

# Injured Congresswoman has Colby roots

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Arizona Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, the victim of a shooting in Tucson last week, has roots in Colby. Her mother, Gloria Fraser Giffords, graduated in 1956 from Colby High School. The family owns farmland near Colby and the elder Giffords returns here to attend the high school reunion from time to time. Delores Depe, wife of Alvin Depe, who rents some of the family's land, said on Tuesday that their

family and the Giffords family have been friends for years. "They had just returned from the swearing in ceremony in Washington," Depe said. "I haven't heard from Gloria yet, but I know her time is taken up with the events of last week, and she doesn't have time right now to sit down and reply to e-mails from friends while Gabby is in her present condition. "The family is being remembered through prayer chains and we're keeping our fingers crossed for the best." Gloria Fraser Giffords has en-



Giffords

joyed a career in Mexican Folk Art research, collecting and restoration. Her book, "Mexican Folk Retablos; Masterpieces on Tin," can be checked out from the Pioneer Memorial Library. The family's Thomas County roots go back to the John Ackard family, early-day residents of Colby. Ackard was the great uncle of Gloria Fraser Giffords, and great-great uncle of the congresswoman. He will be remembered as the father of the late McCleta Fryback, and the owner of Ackard Oil Co. in the 1930s. John Schroeder of Brewster is a cousin to Gloria Giffords.

## Victim in critical condition

An Arizona congresswoman remains in critical condition after an assassination attempt Saturday. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords was shot in the head before a man with a handgun sprayed bullets into a small crowd gathered to talk with her at a Tucson supermarket. She had been holding her first meeting with constituents of the new year. Giffords, a Democrat, had been sworn in for her third term earlier in the week. The Associated Press reported that the gunman emptied one

30-round magazine, but was tackled by two men from the crowd as he reloaded. A woman grabbed his spare magazine before he could jam it in his gun. Jared Loughner, 22, was arrested following the shooting and is being held without bail. He had his first appearance in federal court Monday. Six people were killed in the shooting, including 9-year-old Christina Taylor Green and John Roll, Arizona's chief federal judge. Fourteen were wounded. The first memorial services were Tuesday. Giffords was rushed to University Medical Center, where doctors reported she was responsive. The bullet appeared to have passed through one hemisphere of her brain from front to back, leaving much of her brain intact. As of this morning, she was still in critical condition but breathing on her own and able to move both arms. CT scans showed no further swelling in her brain, and doctors said that was a good sign.

# College credits to be offered through Tech College

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The Goodland School Board signed an agreement for some high school classes to be eligible for college credit through Northwest Tech next fall at their regular meeting on Monday night at the Administration Building. High school principal Sharon Gregory said they started in August to get the process ready to go. Currently the class credits go through Colby Community College. When the technical college approached the

school district in August, Gregory said that there were questions about transferring the credits. "I am 100 percent behind this," said Gregory. The faculty will be the same as they were under Colby Community College. "There was a tremendous amount of work that went in on this," said Superintendent Angelos. The agreement the school had with Colby College ran until someone didn't want to continue, said Angelos. Board member Gary Slough said

he would like the first agreement with Northwest Tech to come up for review in a year since it is the first year. Superintendent Angelos reminded the board that there would be four seats for the school board in the election in April. Board members up for re-election if they file would be John Hendrich, Chuck Wilkens, Jane Philbrick and the vacant seat of deceased Andrew House. The deadline to file is Tuesday, Jan. 25, with a \$5 fee, said Superintendent Angelos.

The Activities Director Greg Ferguson asked the board for permission for the basketball teams to practice on Sunday. On Monday the teams will travel to Hillsboro for the Trojan Classic, play and come back. The teams will go back to play on Friday and Saturday. Ferguson said that Ron Lucas was paying for the motel rooms so the teams could stay in Hillsboro on Friday night. High school students who need help with their homework will have that chance before and after school in the library, said Principal

Gregory. The money to make that possible came for the Frontier Ag Chili Cook Off. At least one teacher and aide will be there to help. The program started on Tuesday and will continue to the end of the school year, said Gregory. This idea came from the teachers. Grand Junior High Principal Steve Raymer said that in response to parents homework assignments are now online. In other business the school board

was not at the meeting. Members present were Mike Cochran, Wilkens, Philbrick, Slough and Amy Sederstrom. • Paid \$211,991 in bills. • The district hired Dr. Kelly Gillespie and Carol Panzer from the Southwest Plains Regional Service Center for technical assistance with the district's school improvement plan.

