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Choirs perform



The Goodland High School and Grant Junior High School choirs in one large choir with members on stage and down the center and choirs and the Xpressos also sang numbers. The vocal director is performed for a full auditorium on Tuesday night at the Goodland side aisles. Above is one of the junior high choirs. The sixth grade, High School auditorium. The choirs opened the program singing seventh grade, eighth grade, freshman, Black and Gold, mixed

Emily Blankenship with accompanist Laura Biermann.

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## Domestic violence group now open at new office

Domestic violence and sexual make this move reflects Options dren's dedicated room. has moved its administrative of- life-saving advocacy services and, owned by the Farm Bureau of Hays fices to 2716 Plaza Avenue in Hays. The new location allows Options to provide critical services in a more sensitive and professional setting, while increasing the amount of are forever grateful to all who were duce the price of the building. With private meeting space and staff work areas. Former Goodland resident Charlotte Linsner, Options Executive Director stated, "The decision to tour the facility, especially the chil-

President states, "This move would Kansas," says Christie Brungardt hotline, personal support, safe shelassault service provider Options dedication to continue providing The building was previously not have been possible without the of Jana's Campaign. "Though ter, community referrals, individual

> involved in making the move possible.'

by 2716 Plaza Avenue in Hays and purchase the building.

also the continued commitment to and has been unoccupied since address the needs of violence vic- 2010. When approached by Optims throughout northwest Kansas. tions, the Farm Bureau Board was It is an exciting step for us and we very supportive and agreed to rethe sale of the previous Options office, the use of reserve funds and Options invites the public to stop a modes loan, Options was able to

support of the community members and organizations involved. The decision to purchase this property was not made lightly. We are hopeful the community we serve will support this move both in spirit and when considering their opportunities to donate.'

'Options provides often overlooked, yet critical services, for

Options' staff works tirelessly to counseling, support groups, comreduce partner violence, we must all assume some responsibility in helping them eliminate this societal isue.'

Options provides free and confidential services to any individual who has experiences domestic, sexual, interpersonal or stalking violence in northwest Kansas. Kenton Oliff, Options' Board many communities in northwest Services include a 24-hour crisis

munity awareness and prevention programs.

Options serves 18 counties of Northwest Kansas with two office; main office in Hays and an outreach office in Colby. Learn more at www. help4abuse.org.

### ansas insurance commissioner wins award

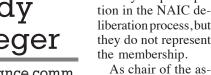
The National Association of Insurance Commissioners consumer representatives recognized Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger for her work on behalf of insurance consumers at the association's fall national meeting in National Harbor, MD, recently.

Praeger received the Excellence in Consumer Advocacy award. According to the consumer reps, "Through her leadership of NAIC's Health Insurance and Managed Care (B) Committee, Commissioner Praeger has played a major role in moving forward the health



reform agenda of the NAIC. She has also been a tireless advocate, both at the state and national level, for a meaningful role for state regulators in shaping the future of health insurance regulation."

The association's consumer representatives promote consumer



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activity and participation in the NAIC deliberation process, but they do not represent the membership.

sociations B (Health and Managed Care) Committee, Commissioner Praeger has, according to the consumer reps, "consistently ensured that the concerns of consumers are represented

Other accomplishments the consumer reps cited about Commissioner Praeger during the awards

presentation:

• During her 10-year stewardship of the Kansas Insurance Department, Praeger and her staff have been committed to their mission to "regulate, educate and advocate" for Kansans. Because of this, consumers calling the department almost always talk live with a representative.

• The department's two-time national award-winning website has emphasis, the department provides been praised for its ease of use and volume of available information.

 The department's Consumer Assistance Division has recovered

more than \$104 million for consum- Consumer Liaison program at the ers since 2003 in claims money above and beyond what insurance companies had offered.

• Early in her tenure as Commissioner, Praeger established an the meeting. anti-fraud division, a four-person unit that has recovered more than \$4 million while working more than 4,600 cases.

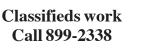
• As part of her overall consumer nearly 200 public presentations annually on insurance topics.

The award presentation was made during the associations, Nov. 29 fall meeting.

The Commissioner received a standing ovation from the committee members and audience attending

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