



Ken and Juanita Denning

Couple celebrates 30th

Ken and Juanita (Ritter) Denning will be celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary on Saturday, May 18. They married in Selden in 1972. Their children, Melissa, Chad (son-

in-law), Natalie, Ross (son-in-law) and Aaron, invite everyone to celebrate at a dance at 8 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars. No gifts, please.

Congressional remapping stuck in joint committee

TOPEKA (AP)—Legislative negotiators are toiling over new lines for the state's four U.S. House districts.

How to treat the city of Lawrence and whether to put parts or all of Riley and Geary Counties in the 1st District were the major points of contention as a House-Senate conference committee met twice to try and reconcile differences on congressional redistricting.

Boundaries of legislative, Board of Education and U.S. House districts needed revision this year to account for shifts in population during the 1990s.

New maps of the Board of Education and Kansas House districts are now complete, and the Supreme Court is expected to rule soon on whether the Kansas Senate map passes constitutional muster.

That leaves lawmakers still laboring over the U.S. House map.

Republican negotiators from both chambers split over two maps that treated the city of Lawrence and Riley and Geary counties differently.

House negotiators wanted to put Geary County in the 1st District, currently represented by Republican Jerry Moran. But the Senate members preferred leaving it in its current district the 2nd, which is represented by Republican Jim Ryan.

The committee broke after two hours of discussions failed to produce a compromise Tuesday night. Members planned to take the maps to their colleagues Wednesday to gauge support for the plans.

Earlier, the two Democratic negotiators presented plans that would keep Lawrence in the 3rd District. The district is now represented by Rep. Dennis Moore, a Johnson County resident

who is the only Democrat in Kansas' congressional delegation.

Sen. Anthony Hensley, D-Topeka, and Rep. Troy Findley, D-Lawrence, conceded that splitting the city would be more palatable than placing it entirely in the 2nd District.

Hensley said Lawrence officials' second choice, after being kept whole in the 3rd District, would be to keep the University of Kansas in the 3rd and put the rest of the city in the 2nd District.

He added: "Last — and it's way down the list — is to be placed completely in 2nd."

Both Hensley and Findley made it clear that they couldn't support a map that split the city or placed it in the 2nd.

But GOP negotiators pressed forward with their plans and hoped to reach an agreement Wednesday. But they still weren't sure they had a map that would meet all criteria.

"We all have deal breakers, and we all have positions and preferences," said Sen. David Adkins, R-Leawood. "I don't know if finding a compromise is even possible."

The fate of southeast Kansas did not come up Tuesday.

A map approved earlier by the Senate would split the region among three congressional districts — placing Kansas' southeast corner in the same district as the northwest.

"We have asked to never see that again," said Rep. Mike O'Neal, R-Hutchinson, the conference committee's chairman.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court asked no questions — and heard no opposition — during a 10-minute public hearing Tuesday on the new state Senate map.

Research bill heads to governor

TOPEKA (AP)—A bill authorizing bonds to build three university research centers and improve a fourth has gone to Gov. Bill Graves.

"I give the Legislature credit for having the courage to make a bold move at this time," said Kim Wilcox, president and chief executive officer for the Board of Regents, which oversees the higher education system.

The measure, approved on a 101-23 House vote Tuesday, would permit the state to issue \$133 million in bonds.

Of the total, \$120 million would be

used to build research facilities on biomedicine at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, food safety at Kansas State University and aviation engineering at Wichita State University.

The National Institute for Aviation Research in Wichita would receive the remaining \$13 million for improvements, including a crash testing lab and a tunnel for testing the effects of ice on aircraft wings.

Operation of the new centers would be funded from federal research grants.

about our friends

calendar

Girl Scouts will be selling movie passes from **3-4 p.m. Thursday** at the elementary schools. The passes will admit adults or children to Wednesday summer matinees at a reduced price. Call Lori Amthor at 899-7267 or 899-6246 or Jackie Buller at 899-6547.

TNT Singles will have a pot luck barbecue at **6:30 p.m. Thursday** at Edwards Hall. Darrin Richardson will entertain with music and magic. Call 899-2733.

Hanging by a Thread, the newly organized sewing group, will meet from **7-9 p.m. Thursday** at Wheat Ridge Acres.

An **economic development organizational meeting** will be at **7 p.m. Thursday** at Gambino's. Anyone interested in Goodland's growth is invited.

A **lecture series, "How Does Your Garden Grow?"** by Master Gardeners will be at **7 p.m. Thursdays**. Composting will be covered **this week** at Carnegie Arts Center. Tree Care will be **May 16** at Gulick Park. Vegetables will be **May 23** at the Kay Melia home. Historical Cutting Garden will be **May 30** at the Handy House. Xeriscaping will be **June 6**, location to be announced. Roses will be **June 13** at the Sandy Whitby home. Lectures are free to Goodland Arts Center members, but there is a charge for non-members. **Pre-register by calling 899-6442.**

City/County Recreation is accepting **registration for men's and co-ed softball until Friday**. Forms are available at the city office.

The **Sherman County Historical Society** is having a history conference from **9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday** for **Settlement Days** at the Masonic Temple, 519 Center. Lunch will be provided at noon. There will be presentations about life during World War II.

Goodland Women of Faith will have their monthly celebration from **9:30-11 a.m. Saturday** at Wheat Ridge Acres. Mary Ellen Coumerihu will be the speaker. Baby-sitting provided.

Smoky Gardens Archery Club will have a shoot at **10 a.m. Sunday**. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

"**Christ in the Passover**," a video presentation, will be shown at **10:30 a.m. Sunday** at the Word of Life Four-square Church at 10th and Clark. It is an opportunity to learn about Jewish culture. Child care and Kidz Church provided.

