,633, she said, and over the past three years the average for December has been \$44,515.
Sales tax collections for Sherman County were the highest two years ago when construction activity for a gas pipeline pushed the take higher than expected.
Total sales tax that year was \$567,131, 13 percent higher than the estimated total of \$491,477 for this year.
Collections for 2003 were \$437,760, about 30 percent lower than the record year of 2004. Estimates for this year are 12.2 percent higher than 2003.
Scheopner said the special road sales tax collection began arriving in August after the tax went into ef-

fect on July 1.
The collection in August was \$90,349, September \$99,900, October \$88,373 and November \$75,193. The road tax total for the four months was \$353,814.
Receipts are higher than those reported by Sherman County because Sherman County, Goodland and Kanorado share a one-cent countywide sales tax. The countywide sales tax is split with Goodland and the county getting about 48 percent each and Kanorado about 4 percent.
The road sales tax passed in March was for a full cent without any splits to pay for the joint city-county road projects. Estimates were that the one-cent sales tax would raise about \$1.2 million a year to pay off the projects in 10 years.
Based on the first four months of collections, the first year should bring in over the \$1.2 million.
Commissioner Kevin Rasure said the collections were good news, noting that the county hopes the collections will be high enough to pay the road bonds off a few years early.
Replacing the intersections at Eighth and Caldwell and at Armory

Road and Caldwell were the first projects to be bid from the list for the city and county.
Engineering work for the county project to resurface old U.S. 24 across the county should be done soon, and bids to be sought early next year to begin construction in the spring.
Engineering work on repaving Caldwell is about completed and should go to bid for construction to begin in the spring also.
Darin Neufeld, engineer for Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, who is handling the county project on Road 14, said the Kansas Department of Transportation has done a field check on the project, and they will be able to go to bid once the plans are approved by the state. The project on Road 14 is to replace the old paved road with a concrete road to handle the truck traffic for the Northern Sun sunflower plant and the new Goodland Energy Center now under construction north of Caruso.
The other major city road project is to replace 17th Street from Main to Cherry with concrete to handle truck traffic, especially during harvest.

Fun in the snow



The grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Falster and Aileen Johnson built snowmen at 521 W. 8th on Tuesday. Brandon Johnson (left) from Kansas City held his son Tucker, and Stacy Johnson from Hays was with sons Jack and Joel.

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Businesses to close on Monday

Government offices, banks and schools will close Monday to mark New Year’s Day, and Tuesday’s edition of *The Goodland Star-News* will be printed a day later than usual.
Goodland city offices will close Monday for New Year’s Day and reopen for regular hours, from 7 a.m.-4 p.m., on Tuesday, Jan. 2.
The regular City Commission meeting has been rescheduled for 5 p.m. Tuesday.

County offices will be closed Monday, as will the landfill. The courthouse will close at noon on Friday so workers can wrap up the books for the end of the year with the auditors.
The post office and federal offices will close Monday. There will be no mail pickup or delivery. State offices will closed on Monday as well, as will all banks.
The Goodland schools will reopen Wednesday after the winter

break. The hospital will be open regular hours, and of course, the emergency room will be available 24 hours every day.
The Goodland Family Health Center will be open today and Saturday. It will close on Monday for the holiday.
The newspaper office will be closed Monday. The holiday will delay the Tuesday paper one day; it will be printed on Tuesday and delivered in the mail on Wednesday.

correction

On the list of sex offenders on Page 3 of Tuesday, Dec. 26, edition of *The Goodland Star-News*, Raymond Dale Eli was listed as living at 1304 Cherry instead of 1304 Montana. Also, the information on Thomas Burnside, 54, 1619 Syracuse, attempted aggravated sexual

battery, was missing. This was due to reporter error.
The Goodland Star-News will correct any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story. Please call our office at (785) 899-2338 to report errors. We believe that news

should be fair and factual. We want to keep an accurate record and appreciate you calling to our attention any failure to live up to this standard.

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District Traffic
The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:
Oct. 31 — Dean W. Pelton, \$126 for unlawful acts with vehicles, \$10 for no seat belt and dismissed for no liability insurance.
Nov. 1 — Patrick V. O’Brien, \$138 for speeding.
Nov. 4 — James T. Durham, \$183 for speeding.
Steven E. Vest, \$183 for speeding.
Nov. 5 — Dwayne P. Bailey, \$166 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.



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The Northwest Kansas Medical Foundation is requesting financial assistance via their 2006 Caring Kind campaign to help with the purchase of a “Life Line” ambulance to be used in the Tri-State Area.

This is your opportunity to show your support with a tax-deductible gift to the NW Kansas Area Medical Foundation on behalf of a new ambulance!



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