



Santa Claus mobbed at Topside Tip-Off

Janet Redlin (right) sang the National Anthem before the boys championship game on Saturday at the 23rd Annual Topside Tip-Off, and she sang Christmas songs at half time while Santa Claus (above) handed out candy canes to the many kids who were at Max Jones Fieldhouse. When Santa arrived he was mobbed at the west end of the basketball court as the kids ran from all over the building to say hello and get the candy.

Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News



Thomas ambulance update heard

By Christina Beringer
colby.society@nwkansas.com

Joe Hickert – new director for Thomas County Emergency Medical Services and formerly of Goodland – gave the Thomas county commissioners a briefing on his goals for the department at their meeting Monday.

“We have been busy revising protocols, policies and procedures,” he said, “and they’ll be ready by Friday to get approved by Dr. (Brewster) Kellogg and Brian (Unruh).”

Kellogg is the county’s medial director who has to approve any changes to guidelines and service, which are also regulated by the state. Unruh is his physician’s assistant.

Included in Hickert’s proposal will be plans to enhance the level of service given to every patient. Using an acronym to describe his plans, Hickert explained, “everyone will get VOMIT’ed.”

“Volunteers will check for V, give Oxygen, Monitor, give IV and Transport,” he said. “Giving the IV

is the biggest change, since its been a number of years since an IV has been given in the field by EMS.”

After the meeting, County Clerk Shelly Harms said she had seen the arms of Hickert and Don Morton, the department’s assistant director, where they had been practicing on each other. She explained before practice, Morton didn’t know if he even remembered how to put an IV in.

“Your first time putting an IV in should not be under pressure on someone who is dehydrated,” Hickert said. “Every patient will now be getting an IV and volunteers are learning to think deeper and give differential diagnosis. For example, symptoms of a heart attack are different for a man than they are for a woman. The enhanced training will instill more confidence and more pride in our volunteers and medical personnel.”

Hickert explained in his profession, it is all about being prepared. He often asks, what could go wrong?

In asking this question of the local department, the question resulted in revising their jump kits to ensure speedier and more efficient care to patients.

He showed commissioners photos of what their kits look like, what is in them and described their purpose. The bags, which are used for first response in an emergency, must include equipment and supplies to treat a wide variety of medical situations. Hickert found gaps in equipment, including items needed for pediatric care, which have now been added to the bags.

“The goal for the jump bags is to have everything you need at hand so you don’t have to go back to the truck,” said Hickert.

Hickert said he’ll need input from all of the county’s volunteers to make the goals a reality, saying that the department is a family and a team that needs to work together.

“I want people to know that Thomas County EMS will take care of our citizens,” he said.

Goodland, KS homes for sale		3 bed, 2 bath	4 bed, 1.75 bath	5 bed, 1.75 bath
<p>1112 Main, Goodland (785) 899-3060 www.HomeLandRE.com</p> <p>Tom Harrison Broker/Auctioneer 785-443-0136</p> <p>Rose Koggie Associate Broker 785-821-1179</p> <p>Colby, KS office 1055 S. Range • 785-462-8255 Pat Sloan: 785-443-3261 Marilyn Meyer: 785-462-2703 Toni Lindberg: 785-443-4032 Rock L. Bedore: 785-443-1653 Jerry Wycoff: 785-672-0429</p>	<p>124 N. Main-Updated, clean. Double garage. \$68,000. Call Rose to view today!</p>	<p>201 Willow-Corner lot. Very spacious! \$66,500. Call Rose for a tour!</p>	<p>503 Clark-Ranch style, newer shingles. Roomy! \$72,500. Call Rose today!</p>	
	<p>305 W. 9th-Move-in ready. Newer appliances, flooring. \$130,000. Call Rose for details!</p>	<p>6525 Rd. 16-Great golf course views. Fenced property. \$400,000. Call Rose for your tour!</p>	<p>124 W. 16th-Multi-family unit, both remodeled. \$60,000. Call Tom for details!</p>	
	<p>1503 Walnut-New flooring, original hardwoods. \$33,500. Call Rose today!</p>	<p>221 W. 7th-Newer siding, furnace & A/C! \$45,500. Call Rose for details!</p>	<p>830 Centennial-Rancher, roomy yard! \$144,500! Call Tom for your tour!</p>	
	<p>218 Center-Move-in ready. Fenced backyard. \$55,000. Call Rose for details!</p>	<p>1516 Montana-Roomy. Finished basement. \$55,000. Call Rose for details!</p>	<p>1525 Wyoming-Newer siding, windows and shingles. \$62,000. Call Rose for details!</p>	
	<p>502 Grand-Detached garage, open floor plan, fireplace. \$65,000. Call Rose for details!</p>	<p>Commercial properties for sale: 1901 Cherry: 1,950 sq. ft.. Great location for new business. \$79,900! 1907 Cherry: 1,008 sq. ft.. Turn-key Gun Shop. Updated building. \$249,000!</p>		

