

Winter break fun



Two kids (above) on winter break from school spent time at the Goodland Activities Center on Wednesday playing pool. Terissa King (in front right photo) and Nikki Jackson (behind) were at the Goodland Public Library on the computers. Librarian Karen Gillihan said the library had activities planned for the week.

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Kansas receives \$300 million

More than \$296 million was awarded to 23 states for ensuring more children have health coverage, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced Wednesday.

Kansas is one of those states and will receive \$5,862,957.

The performance bonus payments are funded under the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act, one of the first pieces of legislation signed into law by President Obama in 2009. To qualify for these bonus payments, states must surpass a specified Medicaid enrollment target. They also must adopt procedures that improve access to

Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program making it easier for eligible children to enroll and retain coverage.

The bonuses come one week after new data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show the number of children with insurance increased by 1.2 million since the Children's Health Insurance Program reauthorization in 2009. An HHS issue brief notes this increase has been entirely due to greater enrollment in public programs such as Medicaid and CHIP.

"More children now have the advantages health coverage provides," Sebelius said. "And parents now

have the security of knowing their children can get the health care they need without worrying an illness could leave them with a lifetime of medical bills."

Performance bonuses help offset the costs states incur when they enroll lower income children in Medicaid. By ensuring states streamline their enrollment and renewal procedures, the bonuses give states the incentive to adopt long-term improvements in their children's health insurance programs.

"Despite serious fiscal challenges, today's awards show children's health remains a top priority for states," said Cindy Mann, deputy

administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. "Not only have more states qualified for performance bonuses than in the past, but many have continued to improve the efficiency of their programs."

The 23 states eligible for performance bonuses include: Alabama, Alaska, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

Contest focuses on family memories

Family caregivers know all too well the devastating effects of Alzheimer's on the families of seniors living with this incurable disease.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, an estimated 5.1 million people 65 and older have Alzheimer's disease. They likely will lose one of their most treasured possessions: memories.

The "I Will Remember for You Family Reunion Giveaway" contest recently launched by the Home Instead Senior Care network can help families keep their memories alive.

Submit a story in either written or video format about your experience with a family member living with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias for a chance to win a family reunion. Essays and videos

need to:

- Share how Alzheimer's has impacted your life.
- Talk about the role that memories and remembering have played in your family, especially with regard to your family member who now has or had Alzheimer's.
- Share specific stories or examples of how you and your family members cope or coped with challenges of Alzheimer's disease.
- Tell why you deserve to win this family reunion.

Entries must be submitted by Jan. 31. Three finalists will be notified by a judge's panel by Feb. 15. Online voting to select the grand prize winner will occur from March 28 through June 30.

The "I Will Remember for You Family Reunion Giveaway" con-

test's grand prize winner will have the opportunity to experience an unforgettable family reunion. The event, funded by Home Instead, Inc., the franchisor of the Home Instead Senior Care network, will include activities to help family members create and capture special memories together such as a scrapbook and shadow box station, a memory booth to capture videos, photos or written thoughts and assistance from a professional family historian to create a family memory anthology.

Attendance of the family member with Alzheimer's disease will be left to the discretion of the grand prize winner. If the individual with Alzheimer's does not attend, the Home Instead Senior Care network will arrange for a local office to

provide the family member with in-home care services during reunion activities.

"We hope this contest will help turn some of the negative aspects associated with this disease into proactive projects to preserve family memories for generations to come," said President and Chief Operating Officer Jeff Huber of Home Instead, Inc.

The grand prize winner will be publicly revealed in November, following the family reunion event.

For more contest details, go to www.rememberforalzheimers.com, and for additional information about Alzheimer's disease including a blog and resources, visit www.helpforalzheimersfamilies.com.

Passenger killed in K-27 accident

Friday, Dec. 23, at 4:32 p.m., a Sherman County Sheriff's Deputy responded to a two-vehicle accident on K-27 near Wendy's and the passenger in one vehicle died later at Goodland Regional Medical Center.

The accident happened when a blue 1992 Ford Ranger driven by Maurice Daise with his wife Irene Daise, 88, in the passenger seat was crossing K-27 and was hit on the passenger side by a white 2006 Lincoln Navigator driven by Jeremy Minton of Garden City.

The Navigator was driving north on K-27 when it hit the

Ford Ranger, and both vehicles ended up in the east ditch in front of Wendy's.

The two people in the Ranger were extricated by emergency personnel and transported by ambulance to the hospital.

The four occupants of the Navigator were not injured.

Irene Pearl (Peters) Daise, 88, former employee of J.C. Penneys, died Saturday at Goodland Regional Medical Center.

Maurice Daise was flown out on Saturday and remains in critical condition in intensive care at St. Anthony Hospital in Lakewood, Colo.

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matters of record

Municipal Court

These are cases decided by the Goodland Municipal Court:

Oct. 24 – Marcia L. Harkins, dog at large, no animal license and vicious animal, fined \$320.

Michaelia M. Hernandez, theft, diversion \$210.

Oct. 25 – Garrett A. Nemecek, speeding in school zone 11 mph over limit, diversion \$262.

Alex Z. Weis, dog at large, fined \$180.

Oct. 26 – Whitney Noell Haller, minor consuming alcohol, diversion \$191.

Gregory J. Unger, dog at large, fined \$60.

Oct. 27 – Elena M. Lilly, battery – domestic violence, diversion \$360.

Oct. 28 – Lucinada Lee Straub, failed to yield at stop or yield sign, fined \$155.

Oct. 31 – Ethan A. Kammer, racing exhibition of speed, fined \$135.

Nov. 1 – Sylvia Guzman, speeding in school zone 15 mph over limit and illegal tag, fined \$285.

Nov. 2 – Barbara J. Berthiaume, disobey traffic control device, fined \$135.

Mark E. Russell, dog at large, fined \$120.

Nov. 3 – Michelle L. Kaiser, speeding 13 mph over limit, fined \$123.

corrections

In the obituary of Irene Pearl Daise on Friends Page 2 of the Tuesday edition of The Goodland Star-News the date of the visitation should have been Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011 instead of Dec. 20. This was due to reporter error.

The funeral is 10:30 a.m. today at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

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The Goodland Star-News will correct any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story. Please call (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.

Nov. 4 – Efrain J. Orozco, two charges of speeding one 10 mph over and one for 20 mph over limit, and two charges of expired driver's license, and no proof of insurance,

fined \$205 and fined \$565.

Nov. 8 – Chad A. Normandin, two charges of dog at large, fined \$180.

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