

anniversaries

Marion and Donna Coleen Crumrine will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Monday, April 14, 2003, and **Brian and Carolyn Somers** will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary Wednesday, April 23. Both couples are from Brewster and will have a dance from 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Goodland. No gifts are requested.

activities

Tours of the 1907 Victorian House at 202 W. 13th are from **1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday**. **“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 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**. Bronze sculptures by Norbert Ohnmacht of Burlington will be on display until Friday. Goodland High School and Grant Junior High art will be on display from Sunday until Wednesday, April 30. **Born to Read** will be at **10 a.m. Fridays and Story time** will be at **10 and 11 a.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays** at the Goodland Public Library. Call 899-5461. **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.** 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** at the Good Samaritan Center. Enter the east door on Center Ave. Weigh-in is at 5 p.m. **Hanging by a Thread** will meet from **7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of the month** at Wheat Ridge Acres. **Goodland Women of Faith** will meet for Spring Fling from **9:30-11 a.m. Saturday, April 26**, at the First Baptist Church, Fifth and Center. Bring a breakfast item. Donations will be accepted for the guest speaker. Nursery provided. It's time to sign up for the Women of Faith Conference. Call Marilyn Heffner at 899-5584 by May 15. **Big Brothers/Big Sisters** of Sherman County is seeking mentors and children to mentor. Call 899-3665. **Alcoholics Anonymous** meetings are at **noon Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday** at 104 W. 11th. Call 899-2858.

area events
The **Kansas Water Authority** will have its quarterly meeting starting at **9 a.m. Central Time Wednesday and Thursday** at the Holiday Inn Express, 1401 W. U.S. Hwy. 54, **Pratt**. An agenda and other details are available by calling the Kansas Water Office at 785-296-3185. The **Seventh District Kansas Authors Club** will hold its spring meeting on **Saturday, April 19**, at the Wheatland's conference room in Garden City. Registration starts at **9:30 a.m. Central Time**. Vicky Miller, author of two Children's Sermons books, will talk at 10 a.m. Awards will be presented at 11:30. There will be a Dutch lunch at noon, and a business meeting will follow at 1 p.m. The **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program** annual recognition night "Spirit of America" will be from **7-9 p.m. Central Time** at the American Legion in **Colby**. All area senior citizens are welcome to **dance** to music by the Ramblin' Andy Family Band. Tickets are available from Box 803, Colby, Kan. 67701, by calling 785-462-6744 or may be purchased at the door. The **All-American Boys Chorus**

the calendar

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Goodland High School varsity **cheerleading tryouts** will begin at **5:30 p.m. tonight** in the junior high gym at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. Tryouts will continue on Wednesday and Thursday, April 9 and 10. Applications are available in the high school office and the Grant Junior High Office. The **Goodland High School music booster organization** will meet at **7 p.m. tonight** in the high school band room. Call Randy Berls, Deandra Wirth or Tremon Kizer at 899-5656. **Project Graduation 2003 parents** will meet at **7:30 p.m. tonight** in the high school cafeteria. **TNT Singles** will meet at **6:30 p.m. Thursday** at Edwards Hall to play Bingo and have fun. Bring finger food. Call 899-2733. **Kindergarten screening and enrollment** will be from **8 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Thursday and Friday** at the Catholic Church, 307 W. 13th. Appointments are necessary. Call Yvonne Koehler at 899-3912. The **Brewster Band** and guests, the **Goodland High School Jazz Band**, will have a **soup supper and benefit concert at 4:45 p.m. Friday** at the Brewster school. Proceeds from the supper will be used by the Brewster Band to attend and perform at a music in the park program in Denver. The **Sherman County household hazardous waste collection** will from **7 a.m.-noon Saturday** at the household hazardous waste collection facility, 1820 Cherry. Call Crystal Linsner at 899-3081 or 899-4808. **Goodland High School and Grant Junior High Art** will be set up at the Carnegie Arts Center Saturday, arriving from the Northwest Kansas League art show. The

show will open **Sunday**, but there will be no reception. The show runs through Wednesday, April 30. **SHARE sign up** for the April distribution of food will be until **Monday, April 14**, at the Sherman County Health Department, Harvest America, the Regional Prevention Center or the Kanorado Senior Center. **Pick up** will be from **10:45-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 26**, for the April distribution. Jodi Tubbs of the **Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs** will be in Goodland from **1-2:15 p.m. Thursday, April 17**, in the Assembly Room on the third floor of the courthouse to help veterans and dependents with claims. Due to budget cuts, she will only come to Goodland on the third Thursday of each month. Call the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at (785) 462-3572. **City/County Recreation** is taking registration for **youth baseball and softball** until **Monday, April 21**, and adult men's and co-ed softball team registration until Friday, May 9. The **Goodland Women of Faith Spring Fling** will be from **9:30-11 a.m. Saturday, April 26**, at the First Baptist Church, Fifth and Center. Bring a breakfast item. Donations will be accepted for the guest speaker. Call Marilyn Heffner at 899-5584. The **Smoky Gardens Archery Club** will have a **shoot at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 4**, on the range east of the city shop by the railroad tracks. Call Chuck Engel at 899-5174 or Bill McKnight at 899-5358. **school activities**
Wednesday: Black day. X-Pressos Tour. Cheer leading try-out practice 5:30 in the junior

