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weather report

17°

10 a.m.
Monday



Today

• Sunset, 4:29 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 7:05 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:29 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 31 degrees
- Humidity 88 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds south 10 mph
- Barometer 30.41 inches and steady
- Record High today 77° (1955)
- Record Low today -16° (1924)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	39°
Low Sunday	11°
Precipitation	trace
This month	0.05
Year to date	16.74
Below normal	2.80 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with scattered flurries between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., a high near 50, winds breezy out of the west at 5 to 35 mph and a low around 16. Wednesday: Sunny with a high near 45, winds out of the west at 10 to 15 mph switching to the north and a low around 18.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high near 47 and a low around 20. Friday: Sunny with a high near 59 and a low around 25. Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a high near 54 and a low around 20.

(National Weather Service)
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

Merry Christmas to all!



Among the many homes and businesses decorated for the Christmas season in Goodland is this house with Santa, palm trees and flamingos. Around the hospital is a large display in many pieces depicting the story of Christmas.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Counseling service offered office space

By Kevin Bottrell

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The Sherman County Commissioners met with representatives of Thomas County ADAC at their meeting last Tuesday to see what could be done about keeping substance abuse counseling available in Sherman County.

Executive Director Wendi Wacker and Counselor Sara Webber attended the meeting. Wacker said the organization lost anywhere from \$8,000 to \$6,800 every year keeping an office open in Goodland, even for just one day a week. The organization was also having to cut its budget for 2014, she said.

The commissioners offered to find office space in county buildings that could be used once a week for counseling.

“We understand the value of this, you come highly recommended by our judge,” said Commissioner Ken Klemm.

Wacker said the state doesn’t have specific space requirements, but they would need a place to conduct group sessions and closed-off of-

fice space for individual sessions. Wacker said the organization would then just have to pay travel and salary. There would also have to be a state inspection of the office space.

The commissioners said they could contribute \$10,000 in addition to finding space.

“We will make this work for you,” said Commissioner Larry Enfield.

Wacker said she would speak to the ADAC board.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Spoke with County Attorney Charles Moser about the Neighborhood Revitalization tax rebate program. Klemm laid out the changes the commissioners decided to make to the program. There will be four schedules, based on what work is being done.

Schedules A and B are for residential projects. Schedule A is for complete teardowns and rebuilding of buildings or remodeling and has a cap of \$150,000 in improvements. Schedule B has a cap of \$100,000 in improvements for new construction. The \$5,000 minimum remains. Schedules C and D are for com-

mercial projects. Schedule C is for business projects that create or sustain six or more full time jobs, while Schedule D is for business projects that will create or sustain one to five full time jobs. If a project is to create or sustain less than one full time job, it does not qualify.

In addition, any projects involving Grant Junior High, or within the city limits of Edson and Kanorado or in the Main Street business area – from 17th to Eighth and one block to the east and west – will qualify for schedule C. Churches and residential projects in this area do not need to follow the job-creation requirements.

The commissioners discussed several specific cases with Moser. The current plan says applications must be filed before construction begins. Moser said that construction would not include destruction or demolition, and so under the current language, applications can be filed even when some demolition work has already been done.

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County setting up scholarships

By Kevin Bottrell

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The Sherman County Commissioners are setting up a new scholarship program to aid local residents with tuition costs to attend Northwest Kansas Technical College.

The county is providing \$10,000 for a Workforce Improvement Program designed to encourage residents and county employees to further their educations. There are five tiers. Priority will be given to the first tier applicants.

- Tier one is a full tuition scholarship for full- or part-time Sherman County employees who agree to stay with the county for four years.

- Tier two is a 50 percent scholarship for full- or part-time Sherman County employees who agree to stay with the county for two years.

- Tier three is up to \$500 per semester for Sherman County residents who sign a statement that they intend to live and work in one of the 17 northwest Kansas counties that Northwest Tech

serves.

- Tier four is up to \$500 per semester for residents of those 17 counties who sign a statement saying they intend to live and work in the region.

- Tier five is for the college to use any remaining money to apply to students’ tuition as it sees fit.

To qualify for tiers three and four, residents must have lived in Sherman County or the 17-county area for one year prior to applying.

Applications will be available at the college.

The training program for emergency medical technicians will also be moving to the college next year. The program will still be sponsored by the county, but will have access to the college’s medical training equipment.

Classes, which will be held in the Wolak Building, will begin Tuesday, Jan. 21. For anyone interested, there will be an information meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, at the Wolak Building. The class is capped at 30 students.

Santas show up at music program

By Pat Schiefen

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The Central Elementary School’s fifth graders enthusiasm for Christmas was shown by their music program on Thursday night at the Goodland High School Auditorium.

Santas made an appearance with a disco beat and motions in “Disco S.A.N.T.A.” with the reindeer dancing along. Santas were Titus

Pictured are two of the many Santas at the fifth grade music concert last Thursday at the Goodland High School auditorium.

Photo by Pat Schiefen
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Beringer, Ryan Fife, Estevan Ordóñez, Riley Vallejo, Trevor Daise, Andy Edwards, Bryson Ihrig, Mason Murray, Caden Thomas, Skyler Urban, Jacob DeLaRosa and Truman Hooker. The reindeer were Vivian Solomon, Genesis Ross, Demetria Grandy, Anna Gutierrez, Johnna Jostes, Valerie Millan, David Wood, Sharid Goodman, Jazzman Jones and Riley Stewart.

In “Santa is the Man” the elves put forth much effort to get him looking in tip top shape. Santas were Caleb Mason, Brock Mull, Kiefer

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Happy Holidays from The Goodland Star-News’ staff!

Tuesday, Dec. 24 *The Goodland Star-News* office will close at 12 p.m. MT. The office will also be closed Christmas Day.

The Goodland Star-News will be printed a day later on Friday instead of Thursday due to the holidays. The paper will be in the mail for Saturday.

Enjoy the holidays with family and friends, and please be safe!



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student news

Bradley J. Miller received his Bachelor in Technology from Pittsburg State University at the end of the Fall 2013 semester.

patient news

Carolyn Schritter is a patient in Parker, Colo. She would appreciate hearing from her friends and cards may be sent to her at The Center at Lincoln, Room 237, 12230 Lioness Way, Parker, Colo. 80134.

