

about our friends

calendar

Goodland Kindergarten Round-up enrollment days will be from **8 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Thursday and Friday** at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 220 W. 13th. Children who will be 5 on or before Aug. 31 are eligible. Call Carol Stewart at 899-3912 to make an appointment.

A **send-off for DECA members** going to the International Career Development Conference in Salt Lake City will be at **3:30 p.m. Thursday** in front of the high school.

Jodi Tubbs of the **Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs** will be in Goodland from **1-2:15 p.m. Thursday** in the Assembly Room on the third floor of the courthouse to help veterans and dependents with claims. Call the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at (785) 462-3572.

City-County Recreation is accepting registration for **boys baseball and girls softball for grades 1-6**. Forms need to be returned to the city office by **Friday**.

SHARE sign up for the May distribution of food will be **until Friday, May 3**, at the Sherman County Health Department, Harvest America, Regional Prevention Center and the Kanorado Senior Center. **Pick up** will be from **9 to 10 a.m. Saturday, April 20**, at 824 Main for the April distribution of low-cost food.

Confirmation will be held at the **6 p.m. Mass Saturday** at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. The Most Rev. George K. Fitzsimmons, bishop of Salina, will be the celebrant.

A **garage/bake sale** will be held from **9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday** in the high school gym to **raise money for the band** to go to the Alamo Bowl in December. Call Deandra Wirth at 899-5656 or 899-2678 if you would like to contribute items to sell.

The **Goodland Arts Council** dinner theater **"Don't Say No ... to the U.S.O."** will be at **6 p.m. Friday and Saturday**. A dessert matinee will be at **2:30 p.m. Sunday**. Tickets are available at the Carnegie Arts Center.

The **Knights of Columbus** will hold a **garage sale from 7 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, April 27**, at Seventh and Caldwell. The money will go to their scholarship fund. To have donations picked up, call Brent Wood at 899-9290.

The **Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs** will award honorary high school diplomas to World War II and Korean War veterans through the "Operation Recognition" program. Any honorably discharged living or dead Kansas residents or former residents who served between Sept. 16, 1940, and Dec. 31, 1946, or between June 27, 1950, and Jan. 31, 1955, are eligible. Call Jo Ann Wahrman at (785) 899-5656 for an application. Applications must be returned by May 1.

activities

"Prairie Past Times," a photographic history of entertainment in Sherman County, is on display from **9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday** and from **9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday** at the High Plains Museum, 1717 Cherry Ave.

The **Carnegie Arts Center** is open from **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday** and from **1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday**. April's exhibits will be "Junior High Art Exhibition" done by students at Grant Junior High and "Raku Pottery" by Dustin Bentley until May 3.

Born to Read - The Goodland Public Library offers Story Time for children under 3 from **5-5:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday evening**, and from **10-10:30 a.m. every Friday**.

Century Families, for people whose family came to Sherman County more than 100 years ago, meets at **7 p.m. the second Monday of the month** at the Senior Center. For information, call 899-2835.

The **Goodland Development Corp.** meets at 6:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday each month at Bowladium Lanes. Call 899-2342 or 899-6200.

Aerobics Classes - 7:45 a.m. morning aerobics classes are offered daily at the Goodland Activities Center. Tena Tompkins leads a step aerobic class at **5:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. On Tuesday and Thursday, a less intense class is offered. Call 899-

7242.

TOPS Meetings - Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at **5:30 p.m. Mondays** in the small board room at Goodland Regional Medical Center. **Weigh-in is at 5 p.m.**

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of Goodland High School holds **Little Brothers and Little Sisters the third Thursday** of every month. Students will play games, create crafts and share snacks with preschool children at **3:30 p.m.** in the home economics room or cafeteria.

Tours of the **1907 Victorian House** at 202 W. 13th are from **1-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays**.

area events

The **Head Injury Support Group** will meet at **7 p.m. Thursday** at the Fort Hays State University Bowling Alley. All head/brain injury survivors, family members and supporters are welcome to attend. Call Gia at LINK (800) 569-5926.

Dodge City Community College will have **tryouts for the dance and cheer squads at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 27**, in the health and physical education building on campus. Students unable to attend the tryouts may submit a video for review. Call Sheila Howard at (800) 367-3222 ext. 257 to register by **Thursday, April 25**. There is no fee to register or try out, and those who make the squad will receive scholarships for books and tuition.

school calendar

Thursday: Black Day. Seminar - GAA and G-Club. Large group music contest at Colby. **Friday:** Gold Day. Track 2 p.m. at Holcomb, dismiss at 10 a.m., depart at 10:15. National DECA Conference at Salt Lake City. **Saturday:** Varsity tennis 8 a.m. at Scott City, depart 5:30 a.m. National DECA Conference at Salt Lake City. **Sunday:** National DECA Conference at Salt Lake City.

school lunch menu

Thursday: Burrito, tri-tator, lettuce and cheese, cake and milk. **Friday:** Cooks' choice.

senior center menu

Thursday: Roast pork, steamed

cabbage, carrots and onions, five-cup salad, bread and birthday cake. **Friday:** Chili dog, spinach salad, bun and cinnamon apple slices.

hospital report

Goodland Regional Medical Center

Admitted on Tuesday: Swing bed: Velma Lee Cooper, Brewster.

