

# Goodland nurse goes above and beyond the call of duty

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**GOODLAND** — If you have to go to the hospital, you'll want Amy Breining on duty.

The night nurse at Goodland Regional Medical Center took a family under her wing following a fatal car accident this summer, has given special attention to families of sick children and reaches out to take care of everyone around her, including co-workers.

Breining has been a registered nurse 24 years, but spent nine years away from the profession before going to work at the Goodland hospital two years ago.

"I don't think I realized how much I missed nursing until I got back into it," she said.

Breining was named employee of the month at the hospital for July, the hospital's newsletter said, in recognition of her dedicated work

as a member of the night nursing staff and for her efforts on behalf of a family in the aftermath of a fatality auto accident May 29.

One person in the accident died, the newsletter said, and the other occupants of the car were treated at the hospital. They had no way to get around town.

Breining helped find them motel rooms, took them to the motel, picked up personal items they lost in the accident and even prepared a meal and brought it to the family.

"You do what it takes to make the best outcome that you can," Breining said. "That means going the extra mile."



A. Breining

Most of the accidents that send people to the hospital, especially along I-70, Breining said, involve people from out of the area. The nurses frequently make phone calls, she said, to arrange transportation and places to stay.

"I want to do the best I can do," she said. "If I had that happen, I would like there to be people who would go the extra mile to help us."

Breining said always knew she wanted to be a nurse and that she wanted to help people.

"When I was young," she said, "I remember wanting to fix things and make them better."

As a child growing up in Texas, she got a nurse's kit for Christmas, and her pets were her patients. She had to give every one their shots, she recalled.

Her great uncle was a doctor in Oklahoma — she called him Uncle Doc — and Breining said she told him she would become a nurse and work for him.

Breining said by the time she became a nurse, Uncle Doc was ready to retire, but he sent her one of his stethoscopes. It works, she said, but she keeps it in a box in her cedar chest.

Breining said she had been thinking about teaching or nursing

as a career and heard that she would be able to get a job as a nurse wherever she went. She said she enjoyed science and math and enjoyed being around people, so she could see a natural progression into nursing.

She said she got a letter around her birthday of her senior year saying that she had been accepted to nursing school.

"It was the right choice," she said. "I do enjoy working with people, helping them."

Breining went to the Moline, Ill., Public Hospital School of Nursing then took her state boards and was licensed in Iowa, where she worked in two hospitals in Davenport. They were 200-bed hospitals, she said, with separate units for everything.

"Most of my time was spent in pediatrics," Breining said, "my first love."

She said she moved to Florida, where she worked for a children's hospital in Jacksonville. She said she worked in hematology/oncology, the department for patients with cancer and diseases of the blood.

Breining said it wasn't depressing; the children were full of hope and had dreams for the future. But she didn't just work with the chil-

dren. Pediatrics encompasses caring for the whole family, she said.

Breining was away from nursing because her husband Rick, a career Navy man, was stationed in Guam, California and Germany, places where she didn't have the time or the opportunity to work. When Rick retired, the couple moved to Colorado Springs, but Breining still didn't get to return to nursing. Believe it or not, she said, the hospitals there were not looking for nurses.

But then Rick, who was an electronics technician in the Navy, got a job teaching computer and electronics technology at the Northwest Kansas Technical College, where he worked for a year and a half.

"He mentioned I was a nurse," Amy said. "Dale Shields (personal director at the hospital) called me in Colorado and asked if I'd interview."

That was in spring of 2002, and Breining doesn't regret accepting.

"I'm really enjoying it," she said.

Breining said she enjoys the variety of patients at the Goodland hospital.

She also enjoys her opportunities to teach the newbies. She said as a charge nurse (a supervisor), she works with the new graduates.

They are full of questions, she said, and it's a neat thing to get to be a part of their beginning as a nurse.

## Funday planned in Jennings

**JENNINGS** — Known for its kolaches, the ladies of the Jennings United Methodist Church have been busy baking and getting ready for the 13th annual Jennings Firemen's Funday next weekend.

Always the fourth Saturday in August, this year's Funday kicks off at 8 a.m. Aug. 28, with a health fair sponsored by Decatur County Hospital, Cottonwood Home Care and the Oberlin Clinic.