Doris Raile is a patient at Select Hospital and she would like to hear from friends. Her address is 6001 E. Woodman Road, 6th Floor Room 6126, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80923.

genesis and army

Genesis and Salvation Army are available year round to help those in need. Call (785) 890-2299 to speak to a volunteer.

activities

Tours of the 1907 Victorian House at 202 W. 13th are from **1 to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday through Monday.** Closed on Tuesday.

The **High Plains Museum**, 1717 Cherry Ave., is open from **9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday through Saturday and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.** Closed Tuesdays.

The **Carnegie Arts Center** is open from **10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday and 1 to 6 p.m. on Monday** at 120 W. 12th. The center is always in need of hosts and hostesses on Sundays. New monthly exhibits and you are invited to visit the gift shop.

The **Goodland Public Library** is open from **10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday** and from **10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.** For information call (785) 899-5461 or stop by the library.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Sherman County is seeking mentors and children to mentor. Call 890-3665.

The **Good Sam Family Support Council** meets at **7 p.m.** the second Thursday of every month at the Goodland Elks Lodge. Meetings are open to all interested people. For information call 890-3117 or 890-5936.

Breast Cancer Support Group meets at **5:30 p.m. the second Monday** of the month. Any woman with cancer is welcome. Call Norma at 890-6629 for more information.

The **Goodland Activities Center** has the daily activities. For information call 890-7242. Memberships options for everyone including day passes for \$5. Visit goodlandgac.com or stop by 808 Main. The hours are 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, Friday 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. **Aerobics** are at 5:30 a.m. on Monday and Wednesday. **Insanity class** meets at 5:30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday,

the calendar

calendar

Prairie Land Food sign up will be until Monday, Jan. 13. Distribution is 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at Cat's TnT, 1018 Main, or at the Bernadine Johnson residence, located at 704 Walnut. For information call 899-2338, 821-1275, 890-2287, 821-1827, 890-3793 or 899-4278 or order online at www.prairielandfood.com. The Prairie Pak will have fully cooked chicken/apple sausage links, chicken and vegetable stir fry, Canadian bacon, lean ground beef, salmon fillet, a variety of seasonal fresh fruits and vegetables. The specials are a breaded chicken breast fil-

lets, sausage breakfast pouches, pepperoni pizzas and Augus beef sliders sandwiches.

The **Goodland Soup Bol** serves dinner at **5 p.m. on Monday nights** at the Goodland Methodist Church Fellowship Hall for anyone who wants to come. Free will donations welcome. For information call 899-3631.

The **Kids Cooking Class** is held on the **second Wednesday of each month** from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. at the 4-H Building. This class is open for second to fifth graders. For information call 890-4880.

senior menu

Today: Sausage gravy, tator

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. **Taekwondo** with Wayne Luckert call for times and dates.

Weight Watchers meets at **5:30 p.m. for weigh in** and 6 p.m. for the meeting every **Tuesday** at the Harvest Evangelical Free Church, 521 E. Hwy. 24. For information call (785) 890-6423.

Goodland Alcoholics Anonymous, 1013 Center. If you drink alcohol, that's your business. If you want to stop, we can help. Call 821-3826 or 728-7491.

Goodland Al-Anon Family Group meets at **6 p.m. on Fridays** at First Christian Church, 711 Arcade. For information call Alice or Marilyn at 890-5914 or 821-2862.

The "Freedom Today" group of **Narcotics Anonymous** meets at **8 p.m. Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and 8 p.m. on Sundays** at 1013 Center. Call 890-8369.

Bird City Alcoholics Anonymous group meets at **6:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Fridays** at the Senior Center on 4th Street. **Narcotics Anonymous meets at 6:30 (Mountain Time) on Tuesdays** at the Senior Center. Call (785) 734-2734 for more information.

Stratton "AA by the Book" Alcoholics Anonymous group meets at **7 p.m. Thursdays** for a beginners open meeting. Filies and young people welcome. Call (719) 348-5398 for men and (719) 346-8553 for women. On U.S. Highway 24 go to Statton and it is the second house on the left, 513 Iola Street.

Fibromyalgia and Chronic Myofascial Pain Support Group meets from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the third Wednesday** of every month in the Emergency Medical Services building, 257 15th St., in Burlington. Call Debbie at 719-346-4612.

thrift store

The Goodland Churches Thrift Shop, 1002 Main, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Donations welcome. The **daily specials** are 50 percent off men's department on Monday, 50

percent off housewares, furniture, electronics and crafts on Tuesday, 10 cent books on Wednesday, 50 percent off children's department on Thursday and 50 percent of ladies' department on Friday. For information call 890-2007.

health department

The Sherman County Health Department at 1622 Broadway is open from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Blood pressures; infants', children's and adults' immunizations; health assessments for Kan Be Healthy, daycare and school entry; fasting blood sugar and hemoglobin; and family planning available by appointment. Sharps containers are available for a fee. WIC program available. Call 890-4888 or go to www.sherman.kansas.com.

If you have questions, concerns or complaints about child care, call the health department.

Water Testing — The Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group does well evaluations, including testing for bacteria and nitrates. To schedule an evaluation or discuss environmental concerns, call the Health Department at 890-4888.

hospital volunteers

Gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; a.m. and p.m. volunteers are in the gift shop.

early head start

Early Head Start is a state funded program for income eligible families with prenatal mothers and children up to age three. Families participate in a variety of educational activities and receive free medical and dental care.

