

Rural restaurant provides food and Internet

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 "I'll have a burger, fries, and a website on the side." Hmm, is this some sort of urban Internet café? No, although it is a café. This is a place where a rural community can find both lunch and links - the Internet kind. Here we find pride and community spirit.

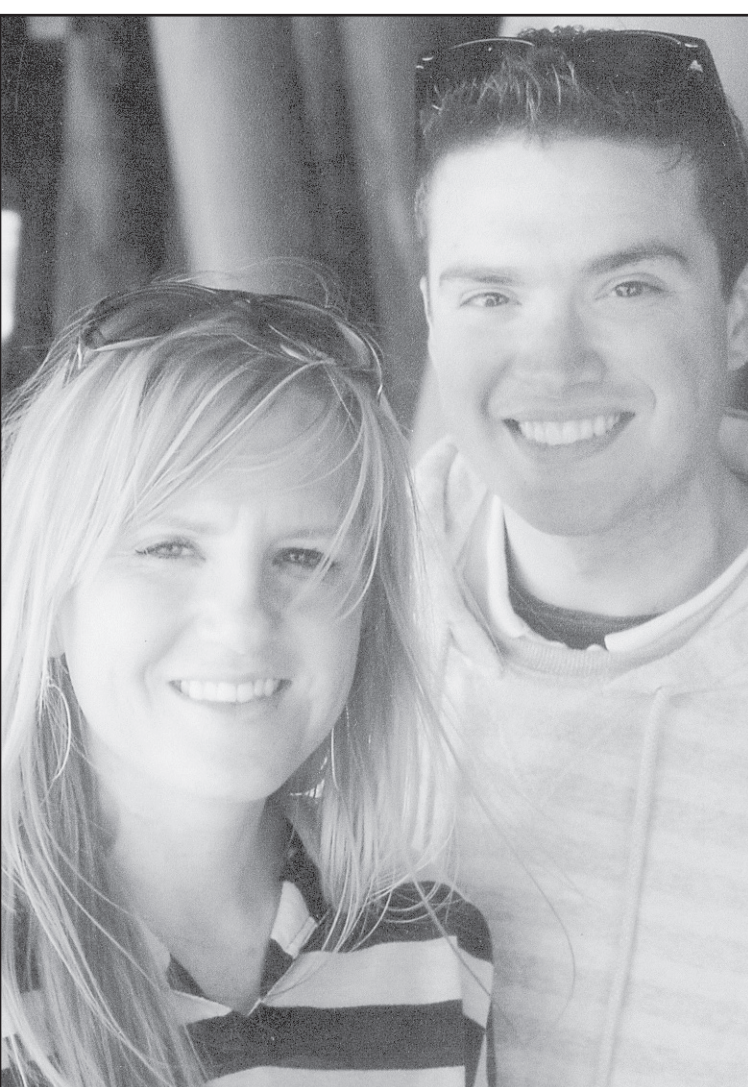
She taught at Admire and now teaches in the nearby rural community of Americus, population 931 people. Now, that's rural. Michael worked at a lumberyard in Emporia and then took a teaching position at Northern Heights. In 1986, he bought one of the main buildings in downtown Admire. The historic building was constructed in 1904 as a general mercantile store, with lockers, hardware, grocery and dry goods. When visiting railroad workers needed food, the ladies in the store started making sandwiches. That led to the first floor of the building becoming a restaurant which continued after Michael bought the building.

During the next few years, several restaurant managers tried to make it go. In 1990, Michael's parents took it over. "My dad retired from a full-time job in Emporia so my folks took it over," Michael said. They knew that different managers had struggled with it through the years. "My dad said it was the last chance for making a restaurant work here, so we named it the Last Chance Café," Michael said. His parents started offering big home-cooked meals and buffets and developed a good customer base. They ran the café for years before retiring. Michael expanded the kitchen when he took over. His pizza supplier wanted him to have a big station where customers could watch the pizza being prepared, but there was no room. He got them to agree to let him build an

expansion with windows to see the pizza, and he lined it with classic barn wood. Michael now offers quick, convenient food for his customers at the Last Chance Café -- but that is not all he offers there. In 2005, the community of Admire joined the PRIDE program. PRIDE is a community betterment program coordinated by Kansas State Research and Extension and the Kansas Department of Commerce. Through PRIDE, a group of local volunteers was organized in Admire. One of the PRIDE group's first steps was to assess community needs, including a survey of local residents. The survey showed that citizens would be interested in a newsletter of local events and a computer lab to access the Internet. "I agreed to become newsletter editor on an interim basis,

and I'm still the editor," Michael said. I guess "interim" can be a long time. Another expressed need was a desire for a computer lab or a place where people could get on the Internet. "At that time a lot of our older citizens did not have computers in their homes," Michael said. "They needed a place to check emails from grandkids and things like that." The PRIDE group procured some computers and set them up inside the Last Chance Café. Now a person can go to the café and check email, get lunch, and pick up a PRIDE newsletter featuring news, birthdays, and community activities. The PRIDE group is very active, sponsoring festivals and other community events. Admire PRIDE got a grant through the Healthy Ecosystems-Healthy Communities program which

supported a public input process for natural resource protection planning. This led to construction of a detention pond near the Admire Community Center for water quality. "We try to involve the community," Michael said. For more information, see www.admireks.com. It's time to leave our burger, fries, and a website on the side. We commend Michael Kuhn and Admire PRIDE for making a difference with community spirit and commitment. Here in Admire, one can find a menu on the computer as well as on the countertop. And there's more. Michael's brother is also active in Admire. We'll learn about that in next week's Kansas Profile.