Dismissed on Tuesday: Etha Brethouwer and Kenneth Dautel, Goodland.

Specialists for Thursday: Karl Chambers, rheumatologist, and Charles Ruggles, dermatologist.

Hospital Volunteer Schedule: **Thursday:** Betty Saint, a.m.; Velma Holste, p.m. **Friday:** Fern Hawks, a.m.

health department

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

Thursday: WIC in Goodland. Scheduled appointments only. Blood pressure at Sparks and Handy Towers 9-10:30 a.m. Kindergarten Screening at the Lutheran Church 8 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. **Friday:** Blood pressure and blood sugar screening 8 a.m.-noon. Walk-in clinic. Immunizations 1-4:30 p.m. Kindergarten screening at the Lutheran Church 8 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m.

Children's physicals and family planning available by appointment.

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

Water Testing - The Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group does free well evaluations, including testing for bacteria and nitrates. To schedule an evaluation or discuss environmental concerns, call the **Health Department at 899-4888**.

today in history

April 17, 1902: The city attorney was instructed to draw up an ordinance against the use of profane language over the telephone system.

From *The Goodland News*, provided by the Sherman County Historical Society.

card shower

Cornelia Baird will celebrate her

85th birthday Friday, April 26. Her family is requesting that cards be sent to her at Box 83, Brewster, Kan. 67732.

stork report

Corey Russell Weigand was born to Russ and Lisa Weigand April 15, 2002, in Houston. He weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19 inches long.

He was born on his sister Angel's second birthday and was welcomed home by her; another sister, Taylor; and a brother, Brandon.

His grandparents are Rich and Marilyn Weigand of Goodland and Dick and the late Gladys Weaver of Rockford, Ill. His great-grandparents are Russ and Ruby Graham of Goodland and Ruth Weigand of LaCrosse.

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.

family shelter

The Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides services day or night to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available for women and children. For information or help, call (800) 794-4624.

tree donations

Many trees at the Goodland Cemetery have died and the cemetery board is trying to replace them. Contributions for the Goodland Cemetery Memorial Tree Fund can be left at Koons or Bateman funeral homes or sent to the Goodland Cemetery Board, Box 59, Goodland, Kan. 67735. Donations may be made in memory of a loved one.

animal shelter

Lost a pet? Call the Goodland Police Department at 899-4570. Interested in adopting a pet? Call the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter at 899-6464.



Colby and Dechant

Couple to marry in May

Melissa Ann Dechant and Shawn Leslie Colby plan to marry Saturday, May 25, at St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church in Hays.

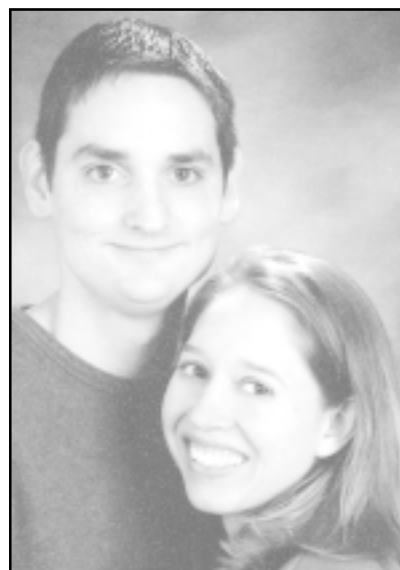
His parents are Darryl and Marilyn Colby of Goodland, formerly of Kensington. Her parents are Darrell and Laurie Dechant of Hays.

The couple's grandparents are Frances Musalek of Goodland, Margery Pavlu of Ness City, and John and Esther Wydick of Dighton.

He graduated from West Smith County High School, Cloud County Community College and Fort Hays State University with a bachelor's degree in physical education.

He is an emergency medical technician for Ellis County.

She graduated from Hays High School and Fort Hays State University with a bachelor's degree in justice studies and is a case manager for Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Ellis County.



Williams and Sitton

Couple to wed in Manhattan this summer

Dana Sitton and Craig Williams plan to marry Saturday, June 1, in Manhattan.

Her parents are Steve and Marcia Sitton of Goodland. His parents are Marla Williams of Independence and Steve Williams of Mound Valley.

Her grandparents are Les and June Frazier of Goodland.

She graduated from Kansas State University in May of 2000 and from Colby Community College in August of 2001 and is a physical therapy assistant.

He will graduate from Kansas State University in December of 2002.

'Get on Top of Your Game' during National Library Week

The theme for National Library Week, April 14-20, is "Get On Top of Your Game at Your Library!"

From the traditional books and magazines to videos, cassettes and compact discs, from historical newspapers to the Internet, and from cameras to fax machines, the library has many resources that can benefit people of all ages and interests.