Services include special needs of children with disabilities. If you have a family member with a special problem, such as drug or alcohol abuse, job loss or other family crisis, your family can qualify. Call 785-672-3125, ext. 187.

preschool

tots, seasoned carrots, biscuit and citrus slices. **Wednesday and Thursday:** Closed for the holidays. **Friday:** Smokies, macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, breadstick and pears. **Monday:** Cook's choice entree, hash brown casserole, green beans, bread and apricots. **Tuesday:** Chili, cook's choice fruit, crackers and cinnamon roll.

school menu

Today to Monday, Jan. 6: No school.

school calendar

Today to Jan. 6: No school

Sherman County Head Start is a free preschool for eligible 3 and 4 year olds. The federally funded program is targeted to families who meet certain economic guidelines and provides hearing, vision, dental and educational screenings. Nutritious meals are served, and parents are encouraged to get involved in their children's education. For information call 890-2552.

mops

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets the first Monday of every month October thru May. Meeting time: 6 p.m. -7:30 p.m. at the Harvest Evangelical Free Church; 521 E Highway 24; Goodland. For more information email goodlandmops@gmail.com or call (785) 890-6423.

crimestoppers

If you have information about any crime, call the Goodland Area Crime Stoppers "Look Line" at 899-5665. Your call will be confidential and you will not be asked your name. If the information results in the arrest and/or conviction of those involved, you could be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000. Goodland Area Crime Stoppers is a nonprofit organization formed by citizens against crime.

The police department can also be called at 890-4570.

family shelter

The Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence Services provides help day or night to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. For information or help, call (800) 794-4624. In the Colby area, call (785) 443-1130.

animal shelter

Lost a pet? Call 890-4575 or go to www.petfinder.com and be sure to enter the Goodland zip code 67735. You can also call the Goodland Police Department at 890-4570 or Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter at 899-4398. Interested in adopting a pet? Call the animal shelter or go to the website www.nwkasgoodland.

Holiday season time of scams

A Kansas Insurance Department employee recently received a credit card statement online that showed a balance due. Nothing new, you say — except that the employee has never had that credit card.

The holiday season is a time that everyone should be aware of cyber scams, said Sandy Praeger, Kansas Commissioner of Insurance.

"There are many fraudulent websites and scam artists who are working this holiday season to take your money or identity," Commissioner Praeger said. "Kansans should verify that the messages and solicitations you receive online are legitimate. We should also be cautious in giving out personal information electronically."

Some of the potential online holiday problems may include the following:

- Electronic greeting cards that



sandy praeger

- insurance comm.

may contain malware.

- Requests for charitable contributions from organizations that you are not familiar with.

- Phony credit card applications.
- Online auctions for selling gift cards.

- Shipping notifications for items you didn't order.

- Opening up emails with unfamiliar names or addresses.

- Fraudulent solicitations for health insurance, under the guise of the new health care law.

"This is the time of year when we all need to be cautious of scam artists who want to take away our good cheer," Commissioner Praeger said.

Submitted by Truman Hooker

ruleton eager beavers

The Ruleton Eager Beaver members enjoyed watching a movie at the Sherman Theatre for their Christmas Party; each member brought a food item to place under the Theatre's Christmas tree for the Genesis Food Bank. On Dec. 7th, members and their parents met at

the Methodist Church to participate in the Genesis Food Drive pick-up. Then on December 19th, members and their parents met again to help pack the Genesis food boxes for delivery.

Submitted by Truman Hooker

matters of record

Municipal Court

These are cases decided by the Goodland Municipal Court:

Aug. 13: Lucas Troy Ruth, telephone harassment, diversion, 410.

Aug. 17: Lumont B. Medrano, driving under the influence and chemical test refusal, diversion, \$2488.

Sept. 16: Magen M. Mirales, illegal or no tag, fined \$297.

Sept. 29: Walter R Gariffo, expired or no driver's license, fined \$241.

Oct. 3: Carol Aaron, dog at large, fined \$180.

Oct. 15: Tyler G. Heskett, battery - domestic battery, fined \$260.

Oct. 23: Tyler G. Escoto, speeding 1-10 mph over limit in school zone, fined \$150.

Lydia Salazar, expired or no license, fined \$160.

Oct. 24: Scott A. Morris, speeding 1-10 mph over limit in school zone, fined \$150.

Oct. 25: Tina M. McClary, breed specific ban, fined \$480.

Oct. 26: Owen Eugene John, theft, fined \$201.

Shay Ann S. Rubio, battery - domestic battery, diversion \$360.

Tamara R. Sheats, battery - domestic violence, diversion \$360.

Oct. 29: Joshua L. Harenberg, speeding 1-10 mph over limit in school zone, fined \$150.

Troy Lynn Webb, no proof of insurance, fined \$360.

Oct. 30: Kenneth Wayne Weikel, speeding 15 mph over limit and illegal or no tag, fined \$210.

births

Luke Joseph Linton

Luke Joseph Linton was born on Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2013 at the New Beginnings Birthing Center at Goodland Regional Medical Center. He weighed 9 pounds, 4 1/2 ounces and measured 21 1/4 inches.

His parents are Trevor and Sarah Linton of Goodland and his grandparents are Marty and Kathy Melia of Goodland, Greg Linton of Cawker City and Sherri Linton of Glen Elder. Great-grandparents are Kay and Marilyn Melia of Goodland; John and Carol Stover, Everett Linton and Max and Marj Eberle, all of Glen Elder.

Welcoming him home are brothers Cole and Aiden and sister Lauren.



Luke Linton

Cort Ron Stramel

Cort Ron Stramel, son of Bert and Lisa Stramel of Colby, was born Thursday, Dec. 5, 2013, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

He is the son of Bert and Lisa Stramel of Colby. His grandparents are Sharon Stramel and the late Ron Stramel of Colby and Ron and Bonnie Zweygardt of St. Francis. Great grandmother is Dolly Wulf of Goodland.

Brothers Trey and Brody and sister Sophia welcomed him home.



Cort Stramel

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Specials for the week December 20-26

Drinks included. Dine-in or carry out!