The Senior Center will open at 8 a.m., serving the famous kolaches and coffee. Golf cart racing is a new attraction this year, and it starts at 10 a.m.

If trap shooting is your game, bring your gun and plenty of shells to the Wobble Trap Shoot, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Wildeman farm, a quarter mile north of town on the Jennings Road. Signs will be posted.

The Jennings Boy Scouts will sponsor a cake walk in City Hall at 10 a.m. and bingo will be played in the Senior Center from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., interrupted only by the parade at 12:30 p.m. The fire station will turn into a diner at 6 p.m., when the firemen start serving smoked pork sandwiches. At 6:45 p.m., the

auction will begin; at 8:30, magician Rex Getz will amaze and amuse the audience at City Hall; and there will be a free dance from 10 p.m. until midnight. For questions, call 678-2313 or 678-2647.

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SUNDAY												AUGUST 22											
	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30											
KLBY/ABC 4 (6)	In Touch Dreams. (CC)		The Coral Ridge (CC)		Paid Program	Paid Program	Hour of Power (CC)		This Week-George Stephanopoulos	Paid Program		TBA											
KSNK/NBC 3 (9)	Rebecca Gdn	Martha Stewart	Today (CC)		Meet the Press (CC)		XXVIII Summer Olympics Beach volleyball; rowing; track and field; volleyball. (Live) (CC)																
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	Hispanics T.	Messiah Baptist	Johnston	Believer Voice	CBS News Sunday Morning (CC)	Face the Nation	Paid Program	Health To Heart	Topspin (N) (CC)	ATP Tennis													
K15CG (3)	This Week	America's Wilk	Zoboom-afo (E)	Sagwa-the Cat	Anne of Green	Jay Jay the Jet	Dragon Tales	DragonflyTV	Book of Virtues	Small Busi-	The 11th Hour	Health Diary											
WGN (13)	Chang-ing	Singsation!	Key of David	Ronnie Floyd	Hillbilities	Happy Days	Cosby Show	Improve.	Mystery: Kevin Zegers. (CC)														
NICK (29)	Rocket Power	Rocket Power	Rugrats (CC)	Chalk-Zone	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Oddparents	Danny Phantom	Jimmy Neutron	Jimmy Neutron	Teenage Robot											
FAM (30)	Bey-blade	Bey-blade	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	Digimon-Digital	Digimon-Digital	Spider-Man	Spider-Man	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	Full House	Full House											
USA (31)	Paid Program	Paid Program	6 Second	Paid Program	PGA Tour Sunday (Live) (CC)		XXVIII Summer Olympics Tennis. (Live)																
TBS (37)	Movie: Jerry Maguire ***½ (1996, Comedy-Drama) A crisis of conscience costs a sports agent his job. Tom Cruise. (CC)						Movie: Ferris Bueller's Day Off *** (1986, Comedy) Matthew Broderick. (CC)		Movie: The Mask *** (1994) (CC)														
TNT (38)	Movie: K-9 ***½ (1989) A narcotics agent and a unique police dog join forces. (CC)				Movie: Chill Factor (1999) A weapon must be kept cold to curb its destructive power. (CC)		Movie: Batman & Robin ***½ (1997, Adventure) Arnold Schwarzenegger. (CC)																
DSC (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Surprise by Design Mountain Man (CC)		Rally Round the House Poolside Villa		Gettysburg: Pickett's Charge		MythBusters Penny Drop (CC)												
A&E (47)	Old House	Ask This Old	Breakfast With the Arts	Performing arts group Famous People Players. (CC)			Biography Debbie Harry Debbie Harry. (CC)		Movie: Gosford Park *** (2001, Mystery) Eileen Atkins, Bob Balaban. (CC)														
ESPN (49)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	Outside Lines	Sports Reports		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)					Baseball Tonight											
HBO (7)	(5:45) Movie: Steel ** (1997, Fantasy) Shaquille O'Neal. (CC)		Movie: The Hudsucker Proxy *** (1994, Comedy) Tim Robbins. (CC)		Death in Gaza (CC)				Movie: League of Gentlemen														
DISN (17)	Koala Brothers (CC)	Stanley Circus	The Wiggles	JoJo's Circus	The Wiggles	Stanley Circus	Rolie Polie	House of Mouse	Movie: Cadet Kelly ***½ (2002, Comedy-Drama) Hilary Duff. (CC)														
MAX (21)	Movie: The In-Laws ** (2003) A CIA agent wreaks havoc on his future in-law.				Movie: Kiss of Death *** (1995, Drama) David Caruso.				Movie: Killing Emmett Young (2002) A dying detective hires a hit man to kill him.														