# Cookie sale to start on Saturday, Jan. 22; kickoff on Friday

The Goodland Girl Scout Cookie Kick-off is 6:15 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 21, at United Methodist Church, 12th and Sherman. Girl Scouts across 80 Kansas counties are gearing up for the 2011 Girl Scout Cookie Sale that begins Saturday, Jan. 22, and runs through Sunday, March 13. The cookie sale is a highly anticipated community event, with Girl Scouts attempting to reach sales goals to attend camps/events and

the public eagerly awaiting their favorite sweets. Eight varieties of Girl Scout Cookies are available for \$3.50 per box (Thin Mints, Shortbread, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Lemonades, Caramel deLites, Thanks-A-Lot and Shout Outs). Proceeds from the cookie sale are used to benefit local girls, helping them pay for summer camp experiences, purchase uniforms and much

more. The sale funds programs and services throughout the year and ensures that Girl Scouting will be available in the future. For more than 90 years the Girl Scout Cookie Program has helped girls foster a sense of personal and collective empowerment by promoting skills they will use throughout their lives. Through this annual activity, girls ages 5 to 17 learn how to set goals, develop action plans, work as a team

and cultivate a sense of business ethics—and most of all, have fun! New this year are the Shout Outs, caramelized shortbread cookies with inspirational phrases such as Believe, Create and Lead. Another change customers may notice is a new package for Thanks-A-Lot cookies. By eliminating the carton, more than 150 tons of paperboard will be kept out of the waste stream—enough to fill 14 garbage trucks!

For Girl Scouts who want to start their Cookie Sale off with a bang, Girl Scout of Kansas Heartland will be hosting Cookie Kickoff events around the council. Cookie Kickoffs are not only a fun way to celebrate cookie time; they're also a great way to increase sales. Girl Scouts who attend a kickoff event have been shown to sell more boxes of cookies than those who don't. Girl Scouts will soon be making

their way around the community to tell customers more about the cookie varieties being sold this year and how the money they earn will enrich their Girl Scout experience. Community members may also call our Cookie Hotline at 888-686-MINT to get in touch with Girl Scout troops in their neighborhoods to buy cookies or visit kansasgirlscouts.org for more information.

## matters of record

The following real estate transactions have been reported by the Sherman County register of deeds: Karen Evert and Steven Evert and Marcia Evert convey and warrant to David L. Evert, the W/2 of Sec. 21, T7S, R41W and a tract of land in NW/4 of Sec. 21, T7S, R41W and a tract of land in NW/4 of Sec. 21, T7S, R41W; SW/4 of Sec. 21, T7S, R41W; NW/4 of Sec. 21, T7S, R41W. David L. Evert and Cheryl Evert and Steven J. Evert and Marcia G. Evert convey and warrant to Karen Evert, the SE/4 of Sec. 5, T9S, R40W; NE/4 of Sec. 9, T7S, R41W. Cheryl Evert and David L. Evert as Trustees of the Revocable Intervivos Trust of Cheryl Evert, dated December 15, 2009 and David L. Evert and Cheryl Evert, Trustees of the Revocable Intervivos Trust of David L. Evert dated December

15, 2009, to Karen Evert the SE/4 of Sec. 5, T9S, R40W and NE/4 of Sec. 9, T7S, R41W. Dr. Kenneth D. Austin, M.D., single, and Sheryl L. Davis, formerly Sheryl L. Austin and formerly the spouse of Kenneth D. Austin, convey and warrant to William M. Mehling, a tract of land in NE/4 of Sec. 29, T8S, R39W, legally described as Lot 1, Block 3, Sandy's First Addition to the City of Goodland. Wilshire State Bank, a California Banking Corporation, to Arvind N. Patel, a tract of land in NE/4 of Sec. 25, T8S, R40W. Robert Rall quitclaims to Robert Rall and Barbara Rall, Lots 7 and 8, Block 24, Beahm's Addition to the City of Goodland.

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## Insect guide available

Farmers and consultants now have a new tool at their disposal for identifying managing insects. "Crop Insects of Kansas" is a field guide released this fall by Kansas State University Research and Extension's Department of Entomology. "It's a good reference for integrated management of insect pests in all the major crops across Kansas," said Jeff Whitworth, an Extension crop entomologist. The guide contains full-color picture and descriptions of both insect pests and beneficial insects at different stages of development. The guide focuses on the identification and management of crop

insects, not on insecticide use, since recommendations for insecticides change frequently. The insects are categorized by the crops they affect for easy reference. Whitworth said the goal in creating this guide was to modify the popular book "Insects in Kansas" specifically for farmers and consultants. He said he hopes the guide will be something they can keep in their truck for a quick and handy reference. Copies cost \$11.40. You can check one out at your county extension office. Order by going to www.ksre.ksu.edu/library or by emailing orderpub@ksre.ksu.edu.