Friday, Dec. 20: Nacho Grande

Saturday, Dec. 21: Stuffed Peppers

Sunday, Dec. 22: Roast Beef

Monday, Dec. 23: Chicken Pot Pie

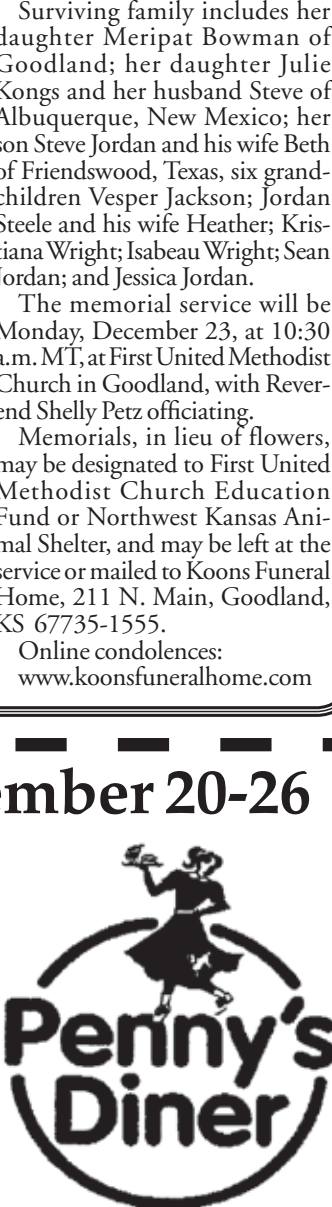
Tuesday, Dec. 24: French Dip with French Fries

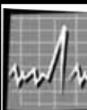
Wednesday, Dec. 25: Ham Dinner!

Yams, deviled eggs, green beans, stuffing, mashed potatoes, cheesecake

Thursday, Dec. 26: Crispy Chicken Salad

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HEALTH FAIR

2014

Sherman County Health Fair

Saturday, January 25, 2014
8 to 11:30 a.m.

Northwest Kansas Tech College
Student Union
1209 Harrison • Goodland, KS

Blood Profiles done prior to Health Fair at Goodland Regional Medical Center

January 6-10, 2014 • 7 to 9 a.m. each day
At Main Entrance to Hospital

Blood Profile:

Chemistries* - \$30

\$10—CBC only

\$15—Additional for A1c (Diabetes)

\$15—Additional for PSA (Prostate)

\$15—Additional for TSH (Thyroid)

* 12-14 hours fasting recommended for Cholesterol Screening included in Blood Chemistries

Prior to Health Fair:

- Free Carotid Ultrasound Screening—by appointment, call (785) 890-6033
- Free Pulmonary Function Screening—Call (785) 890-6023 for appointment

Free at Health Fair: •Blood profile consultation•DRE (Prostate)•Skin Cancer Screening•Bone Density•DermaScan•kids activities•great door prizes

•free blood pressure checks& much more!

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from our viewpoint...

It's easy to forget the real reason of Christmas

With all the hustle and stress of what we call "the holiday season," it's easy to lose sight of why we do all this, even for those who accept and believe in the message in the coming of the Christ child.

We get busy. There's a lot to do, presents to buy, homes and trees to decorate, parties and programs to attend, events to notice, sales and shopping, the list goes on. No one even knows exactly why we celebrate His birth at this time of the year, since scholars say the Bible gives no actual date for the birth.

Many speculate that Dec. 25 was chosen by the Roman church because a Christmas celebration then would overshadow traditional pagan observances in Europe keyed to the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year.

It's easy to forget that the day originated with a church service, the Christ Mass, and while many of us will be in church either Christmas Eve or day, it seems like more and more people in what we once called Western Civilization either question these beliefs or no longer know what to believe.

Perhaps, as a noted writer once said, we live in a cynical age. The wonder and promise of the Christmas story is just too much for many to accept, the whole idea of a Savior sent to forgive us our sins and lead us to everlasting life.

It is a lot to swallow when you look at it that way. Or maybe it's the commitment required to accept the offer and try to live as Christ teaches us to live, recognizing that we remain nothing more than, as Nelson Mandela put it, sinners who keep trying.

Perhaps the idea of a judgment day, a winnowing time when the wheat will be separated and the chaff swept into unquenchable flames, bothers a lot of people. Like death itself, no one wants to face that prospect.

They say a lot of people feel left out, stressed and depressed this time of year. That's too bad. Christmas should be a time of joy, of love and giving. It can be, if we take time to remember where all this started.

On this Christmas Day, we hope everyone does just that. Take a moment wherever you are to think about how fortunate we are to live where we live, in the era we live in, when the condition of men is probably, while not perfect, better than it's ever been. Be thankful for these gifts and recall the promise, in whatever tradition you prefer, of God's grace.

To each and every one of you out there, we wish you a joyous holiday and some relief from the demands of the season. Merry Christmas! — Steve Haynes



1,000th listening tour stop



jerry moran

• in Congress

The pioneering spirit of the earliest Kansas settlers lives on today. We know our neighbors and look after them. We teach our children to be moral and responsible citizens. And we work hard to build a better future so our kids and grandkids can pursue their dreams and reach their goals.

This is the reason I became interested in public service and it is the reason I remain involved today. As your U.S. senator, I am committed to listening to Kansans and making certain your voices are heard when decisions are made in our nation's Capital.

Since coming to Congress in 1997, I have made it my top priority to return home each weekend to visit with the folks who sent me to Washington on their behalf. Whether the conversations occur in line at the grocery store, at church or when I'm filling up my truck at the gas station, the input I get from Kansans matters to me and affects the decisions I make in Washington.

When I was first elected to the House of Representatives, I launched the "Big First Listening Tour" and held annual town-hall meetings in each of the 1st District's 69 counties. I have continued this tradition as a senator and have traveled throughout all 105 counties in our state to hear directly from Kansans.

Last week, I returned to Marion to hold my 1,000th town hall meeting since being elected to Congress — the same community I held my first town hall in as a U.S. representative on July 18, 1997.

More than 125 Kansans from Marion and the surrounding communities turned out for a conversation, including a high school government class from Marion-Florence High School. It was inspiring to see the next generation interested in learning about our democracy.

Topics discussed ranged from Obamacare and the "nuclear option" on filibusters to the government shutdown and water conservation. One question was raised by Peggy Blackman, the watershed restoration and protection strategy coordinator for Marion Reservoir. She wanted to talk with me about the importance of solving the reservoir's blue-green algae problem.

It was great to see Peggy, who was at my very first town hall meeting back in 1997 at the county courthouse. In addition to water-conservation issues, Peggy visited with us about why making her voice heard is important.

"We choose to live rural because we like the slower pace," she said. "I'm thankful for the wonderful family life and caring, concerned and compassionate community rural Kansas provides."