"There is something for everyone at the library," said Janet Warren, Goodland Public Library director. "Today, more than ever, libraries provide a variety of resources to help people of all ages read, learn and connect with resources they need for school, work or personal fulfillment. All you need to be on top of your game is a library card."

If you have never been in the library, or have not stopped by in a while, National Library Week is a great time to check the library out, Warren said.

If you do not have a library card, now is a good time to get one, she added. Library hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

The staff and the board of the Goodland Public Library would like everyone to visit the library during National Library Week and discover the many services they offer.

"Libraries have always been places of opportunity, self-help and lifelong learning," Warren said, "where we can find what we need for our health, school, jobs and family."

The Goodland Public Library offers fiction and non-fiction books, best-sellers, large print books, rotating books, paperback books, reference books, children's books, magazines, newspapers, video cassettes, and books on cassette and compact disc.

In addition to what is available here, the library is part of a statewide inter-library loan network and can borrow materials from libraries across the state and nation. Last year the library sent and received over 1,200 items on inter-library loan.

And the library is a connection to the world. With today's new technology, Warren said, libraries are reaching beyond their walls to connect to the global community. Information is just a

few clicks away, she said, and affords us opportunities like never before.

In an effort to meet the increased demand for Internet access, the Goodland Public Library offers six computers with patron access to the Internet. Two additional computers on the network provide access for staff members.

All computers also provide access to the local card catalog, word processing programs, and other computer activities.

Four computers are available in the children's department for CD-ROM resources and educational games. Patrons are asked to sign up for sessions on the library computers.

The library offers a pre-school story hour program during the school year for children 3-5. This year the library has also been offering weekly story sessions for parents and toddlers under the age of 3.

During the summer, a reading program is held for elementary school children. This summer the theme for the reading program will be "Let the Games Begin!" Story and activity sessions are held during June and July for

the participants of the Summer Reading Program.

The library has over 42,000 volumes in its collection and subscribes to 150 magazines and newspapers. The library has 650 video cassettes, 1,600 audio cassettes and 100 compact discs available for check-out by patrons.

Back issues of Goodland and Sherman County newspapers are available on microfilm. The library also has some news magazines on microfilm and has access to articles through online databases.

The library has a microfilm reader/printer in the Kansas room for use by patrons. Census records on microfilm can be ordered on loan for a small fee.

Each year the library has income tax forms available to the public. Most forms are free and others can be photocopied for 10 cents per page. The library staff will do other photocopying at the same price.

The library also has a fax machine. Documents can be sent or received at a charge of \$1 per page.

The library has Polaroid cameras that can be checked out at no charge.

Weeds pop up at first glimpse of spring

With the first hint of spring, broad-leaf weeds are starting to show signs of life along with cool-season turf grasses. While early spring can be an ideal time to control broadleaf weeds, proceed with caution, especially if you have warm-season turf grass.

Applications of broadleaf herbicides like 2,4-D, or even nonselective herbicides, like Roundup, can be safe for warm-season grasses such as bermuda, zoysia, or buffalo grass when they are fully dormant.

These applications must be avoided if the turf has already started to break winter dormancy. New spring shoot growth is tender, and applications at this time can delay spring green-up or, in severe cases, cause long-lasting injury to the turf. This precaution is similar to that for newly seeded cool-season grasses in the fall.

To make sure your warm-season turf is still fully dormant, look near the crown of the plant. If there is green growth there, you should not make the application. Instead, wait until the



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grass has fully greened-up, and then apply a product labeled for your species.

For perennial weeds such as dandelion, if you miss your chance to apply in early spring when warm-season grasses are still dormant, it's best to wait until fall when control will be more effective.

While I am talking about weeds and lawns, let me interject something on mowing. We are rapidly approaching lawn-mowing season. In fact, this past weekend mowers were in use all over town.

Take a few minutes and start the year off right with some good mower maintenance. Besides changing the oil, cleaning or changing the air filter and

blade does not cut cleanly but rather shreds the ends of the leaf blades. The shredded ends dry out, giving the lawn that whitish look.

A sharp mower blade is even more important when the turf starts putting up seed heads in a month or so. The seed head stems are much tougher than the grass blades and, therefore, more likely to shred.

Under normal use, mower blades should be sharpened about every 10 hours of use.

putting in a new spark plug, sharpen the mower blade.

Remember that dull blades will give a whitish cast to the lawn. A dull

Leaders push character in schools

OVERLAND PARK (AP) — American children are shortchanged by an education system that focuses on reading, writing and math but ignores character, said government, business and school leaders Tuesday.

Speakers including Missouri Gov. Bob Holden and Kansas Lt. Gov. Gary Sherrer told a Bistate Character Education conference that strong values and good character should be integral in every school.

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"The easy answer is that character should be taught in the homes and in churches," Sherrer said. "But the reality is that it is not being taught in some homes. And some don't go to church."

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