The **U.S. Farm Service Agency** will have an open house from **9 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday, May 15**, at 210 W. Second for Connie Cole, who is retiring after 15 years.

Jessica Kashka's class from **The Right Combination Dance Studio** will give a **recital at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16**, at the high school auditorium.

Jodi Tubbs of the **Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs** will be in Goodland from **1-2:15 p.m. Thursday, May 16**, 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.

SHARE sign up for the June distribution of food will be **until Friday, June 7**, at the Sherman County Health Department, Harvest America, Regional Prevention Center and the Kanorado Senior Center. **Pick up** for May will be from **9 to 10 a.m. Saturday, May 18**, at 824 Main for the May distribution of low-cost food.

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**. May's exhibit will be "Table Scapes," setting a table and standard for entertaining in Goodland. Community organizations will be setting tables.

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**. **Emotions Anonymous** meets at

7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Goodland Regional Medical Center board room.

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.

Aerobics Classes - 7:45 a.m. morning aerobics classes are offered **daily** at the Goodland Activities Center. Tena Tompkins leads a step aerobics 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. **Weight-in is at 5 p.m.**

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

area events

A **pancake feed** will be held from **7-10 a.m. Saturday, May 18**, at the American Legion Hall in **Atwood** to benefit the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Rawlins County. There will be pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee and water.

Kansas Square Dance Callers and Dancers Association will have their 51st annual **convention Friday and Saturday, May 31 and June 1**, at the Bicentennial Center in Salina. Call (785) 272-4332 or e-mail Jjrothrock@aol.com.

school calendar

Thursday: Gold Day. Seminar — STUCO and Grace. Biology II field trip. FCCLA banquet in the high school gym. **Friday**: Black Day. League golf 2 p.m. at Atwood, dismiss 11:30 a.m., depart noon. League track 2 p.m. at St. Francis, dismiss 1 p.m., depart 1:15 p.m. **Saturday**: Tennis 7:30 a.m. at Colby, depart 6:15 a.m. **Prom. Sunday**: Mother's Day.

school lunch menu

Thursday: Pork fritter, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, 1/2 orange and milk. **Friday**: Hamburgers, potato chips, watermelon and milk.

senior center menu

Thursday: Chicken pot pie, broccoli salad, fruit juice, biscuit and blueberry coffee cake. **Friday**: Pasta, beef and tomato casserole, spinach salad, corn, bread and peach cups.

hospital report

Goodland Regional Medical Center
Admitted on Tuesday: Rex Clark and Christopher Millam, Goodland.
Dismissed on Tuesday: Don Cooper and Theresa Dreiling, Goodland.

Specialists for Thursday: Jeffrey Rumbryt, allergist.
Volunteer Schedule: Thursday: Jessie Owens, a.m., and Peg Beynon, p.m. **Friday**: Fern Hawks, a.m.; Ruth Morton, courtesy; and Virginia Bell, p.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: Staff meeting 8-9 a.m., office closed. WIC in Goodland 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Voucher pickup and scheduled appointments. **Friday**: Blood pressure and blood sugar screening 8 a.m.-noon. Walk-in clinic. Immunizations 1-4:30 p.m.

Through Friday, **Walk Kansas**. Children's physicals and family planning available by appointment. Sharps containers available free of charge.
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

May 8, 1902: The WCTU is making arrangements to open rest and reading rooms at the Foster Building. The local businessmen are donating generously.
From *The Goodland News*, provided by the Sherman County Historical Society.

First graders take field trip to Garden City zoo

It's hard to believe that I've only got two more Mondays to mentor my three kids at West School. My two first graders will be taking a field trip on the eighth to the zoo in Garden City. According to the second graders, they did it last year and wouldn't have minded a bit if they went again this year.

My second grader will be moving to Central this fall. He was telling me that they get to have a look at the building before the school is out in these remaining days.

A weekend celebration was held in honor of Ernalea Callahan's birthday. Among the guests were Rawnia Pierce and family of Scottsbluff, Neb. They were guests of her parents, Ron and Ernalea.

The dinner Sunday, April 28, was held at the home of Rusty and Wendy Fritz with Brian and Mary Callahan as helpers. Ernalea's mother Inez Bennett also took in the weekend event. Happy Birthday, Ernalea.

The special occasion of J. J. Farris' first communion was attended by his two grandmothers, Helen Burns of Great Falls, Mont., and Florence Farris. Others at the special day were



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his parents, Sherrie and Rick Farris.

Ten Goodland Methodist women attended a recent salad luncheon hosted by the Colby Methodist women. The subject of the meeting was "Religious Diversity in America." There was a good discussion on this topic according to the reports I've heard.

Florence Farris and Inez Bennett visited Helen Jones, Rita Ackerman, Bob Irvin and Ruby Lance, all residents at the Good Samaritan Center.

Florence Farris visited with Freda House during the month of April. The kids next door mowed the lawn and put fertilizer on it over the weekend. I will be able to water the lawn on another day. Sure hope it does my yellow flower crop in.

I see no birthdays or anniversaries on my calendar. I'm sure there must be

some that I don't know about. Best wishes to any who might be having one.

At least the funerals have slowed down somewhat, but the illness and hospital stays keep on moving along. Kayo McGillivray is in the hospital in Denver for some extended surgeries and care. Keep this man and his family in your prayers; they see need them.

Neighbor John is also in a Denver hospital having surgery also. Please add these two and Anne Mann, in the local hospital, to your prayer list. I know there are more, and, not wanting

to miss anyone, I'll just give an overall blanket get well wish to them. Remember all of these and others you know of in your prayers.

Hope all the kids have a great prom this coming weekend. Graduation will be the next week, and school will be out the following week. Wow, how time has flown this school year.

Nothing else around the desk, so I will close for now. See you next week.

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