"I'm concerned that ... Washington doesn't understand our way of life. We're sitting out here, the breadbasket for the country and the world. It takes a greater effort by us to get our point across because we are so few in numbers."

Peggy is right. I've often told people on Capitol Hill that where I come from in rural Kansas, economic development can come down to whether or not there's a grocery store in town. Few people in Washington understand how these things can be major issues. It's something they don't have to think about, but

in so many of our communities across Kansas, keeping a local economy alive and well is about having a Main Street with a hardware store, a grocer and a pharmacy.

The reality is that without a change of direction in Washington, the future of rural America is in jeopardy. We must address the numerous challenges our country faces, from the increasing costs of Obamacare and government regulation, to out-of-control federal spending and providing certainty to the agricultural community.

Though some things have changed since my first town hall meeting, my efforts in Washington remain much the same today as they were when I was first elected — to see that we have prosperity in the communities we call home.

I will continue to fight on behalf of Kansans on Capitol Hill, and truly appreciate the input I get from you during my Listening Tour stops. Please continue to give me your questions, complaints and marching orders. I will work to make certain policymakers in our nation's capital understand them as well.

Thanks again to the folks who joined me in Marion. I appreciated discussing national policy, but also enjoyed hearing Kansans share their stories of success and achievement. It was an enjoyable event that reinforced my long-held belief in the strength and spirit of our communities and the values that make Kansas a great place to live, work and raise a family. Our state will continue to thrive, thanks to the work ethic, concern and kindness of its people.

You can learn more about my upcoming Kansas Listening Tour stops by subscribing to my weekly newsletter at www.moran.senate.gov.

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Qualified admissions trainwreck

In two years, Kansas could see a 20 to 45 percent drop in freshmen enrollment at regent's universities.

The problem is simple. Currently a student can get into a state university by meeting any of several qualified admissions criteria, such as an ACT of 21 or completion of the qualified admissions high school curriculum with a certain grade average, etc. By 2015, the "or" changes to "and" with big ramifications.

Each regents school is calculating how much of this last fall's entering class would have been excluded if their entering students had to meet the full set of qualified admissions requirements rather than just one. These figures are not public but the extent state universities used their prior exemption window is public.

The University of Kansas will take the least hit because they have higher admissions requirements. And KU used little of their earlier "window" to admit students who could not make even one qualified admissions requirement. For our other state universities, losing one-third of their incoming freshmen is probably an optimistic estimate.

This will be a tremendous windfall for community colleges and stretch their staffing beyond current capacities. But state universities that have become addicted to ever-growing tuition-driven enrollments will face a crisis.

What can Kansas universities do to avoid the



education frontlines

• John Schrock

massive 2015 drop-off in enrollment?

With the new qualified admissions criteria in place, some officials are praying that Kansas high schools will boost their student enrollment in the full college curriculum overnight. But this raise-the-bar-and-they-will-come optimism is unrealistic. Many Kansas schools can't staff it and many Kansas students are not college-ready or college-able.

A few of the Kansas schools that applied for the recent innovative school waivers asked that middle school math be counted toward the high school qualified admissions requirements. The additional math in the revised requirements is a real hurdle that some schools can't schedule and some students can't pass. And admitting a middle school course for Qualified Admissions blurs the whole required curriculum. That is not going to happen.

Over these last few years, regents staff have likewise resurrected some weak science courses (integrated general science, physical sciences, animal sciences, etc.) that were

clearly not college-preparation courses and were removed for 2001 high school graduates.

But these actions are trivial. No last minute changes in Kansas high schools can boost qualified admissions curriculum completers by the needed numbers. Unless there are 11th-hour changes in Kansas requirements, a drop in university freshman enrollment two years from now is unavoidable.

Many Kansas high schools have been pressuring students with hallway banners that assert "Where all students attend college!" They need to sober up and get honest with students. We need good plumbers and auto mechanics and they often make more money than college graduates. Recent figures from both ACT and SAT show that nationwide, barely 25 to 30 percent of high school seniors are college ready.

Kansas tech schools have good tech faculty and need to focus on that expertise.

Tech schools should never have been allowed to offer academic general education beginning in 2005. That is the job of our universities and community colleges.

There are many additional problems in Kansas higher education that arose in 2005 and will take years to resolve.

But this Qualified Admissions train wreck will not wait.

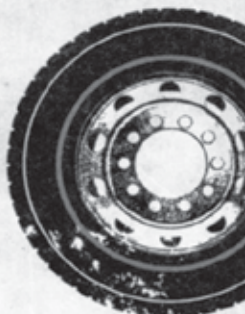
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Moser said the plan would be completed and a public hearing held after the first of the year, after which it would be sent to the Attorney General's office for review.

The commissioners also met with Kevin Sanderson, who is working to open a Sonic in Goodland. Sanderson had submitted an application for the Neighborhood Revitalization program, but it was rejected

because some demolition work had been done to the interior of the old Wendy's building.

Sanderson said a lot of equipment and other interior pieces had to be gotten rid of so they could get a look at the structure to see what construction needed to be done.

"It was strictly at the guidance of our engineers," he said.

The commissioners said that in light of Moser's earlier clarification on construction vs. demolition,

they would approve the application. Klemm said these issues should be spelled out better in the new plan they are developing.

• Met with Alejandra Juarez of Blue Cross Blue Shield and Insurance Consultant Rhonda Fernandez about the county's health insurance renewal. Fernandez said that while the renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield does look good, the county did get a competitive offer from a company out of Great Bend. She

said she would need to do some more checking before making a recommendation.

• Discussed prairie dog eradication. Klemm said he had been reading state statutes, which say the county has a duty to eradicate prairie dogs. Enfield said the county can contract that out and then add it to a property's tax roles. Klemm said he was concerned about Safe Harbor Agreements being set up under the Western Association of

Fish and Wildlife Agencies, and that the county should try to keep prairie dog populations low.

Enfield said that several years ago a representative from Kansas State University had offered to map prairie dog populations in the county, and suggested the county try to get in touch with him to see where the trouble spots are.