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KLBY/ABC 4 (6)	(11:30) To Be Announced						IRL Racing: Honda Indy 225. From Fountain, Colo. (Live) (CC)				ABC Wild News	News (CC)											
KSNK/NBC 3 (9)	(9:00) XXVIII Summer Olympics Beach volleyball; rowing; track and field; volleyball. (Live) (CC)										News	NBC News											
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	(11:30) ATP Tennis: Legg Mason Classic -- Final. (Live)						PGA Golf: WGC NEC Invitational -- Final Round. From Akron, Ohio. (Live) (CC)				CBS News												
K15CG (3)	Doctor Is In	McLaughlin	McLaughlin	To the Contrary	Classic Gospel Life of Jesus in song.	Smart Travels	Cruising	Sewing-Nancy	Kaye's Quilting	Religion-Is	Kansas Spotlight												
WGN (13)	Fresh Prince	Push-Playoffs	MLB Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Houston Astros. Minute Maid Park. (Live) (CC)					Movie: Mad Max *** (1979, Adventure) Mel Gibson, Joanne Samuel. (CC)															
NICK (29)	Hey Arnold!	Thornberrys	Nicktoons TV	Nicktoons TV	Nicktoons TV	Nicktoons TV	Nicktoons TV	Nicktoons TV	Nicktoons TV	Told by Ginger	Amanda												
FAM (30)	7th Heaven All That Jazz (CC)	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World												
USA (31)	(9:00) XXVIII Summer Olympics Tennis. (Live)						Movie: Bring It On (2000) High-school cheerleaders vie for a coveted national title.				Movie: Bring It On Again (2004, Comedy) Anne Judson-Yager. (Premiere) (CC)												
TBS (37)	(11:15) Movie: The Mask *** (1994, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Chris Kattan. (CC)		Movie: A Night at the Roxbury ***½ (1998, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Chris Kattan. (CC)		MLB Baseball: Atlanta Braves at Los Angeles Dodgers. Dodger Stadium. (Live) (CC)																		
TNT (38)	(10:00) Movie: NASCAR Pre-Race	NASCAR Racing: Nextel Cup Series -- GFS Marketplace 400. From Brooklyn, Mich. (Live) (CC)						Movie: The 6th Day ***½ (2000) Arnold Schwarzenegger. (CC)															
DSC (42)	Big Blender (CC)	Monster Garage Hot Air Balloon (CC)	Monster House		American Hot Rod Junkyard Dog 1	American Hot Rod Junkyard Dog 2	American Hot Rod Junkyard Dog 3																
A&E (47)	(10:00) Movie: Gosford Park ***	Movie: Nighthawks *** (1981, Suspense) Sylvester Stallone. (CC)		Old House	Ask This Old	Sell This House	Sell This House	Find & Design	Makeovr Mama														
ESPN (49)	Little League World Series: Pool Play -- Teams to Be Announced. Williamsport, Pa.	Little League World Series: Pool Play -- Teams to Be Announced. Williamsport, Pa.						X Games Los Angeles. (CC)		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)													
HBO (7)	(11:00) Movie: League-Gentle.	Movie: Seabiscuit *** (2003, Drama) Three men lead a racehorse to glory in the 1930s. Tobey Maguire. (CC)		Movie: Solaris *** (2002) George Clooney. (CC)		Movie: Steel ** (1997) (CC)																	
DISN (17)	Brandy-Whisk	Proud Future	Phil of FUTURE	Lizzie McGuire	Even Stevens	Lilo & Stitch	Brandy-Whisk	Kim Possible	Proud Family	Brace-face	Lizzie McGuire												
MAX (21)	(11:30) Movie: SLC Punk **½ (1999)	Movie: The Fugitive ***½ (1993) An innocent man must evade the law as he pursues a killer. (CC)					Movie: The In-Laws ** (2003, Comedy) Michael Douglas.			Movie: Down With Love ***½ (2003)													