## corrections

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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## 1 Year Anniversary Celebration!

The Goodland Star-News, The Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce and The Goodland Ambassadors would like to celebrate the anniversary of GreenTrees Printer Supplies!

Philip Reitcheck, owner of GreenTrees Printer Supplies, recently celebrated his one-year anniversary of his store! Philip says he has enjoyed the new customers he has met in town and is looking forward to helping all new ones!

GreenTrees Printer Supplies specializes in OEM, compatible, and remanufactured printer and copier cartridges for up to 80% off retail prices. He offers over 5,000 different cartridges. Businesses can save even more by going to www.greentreesllc.com and creating an account. The business account can save you up to an additional 50% off regularly low prices. Philip also will pay you for any old OEM inkjet or toner cartridges. Go to the website and find "Recycle Program". Anything on that list, Philip will pay you cash so it can be recycled. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Philip at (785) 899-3500, or stop by the office at 114 W. 13th St. in Goodland.

## Sherman County 2011 Health Fair

**Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011 from 8-11:30 a.m.**  
**ALL TIMES ARE MOUNTAIN TIME**  
Northwest Kansas Tech College Student Union  
1209 Harrison, Goodland

**Prior to Health Fair:**

- Free Carotid Ultrasound Screening
- Free Pulmonary Function Screening

By appointment, call (785) 890-6033

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**Free at Health Fair:**

- Blood profile consultation
- Skin Cancer Screening
- Bone Density
- DRE (Prostate)
- DermaScan
- kids activities
- great door prizes
- free blood pressure checks

**Health and Wellness Programs at Health Fair:**

- 8:30-8:50 a.m.: GRMC Physical Therapy Department
- 9-9:20 a.m.-GAC-"Seniors Get Movin'"
- 9:30-9:50 a.m.-GRMC Dietician Sarah Linton
- 10-10:20 a.m.-GAC-"Kids Havin' Fun"
- 10:30-10:50 a.m.-Dr. Lisa Unruh, pediatrician

All programs presented in Lyons Room at Student Union

**2011 Healthy Recipes Cooking Contest:**

Make the healthiest recipe you have. Go to The Goodland Activities Center (808 Main, Goodland) to submit recipe, entry forms and \$5 recipe fee by Jan. 21st. Make your recipe and bring to Health Fair on Jan. 29 by 9 a.m., where it will be judged and winners announced. Any questions, contact Sarah at (785) 890-7242.

Brought to you by: Goodland Regional Medical, Goodland Activities Center, Northwest Kansas Technical College, & Sunflower District of the K-State Research & Extension Services

## PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS OF SHERMAN COUNTY

The Office of Sherman County Emergency Management along with E-Fm Consulting, LLC will be conducting the 1st Public Meeting for discussion and input on the Sherman County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The County and incorporated areas are developing Local Hazard Mitigation Plans per the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and guidance of the Kansas Division of Emergency Management.

The Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan will guide local activity to reduce risk and prevent loss from natural hazards such as tornadoes, wildfires, floods, hail and severe weather. The intent of the plan is to:

- Identify natural hazards impacting the community;
- Describe risk and vulnerability to the community;
- Describe mitigation actions and goals associated with the prioritized vulnerabilities;
- Describe how the community will maintain its plan in the future

YOU ARE INVITED to learn more, participate, and comment at this public meeting concerning the development of a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Members of the Planning Committee and our consultant will be present to answer questions, receive public input and information, and address public commentary.

When complete, the new plan will meet the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. Under this Act and related legislation, states, communities, and tribal governments must complete FEMA-approved plans to be eligible for certain federal assistance programs. These assistance programs provide communities with pre- and post-disaster funds to implement mitigation projects.

After the meeting the current draft plan will be available at the Sherman County Emergency Management Office, and at the Public Library in Goodland.

TIME: 6 p.m.  
WHEN: January 19, 2011  
WHERE: Goodland City Commission Room  
204 W. 11th Street  
Goodland, Kansas, 67735

For more information contact Ryan Murray at 785-332-2560 Or E-Fm Consulting at 785-312-9150