• Approved buying a new bus for the Northwest Kansas Emergency Medical Services for \$25,000. This

will be the same type of long-range vehicle the county purchased earlier this year. It will allow the department to do more transfers to Denver, Hays and even further, which will bring in more revenue. The county will sell one of the department's older ambulances.

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ABC	Grinch	Dr. Seuss'					Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline		
CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles	Person of Interest			Local	A New York Christmas	Local		
NBC	It's Wonderful						Local	Christmas Eve Mass			
FOX	Dads	Brooklyn	New Girl	Mindy	Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	Storage	Storage	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Duck Dynasty			Local	
AMC	Rio Bravo		Cahill-Marshall				The Shootist		Local		
ANIM	North America		North America		North America		North America	America	Local		
BET	Roots				Roots: The Gift				Local		
BRAVO	Forget Sarah					How to Lose					
CMT	Local	Local	Facing the Giants				Fireproof				
CNN	Back-Beginning		Back-Beginning				Back to the Beginning-Amanpour		Local		
COMEDY	Trading Places				Tommy Boy				Local		
DISC	Local	Local	Moonshiners		Moonshiners: Outlaw		Moonshiners		Backyard Oil: After		
DISN	Local	Local	Dog	Austin	Good Luck	Charlie	Austin	Jessie			
E!	Kardashian		The Drama Queen		Total Divas		Chelsea	Total Divas	Chelsea		
ESPN	College Football					SportsCenter			SportCtr	Local	
ESPN2	E:60		After/Review		SportCtr	Science	Olbermann		SpoCenter	Local	
FAM	Santa Clause 3				The 700 Club		National Lamp. Christmas		Local		
FOOD	Local	Local	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		
FX	Kung Fu Panda				Kung Fu Panda 2				Shrek Forever After		
HGTV	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hawaii	Hawaii	
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HIST	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers			Local	
LIFE	Christmas Bay		Dear Secret Santa				Christmas on the Bayou		Local		
MTV	Nightmare-Christmas		Adam Sandler's				Pranked	Pranked	Pranked	Local	
NICK	Local	Local	SpongeBot	SpongeBot	Instant	See Dad	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	
SCI	The Prestige						Warehouse 13	Warehouse 13		Local	
SPIKE	The Scorpion King				Lara Croft-Life					Local	
TBS	A Christmas Story		A Christmas Story				A Christmas Story		Local		
TCM	Christmas-Con.		Sun Valley Serenade						Local		
TLC	Local	Local			Long Island Medium		Long Island Medium		Long Island Medium		
TNT	Boston's Finest		Marshal Law: Texas		Boston's Finest		Marshal Law: Texas		Mentalist	Local	
TOON	Regular	Adventure	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Family Guy		Chicken	Aqua Teen	Awesome	Local	
TRAV	Bizarre World		Bizarre World		Bizarre World		Bizarre World		Bizarre	Local	
TV LAND	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Kirstie	The Exes	King	King	King	Local	
USA	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Local	
VH1	Saturday Night Live		Saturday Night Live		Saturday Night Live		The Blues Brothers		Local		
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Videos	Local	
Premium Channels											
HBO	Local	Local	The Bourne Legacy		Broken City				24/7 Red Wings/Maple		
MAX	Local	Local	Chronicle	The Negotiator					This Means War		
SHOW	Local	Local	War Horse	Lincoln					Another Day		

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Wednesday EveningDecember 25, 2013											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
ABC	Middle	Trophy	Mod Fam	Super Fun	Nashville		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline		
CBS	Undercover Boss		Hawai Five-0		Blue Bloods		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson		
NBC	Kelly Clarkson's		Michael Bublé		Blake Shelton-Xmas		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon		
FOX	Ice Age	Dragons	Raising	Raising	Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck Dynasty		Local	
AMC	El Dorado		Sons of Katie					How-West		Local	
ANIM	Gator Boys		Gator Boys		Gator Boys		Gator Boys	Gator Boy	Local		
BET	Queen				The Game	The Game	Wendy Williams Show	Last Fall	Local		
BRAVO	Steel Magnolias				Steel Magnolias				Gangs NY		
CMT	Local	Local	Reba	Reba			A Christmas Story 2		Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	
CNN	CNN Presents		Jessu the Man		CNN Presents		CNN Presents		CNN Pres.	Local	
COMEDY	Jeff Dunham: Arguing		Jeff Dunham Special		The Comedy Central Roast		Get Him to the	the Greek	Local		
DISC	Local	Local	Last Frontier		Last Frontier		Last Frontier		Last Frontier		
DISN	Local	Local	Dog	Austin	Good Luck Jes.		Liv-Mad.	Shake It	Good Luck	Jessie	
E!	I Am Britney Jean				The Soup	The Soup	Chelsea	Kardashian			
ESPN	NBA Basketball				NBA Basketball				SportCtr	Local	
ESPN2	College Basketball					SportsCenter		SportsCenter	NBA	Local	
FAM	Nat'l-Christmas				The 700 Club		Bruce Almighty		Local		
FOOD	Local	Local	Rachael v. Guy		Rachael v. Guy		Rachael v. Guy		Rachael v. Guy		
FX	Kung Fu Panda 2		Train Dragon				Megamind				
HGTV	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		
HIST	Bible Secrets		Bible Secrets		Bible Secrets		Bible Secrets Revealed		Local		
LIFE	Very Merry Daughter		Comfort and Joy				Very Merry Daughter		Local		
MTV	Miley: The Movement		2013 MTV VMAs				Miley: The Movement - Deluxe E		Local		
NICK	Local	Local	Parents	Parents	See Dad	Instant	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Local	
SCI	Snowmageddon				Ice Twisters				Snow	Local	
SPIKE	Forrest Gump							Spaceballs		Local	
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Office	Conan	Local		
TCM	Tot Hat				Swing Time		I'll Be Seeing You		Local		
TLC	Local	Local	Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		
TNT	Pirates-Dead		Pirates-Worlds					Hawaii	Local		
TOON	Regular	Adventure	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen	Squid	Local	
TRAV	Wh. Magic	Wh. Magic	Magic Man	Magic Man	Magic Man	Magic Man	Wh. Magic	Wh. Magic	Magic Man	Local	
TV LAND	Raymond	Raymond	Kirstie	The Exes	King	King	King	King	Kirstie	Local	
USA	Bridesmaids		Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Couples	Local	
VH1	Happy Gilmore		Wild Wild West				Jose-Fussycats		Local		
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		Local		
Premium Channels											
HBO	Local	Local	Hobbit-Unexpected					Fight	Treme		
MAX	Local	Local	New Year's Eve		Parental Guidance				This Is 40		
SHOW	Local	Local	Crash				Inside the NFL		60 Minutes Sports		