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KLBY/ABC 4 6	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Extreme Makeover: Home Edition (CC)		The Days Day 1,370 (N) (CC)		News (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Sports Machine	Diamond Adv.															
KSNK/NBC 5 9	XXVIII Summer Olympics Beach volleyball; diving; gymnastics; track and field. (CC)												News	Summer Olym.													
KBSL/CBS 12 11	60 Minutes (CC)		Cold Case (CC)		Movie: Pay It Forward ***½ (2000, Drama) A classroom assignment inspires a boy to help others.						News (CC)	News	Outer Limits														
K15CG (3)	American Family: Journey of Dreams		Nature (CC) (DVS)		Mystery! Inspector Morse Masonic Mysteries (CC) (DVS)				Globe Trekker (CC)		Mystery! Touching Evil (Part 2 of 4)																
WGN (13)	Mutant X Series of paintings. (CC)		Andromeda Severed link. (CC)		The X-Files F. Emasculation (CC)		WGN News	Instant Replay	Matlock The Juror (CC)		In the Heat of the Night (CC)																
NICK (29)	Romeo! Drake & Josh		Brothers Garcia Sabrina-Witch		Full House	Full House	Who's Boss?	Cosby Show	Rose-anne	Rose-anne	Cosby Show	Cosby Show															
FAM (30)	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Movie: Drive Me Crazy * (1999, Comedy) Melissa Joan Hart, Adrian Grenier.			The Dead Zone Shadows (N) (CC)		The Dead Zone Tipping Point (CC)		Law & Order: Special Victims		The Dead Zone Shadows (CC)															
USA (31)	Movie: Bring It On (2000) High-school cheerleaders vie for a coveted national title.				The Dead Zone Shadows (N) (CC)		The Dead Zone Tipping Point (CC)		Law & Order: Special Victims		The Dead Zone Shadows (CC)																
TBS (37)	World's Most Dramatic Rescues		Movie: Ace Ventura: Pet Detective ** (1994, Comedy) Jim Carrey.				Movie: Ace Ventura: Pet Detective ** (1994, Comedy) Jim Carrey.		Movie: Ace Ventura: Pet Detective ** (1994, Comedy) Jim Carrey.		Movie: Money Train ***½ (1995) (FA)																
TNT (38)	(4:30) Movie: The 6th Day (2000) (CC)				Movie: The Fifth Element *** (1997) A cabbie finds a woman who may save Earth from disaster. (CC)				Movie: The Fifth Element *** (1997) A cabbie finds a woman who may save Earth from disaster. (CC)																		
DSC (42)	American Hot Rod Junkyard Dog 4		Ninjas Skills of the Japanese warriors.		Hot Rod Build-Off (N)		Hot Rod Build-Off Money is no object.		Ninjas Skills of the Japanese warriors.		Hot Rod Build-Off																
A&E (47)	Sell This House		Airline House (CC)		Movie: The Shipping News ** (2001) A broken man finds redemption in Newfoundland. Kevin Spacey.				Growing Up Gotti		Airline (UK) (CC)	Airline (UK) (CC)	Movie: The Shipping News **														
ESPN (49)	Baseball Tonight (Live) (CC)		MLB Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Chicago White Sox. U.S. Cellular Field. (Live) (CC)				U.S.		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		Sports-Center																
HBO (7)	(5:15) Movie: Steel ** (1997) (CC)		The Wire Storm Warnings (CC)		Six Feet Under The Black Forest (CC)		Entourage (N)		Da Ali G Show (N)		Def Poetry	Movie: The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen **															
DISN (17)	Phil of Future		That's-Raven		Movie: Cadet Kelly ***½ (2002, Comedy-Drama) Hilary Duff. (CC)				Lizzie McGuire		Phil of Future		Brace-face	Boy Mts. World	Proud Family	That's-Raven											
MAX (21)	(5:15) Movie: Down With Love (2003)		Movie: Innerspace (1987) A miniaturized Navy pilot is injected into a clerk's body.				Movie: Volcano ** (1997, Adventure) Tommy Lee Jones.				Movie: Sapphire Girls (2003, Adult) Mary Carey. (CC)																