Three more claim prizes in Christmas on Us

TICKETS, from Page 1A

bers appear in ads, which means shoppers have a chance to win with the prizes given out on a first come basis until all the instant prizes are gone. Numbers will appear in Friday edition. All of the \$50 instant winners will be given out during the month. The grand prize drawing for \$1,000 and second prize for \$500 will be held at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 20, on 12th Street across from the Sherman Theater.

It’s simple enough, but there are a few rules.

- You must be 18 to participate.
- Employees of participating businesses are not eligible at their workplace, but can collect tickets from other sponsors. Star-News employees and their immediate family are not eligible.
- All prizes will be awarded in scrip, which can be spent only at participating businesses.
- The last day to collect tickets is Monday, Dec. 19.

• Winners must be present at the grand prize drawing and be able to show their winning ticket.

• All winners agree to have their name and photo published in the Star-News. Winners of major prizes must provide their tax identification number, and agree to be interviewed and photographed for publication in the newspaper.

• Be sure to remind the clerk if you’re not offered tickets. If that happens, you should get one extra ticket.

SHORT & SON INC.
SINCE 1934
Goodland, KS 67735
PHONE: (785) 899-2592
Livestock & Machinery Hauling
Bonded Livestock Dealers

L & W Andrist Insurance Agency, LLC
Linda & Walt Linthacum - Owners/Agents
102 E. 8th (8th & Main)
Goodland, KS 67735
(785) 890-5678 • 800-892-4245

Trusted Choice
Independent Insurance Agents

2003 PRESIDENTS AWARD
Ford
2005 PRESIDENTS AWARD

“Where Service is an Affair of the Heart”
DAN BRENNER FORD
222 W. HWY. 24, I-70 BUSINESS LOOP, GOODLAND, KS
(Toll Free) 800-636-8770
(Business) 785-899-2316 (Fax) 785-899-2317

School calendar for December 14-20

Goodland High School • Grant Junior High School
West Elementary School • Central Elementary School



Wednesday: Gold day
Senior Citizens dinner
4 p.m.: Central Site Council

Thursday: Black day
Junior Varsity Basketball Tournament

Friday: Gold day
End of Second Nine Weeks

Saturday: 9 a.m.: Girls Junior High GWAC Tournament at Hugoton
Holiday Classic Wrestling Tournament, here

Monday and Tuesday: NO SCHOOL/WINTER BREAK



The INSURANCE AGENCY Inc.
1020 Main
Goodland, KS
(785) 899-5011
Susan Duke Roxann Kling

Culligan
904 Main Street
Goodland, KS
(785) 899-2352

PS Crop Production Services
Highway 27, Goodland
(785) 899-5601

Hitchcock INCORPORATED
VALLEY
The Leader in Precision Irrigation
723 W. Hwy. 24, Goodland, KS
(785) 899-5628

Aflac
Fred Hall, Agent
111 W. 12th, Goodland, KS
(785) 890-8335