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Thursday EveningDecember 26, 2013											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
ABC	Shark Tank		20/20				Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline		
CBS	Big Bang	Millers	Millers	Millers	Elementary		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson		
NBC	Parks	Parks	Sean Save	Fox Show	Local		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon		
FOX	Glee		Glee		Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	Duck Dynasty		Rodeo Girls		Rodeo Girls		Duck Dynasty			Local	
AMC	Godfather	Godfather I								Local	
ANIM	Wild West Alaska		Wild Alaska		Cold River Cash		Wild West Alaska		Alaska	Local	
BET	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	Wendy Williams Show	The Wash		Local	
BRAVO	Matchmaker		Matchmaker		Courtney	Matchmaker		Matchmaker		Courtney	
CMT	Local	Local	Reba	Reba	Cheaper by the Dozen					Cops Rel.	
CNN	Anthony Bourd.		Anthony Bourd.		Anderson Cooper 360		Anthony Bourd.		Anthony	Local	
COMEDY	Without a Paddle		Harold & Kumar					Epic Movie		Local	
DISC	Local	Local	Megalodon: The Monst				River Monsters			Local	
DISN	Local	Local	Dog	Austin	Bolt			Dog	Jessie	Local	
ESPN	Total Divas		E! ES Buying For Bil		Party On	Party On	Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea	
ESPN2	Football	College Football						SportCtr	Olbermann	Local	
FAM	The Santa Clause		ESPN2 Film Room		SportsCenter		The Santa Clause 2		Local		
FOOD	Local	Local	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		
FX	Real Steel						Real Steel				
HGTV	Rehab	Rehab	Rehab	Rehab	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Rehab	Rehab	
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn Stars			
LIFE	Pretty Woman				Biography		Pretty Woman		Local		
MTV	Awkward.		Awkward.		Scrubbing In			Snooki		Local	
NICK	Local	Local	Hathaways	Hathaways	SpongeBot	SpongeBot	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Local	
SCI	Resident Evil				The Ruins				Witchslay	Local	
SPIKE	IMPACT Wrestling				Cops	Cops	Jail	Jail		Local	
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Ground	Big Bang	Conan		Conan		Local		
TCM	Secret Life-Mitty				Billy Liar		Pennies From Heaven		Local		
TLC	Local	Local	Gypsy Sisters		Gypsy Sisters		Gypsy Sisters			Local	
TNT	NBA Basketball				NBA Basketball			In NBA	Local		
TOON	Regular	Adventure	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Eaglehear	The Eric	Squid	Local	
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum		America Declassified		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		America D	Local	
TV LAND	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King	Local		
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS	Local	
VH1	CrazySexyCool		Mob Wives		Mob Wives		Black Ink Crew		Mob Wives	Local	
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		How I Met	Rules	Rules	Parks	Parks	Local	
Premium Channels											
HBO	Local	Local	Lone	James	Getting	Jack-Giant Slay			Ja'mie		
MAX	Local	Local	In Good Company			The Campaign					
SHOW	Local	Local	Intolerable Cruelty		Rolling Stones: Sweet			Beauty Shop			

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Friday Evening								December 27, 2013			
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
ABC	Last Man	Neighbors	Shark Tank	20/20			Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline		
CBS	Undercover Boss	Garth Brooks			Local			Late Show Letterman	Ferguson		
NBC	Dateline NBC	What We Wasted Our			Grimm	Local		Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon		
FOX	Bones	Raising Hope			Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		Local		
AMC	Break-Bad	Breaking Bad	Breaking Bad		Breaking Bad			Break-Bad		Local	
ANIM	Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Living on	Living on	Treehouse Masters		Treehouse	Local	
BET	8 Mile	8 Mile					Wendy Williams Show		Eve Bayou	Local	
BRAVO	Styled to Rock		Friday				Friday				
CMT	Local	Local	Country Strong					Sweet Home Alabama			
CNN	Anthony Bourd.		Anthony Bourd.		Anthony Bourd.		Anthony Bourd.		Anthony	Local	
COMEDY	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Kevin Hart: Laugh at My Pain		Local		
DISC	Local	Local	Gold Rush		Gold Rush: Pay Dirt		Gold Rush - The Dirt		Bering Sea	Gold	
DISN	Local	Local	Dog	Austin	Enchanted			Liv-Mad.		Austin	
E!	Biggest Reality Scan		Fashion Police		Sounding Off		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea		
ESPN	Football	College Football							SportCtr	Local	
ESPN2	NBA Coast to Coast		NFL 2013	Pardon	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		NBA	Local	
FAM	Santa Clause 3						Santa Clause 3: Escape		Clause	Local	
FOOD	Local	Local	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners, Drive		
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STATE OF KANSAS, ex rel. KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL, Plaintiff

v.

\$3755.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY, M/L; 3 GRAMS OF MARIJUANA; 5 GRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE; Defendants

Case No 13 CV 27

Pursuant to the Kansas Standard Asset Seizure and Forfeiture Act, K.S.A. 60-4101 et seq.

NOTICE OF PENDING FORFEITURE
Pursuant to K.S.A. 60-4109

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that property herein described has been seized for forfeiture and is pending forfeiture to the Kansas Highway Patrol pursuant to the Kansas Standard Asset Seizure and Forfeiture Act (KSASFA), K.S.A. 60-4101 et seq. If you have not previously received a Notice of Seizure for Forfeiture, this is notice pursuant to the Act. The property was seized by the Kansas Highway Patrol on November 1, 2013, on I-70 at milepost 16, in Sherman County, Kansas. The value of the property has been set at

\$3,755.00; and the drugs have no lawful value. The conduct giving rise to forfeiture and/or the violation of law alleged is: the property is the proceeds of and/or was used or intended to be used to facilitate violation(s) of illegal drug transactions, all act(s) giving rise to property's forfeiture. Further, a presumption of forfeitability exists in that illegal substances were located in/on the property at seizure.