Savannah McLroy and Stephen Griego

Couple to wed at Goodland church

Savannah McLroy of Goodland and Stephen Griego of Puyallup, Wash., plan to marry on Friday, Dec. 14, 2012, at Bible Baptist Church, 424 Broadway, Goodland, with David McLroy, uncle of the bride, of Starbuck, Wash., officiating. Her parents are Steve and Kelly McLroy of Goodland and her grandparents are Marshall and Jo Ann Hatfield of Goodland and Anna and the late Duane McLroy of Yakima, Wash. His parents are Ted and Debi

Griego of Puyallup, Wash. The future bride graduated from high school at the Bible Baptist School in 2003 and in 2010 from Heartland Baptist Bible College, Oklahoma City, Okla., in secondary education. The groom elect graduated from high school from HomeSchool in 2008. He works for AIM Aerospace, Auburn, Wash. The couple plan to live in Bonny Lake, Wash.

Couple has baby in Hays hospital

Colette Elena Schields was born on Monday, Nov. 26, 2012, at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She weighed 9 pounds 3 ounces and was 21 inches long. Her parents are Jennifer Elena Mentzer Schields and Cody Ryan

Schields of Hays, both former Goodland residents. Her paternal grandparents are Dale and Jacque Schields and her maternal grandparents are Scott and Debra Mentzer, all of Goodland.

Ruleton eager beavers

October
 The October meeting of the Ruleton Eager Beavers 4-H club was called to order by President Dani Mangus. The meeting was held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, at the 4-H building. Roll call was answered by "What I am going to be for Halloween" by 18 members, two leaders and seven guests. Minutes were read and approved. There were no bills or communications. Birthdays were celebrated for Josie Hill and Dayne Webring. There was no unfinished business. Elections were held with these results. The new officers are President Dani Mangus, Vice President Dayne Webring, Secretary Hannah Eslinger, Treasurer Jessie Duell and Reporter Austin Keim. Recreation leaders will be Walker Eslinger, Josie Hill, Truman Hooker and Caleb Dechant. Song leaders will be Caleb Dechant, Caleb Duell, Kaden

Doen, Harrison Bhend. Leaders this year will be Karen Hooker, Dan Duell and Charlene Mangus. The parliamentarians will be Brooke Keim, Caleb Dechant, Hannah Dechant and Keyley Jarrett. This concluded the elections for the upcoming year. Song leader, Caleb Dechant, has us sing "Ba Ba Black Sheep." Brooke Keim did a demonstration on chocolate covered peanut butter sandwiches and bananas. There was a project talk by Truman Hooker and Harrison Bhend about cooking. There was another project talk by Hannah Eslinger about photography. Recreation was by Truman Hooker, we played tag. Announcements were the achievement awards on Sunday, Oct. 28, and on Sunday, Nov. 4, officer training. The meeting was adjourned by saying the club motto.

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 Youth @ the Rock House, Sixth & Caldwell: 6:30 p.m.
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 website: www.calvarygospel.net
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 Saturday: 6 pm, Sunday: 10:30 am
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 1116 Sherman 899-3631
Pastors: Dustin and Shelly Petz
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Sunday: Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
 Morning Service: 11:30 a.m.
 Evening Service: 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible Study Service
 6:30 p.m.

Bible Baptist Church
Pastor: Clifford Middlebrooks
 Fifth & Broadway
 890-7368
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m.
 Morning Service: 10 a.m.
 Evening Service: 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
 1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO
 (719) 346-7984
Sacrament Meeting: 10 a.m.
Sunday School: 11:15 a.m.
Priesthood/Relief Society: 12 a.m.

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Minister: Jose S. Lopez
 1601 Texas • 899-5275
Daily Prayer: Sunday thru
 Saturday: 5a.m. & 6 p.m.
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m.

United Methodist Church Brewster:
Pastor: Mike Baughn
 Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. CST
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. CST
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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Pastor: Rev. Carol Edling Jolly
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 Youth Group: weekly Jr./Sr. High groups
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Kanorado United Methodist Church
Pastor: Leonard Cox
 399-2468
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m.
 Worship Service: 10:15 a.m.

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Pastor: Bob Willis
 Third & Caldwell
 899-2080 or 899-3797
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service: 10:50 a.m.
 Evening Service: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 p.m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Celebrant: Father Don Martin
 13th & Center
 Church 890-2115 or 890-7245
Services: 5 p.m. Saturday evening
Bible Study: 4 p.m. the first and third
 Saturday of the month

Goodland Bible Church
 109 Willow Road • 899-6400
Pastor: Chad DeJong
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m.
 6 p.m. AWANA during school
 Evening Worship: 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 6:30 youth group
 Growth groups call for information
www.goodlandbible.org

First Baptist Church
Pastor: Travis Blake
 1121 Main
 890-3450
Sunday:
 Coffee fellowship: 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship: 10 a.m.
 Sunday School: 11:15 a.m.

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Pastor: Craig Groeschel
 109 E. 17th
 (785) 728-0123
Experience Time
 Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

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 521 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-6423
Pastor: Brian Fugleberg
Sunday: Worship: 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday:
 Senior High: 6:30 p.m. at the church
 Junior High: 6:30 p.m. at the church
www.goodlandefree.com

Seventh Day Adventist Church
 1160 Cattletrail
Pastor: Jim McCurdy
Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service: 11 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
 13th & Sherman • 890-6161
Pastor: Darian Hybl
Sunday: Christian education/fellowship:
 10:15 a.m.
 Worship Service: 9 a.m.

Church of Christ
 401 Caldwell
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Sunday: Bible Study: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday: Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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