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The law enforcement's agency's copy of your claim should be mailed to:
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The original claim for the Court should be mailed to:
Clerk of the Wabaunsee County District Court, 215 Kansas, Alma, Kansas 66401.

Issued this 5th day of December, 2013.
Darian P. Dernovich #20859
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You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed on December 12, 2013 in said Court by the undersigned, executor of the Will of the decedent, praying for final settlement of the estate, approval of the acts, proceedings and accounts of the executor, allowance of fees, expenses and costs of administration, determination of the heirs, devisees and legatees entitled to the estate and assignment to them in accordance with the Will of the decedent. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before January 7, 2014 at 8:30 a.m., on said day, in said Court, in the City of Goodland, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

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Petitioner

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In the Matter of the Estate of VELDA O. SMITH, Deceased

Case No. 2011-PR-28

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:

Merry Christmas

The Goodland Star-News office will close at 12 p.m. MT on Tuesday, Dec. 24 and will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 25. We hope you enjoy your Christmas holiday with family and friends!

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Cowboys win honors

Several Goodland High School football players have been named to the Great West Activities Conference All-League Team and the All-State Team.

Athletes named to the All-League First Team were offensive lineman Connor Simpson, wide receiver Dax Ruhs, defensive end Tyler

Gastineau, linebacker Garrett Taylor and punter Taylen Smith.

Getting honorable mentions were Taylor for running back, Ruhs for defensive back, punt returner and kick returner as well as offensive lineman Colton Cooper, wide receiver and defensive back Kolt Trachsel, quarterback and kicker

Trey Teeter and defensive lineman John Peden.

Gastineau, Ruhs, Taylor and Teeter were also given honorable mentions for the Class 4A All-State Football Teams, as chosen by the *Wichita Eagle* and *Topeka Capitol-Journal*.

Cowgirls fall to Holcomb

The Holcomb and the Goodland girls basketball teams, both undefeated in pre Christmas games, played Friday night at Holcomb. This was the first league game for the Cowgirls.

Coach Andy Scheopner said the Cowgirls would need to control the pace because Holcomb plays a fast game. They would also need to make some outside shots.

"Holcomb has a very, very good offense," said Scheopner.

The opening lineup for Goodland was Hope Cochran, Berkley White, Brianna White, Maddie Mayer and Kate-Lynn King.

At the beginning of the first quarter Mayer and Brianna White both made buckets before Holcomb was able to put anything on the board. When Cochran missed a shot Holcomb rebounded and took the ball all the way down the court to score. The score was Goodland, 4-2. When

Mayer fouled, Holcomb made both free throws to even the score, 4-4. Holcomb began to pull away. The last points the Cowgirls made for the quarter were a bucket by King and two free throws by Cochran. The Cowgirls had at least five turn overs in the quarter. Holcomb lead at the end, 20-8.

Ellie House scored a bucket and a three pointer at the beginning of the second quarter. Mayer made two buckets in a row for the Cowgirls. Berkley White made a shot that rattled around the rim and then just stopped. Brianna White added the next bucket. She also made a three pointer and Mayer made another bucket before the end of the second quarter. Holcomb lead 41-24. The Cowgirls had a total of 15 turn overs for the half.

King made the first bucket for the Cowgirls of the third quarter from a rebound. Mayer added a bucket for a

total of 10 points in the game. King added another bucket to make the score Holcomb, 44-30. Faith Biermann added two free throws making the score 51-32. King added a free throw. Then she added a bucket and a free throw. Mayer made a free throw before the end of the quarter. Holcomb led 62-39.

In the fourth quarter King added two buckets and a free throw. Brianna White, Biermann and Mayer all made buckets. Then King made a bucket for the last point the Cowgirls made in the game. Holcomb won, 75-51.

The Lady Longhorns kept a very fast pace in the game and the Cowgirls were unable to slow them down. Hindering the Cowgirls was their 21 turn overs.

After Christmas break the Cowgirls will play Colby at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 7, at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Wrestlers at Holiday Classic



Goodland's Aaron Avelar won a match in the Holiday Classic on Saturday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. The next meet for the wrestlers is on Thursday, Jan. 9, against Colby at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Goodland boys lose to Holcomb

In this tale of David vs Goliath, Goliath wins. The Goodland Cowboys came up short with a loss of 73-30 on Friday night at Holcomb. Their season record stands at 2 wins and four losses.

Coach Don Raymer said the Holcomb team was tall, athletic, quick and fast. The Cowboys would have to be disciplined and execute defense.

The starting lineup for the Cowboys was Gage Ihrig, Adam Simmerman, Kolt Trachsel, Zach Miller and Taylen Smith.

The Holcomb Longhorns took possession of the ball after the tip off and made a bucket. Before the

Cowboys could catch their breath they made another basket. Ihrig put the Cowboys on the score board with a three pointer. Holcomb answered with a three pointer of their own. Smith added a bucket. The score stood at Holcomb 7, Goodland 5. When Ihrig was fouled he made one of two free throws. Ihrig made another three-point shot before the end of the first of the first quarter. Holcomb led 13-9.

Holcomb made three buckets and a free throw before Simmerman made a free throw for the Cowboys in the second quarter. The score was Holcomb, 20-10. Simmerman added two for Goodland with two free throws. Holcomb added 13 points before Smith made a bucket

for Goodland. That made the score Holcomb, 33-15. Ihrig made the last point of the quarter for Goodland with a free throw. Holcomb outscored the Cowboys 37 points to 7. Holcomb led the Cowboys, 46-16.

The Cowboys only put 9 points on the score board in the third quarter. Holcomb increased their lead to 67-25.

In the fourth quarter both teams put some of the younger players on the floor to get them some playing time. The final score of the game was Holcomb 73-30.

The next game for the Cowboys will be on Tuesday, Jan. 7, against the Colby Eagles at 7 p.m. at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

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