high gym. School to work leadership workshop, technical college. **Thursday**: Gold day. Seminar — STUCO. Northwest Kansas League art show at St. Francis. Junior enrollment 7:30 in the high school gym. Sophomore enrollment 6:30 in the high school gym. ASSET test in the morning in the high school gym. Cheer leading tryout practice 5:30 in the high school gym. Track depart to Wichita, dismiss 11:15 a.m., depart noon. **Friday**: Black day. League art show at St. Francis. Track 9 a.m. at Wichita, KT Woodman. Track 2 p.m. at Norton, dismiss 10:40 a.m., depart 11 a.m. Golf 8 a.m. at Norton, depart 5 a.m. Softball vs. Colby 3 p.m. here, dismiss 1:30. **Saturday**: ACT test 8 a.m. at the high school. **Sunday**: Taylor's basketball team practice 5-6:30 p.m. in the high school gym. **school lunch menu**
Wednesday: Hoagie sandwich, potato chips, lettuce, tomato, onion, 1/2 banana and milk. **Thursday**: Cooks' choice. **Friday**: Cheese nachos, Spanish rice, lettuce salad, apple and peanut butter and milk. **senior center menu**
Wednesday: Bierock casserole, sweet potatoes, bread and applesauce gelatin. **Thursday**: Cooks' choice entree, California blend vegetables, pears, bread and oatmeal cookies. **Friday**: Tuna salad, vegetable soup, scalloped apples, crackers and short cake. **technical college**
Wednesday: Communications Technology and Communications Network On-Campus Interviews. Fort Hays State University sponsored High School Seminar. **Friday**: Spring Open House for tri-state high school students.

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. **tax help**
Internal Revenue Service trained Tax-Aide volunteers will provide free tax help from 1-4 p.m. every Friday at the Goodland Public Library and the Senior Center. Volunteers will resolve problems, answer questions or complete the return and e-file it for free. The service is administered through the American Association of Retired Persons with cooperation from the IRS. **farm services**
Dennis R. Mote, county executive director of the U.S. Farm Service Agency, said there is a new yield provision for producers enrolling in the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program. If a producer qualifies, the farm services county committee could use Loan Deficiency Payment records or assign a yield for crops based on three similar farms in the area. Producers already enrolled must file a request by Tuesday, April 1, to have the committee use the records or assign a yield instead of using the 75 percent yield plug. **alateen**
A former Alateen member and an Al-Anon member have formed an Alateen support group that will meet from 6-7 p.m. on Mondays at 1275 W. Sixth in Colby. The group is for relatives and friends of alcoholics and is open to anyone 19 years old or under. Call 785-462-8152 or 462-6101. **tiny-k**
The Early Intervention Networks has a new name, Tiny-k Early Intervention Services. The program promotes development among infants and toddlers with special needs. The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center in Oakley provides these services free of charge to children in this area. Services include speech, developmental, vision and hearing screenings to all children and physical/occupational therapy and developmental training to children who qualify. Call 785-672-3125, ext. 115. **preschool**
Sherman County Head Start is a free preschool for eligible three and four year olds. The preschool is accepting applications for the 2003-04 school year. 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. Families interested in having their child in the program should call Julie Dautel or Carrie Starns at 899-2552 or go to Sherman County Head Start, 823 W. 11th.

obituaries

Beth Brown

Elizabeth Faith Brown, 51, a Kit Carson County poet, died Sunday, March 30, 2003, at the Lincoln County Community Nursing Home in Hugo, Colo. She was born Aug. 13, 1951, one of seven daughters of Orval Eugene and Zylpha Uraina (Snavelly) Brown. She graduated from Goodland High School in 1969. Miss Brown enjoyed many hobbies, including sewing, painting, reading, quilting, writing poetry, designing clothes, tutoring and gardening. She had her poetry published in several different types of books. She enjoyed spending time with her sisters, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Alice Brown. Survivors include five sisters, Evelyn Faye (William) Albers of Newnan, Ga., Zylpha Ada Pursley and husband Don North of Flagler, Colo., Orva Gene Briggs of Hugo, Colo., Ruby Jo (Landon) Carry of Waynesville, Mo., and Lorrie Ann (Arthur) Lowe of Cheyenne Wells, Colo. A memorial service was held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 4, 2003, at the Love Funeral Home with Pastor Bob Strauch officiating. Burial will be held later. There was no visitation; the body was cremated. Memorials may be made to the Lincoln Community Nursing Home in care of the Kit Carson State Bank, 1574 Rose Ave., Burlington, Colo. 80807.

Alice Conarty

Alice M. Conarty, 77, a former Wallace County teacher, died Wednesday, April 2, 2003, at the St. Francis Medical Center in Grand Island, Neb. She was born Oct. 26, 1925, in Ruleton, the daughter of Paul and Nettie (Swift) Conarty. She grew up in Kanorado and graduated from Kanorado High School. Miss Conarty received her teaching certificate from Greeley State College in Colorado and taught in a one-room school house in Wallace County. On June 16, 1948, she married Kenneth Conarty in McCook, Neb. The couple lived in various states and countries while her husband served in the Army. Following Kenneth's retirement in October 1965, the couple lived in Aurora, Colo., where she continued as a mother and homemaker. Kenneth preceded her in death Dec. 23, 1987. She moved to Goodland in 1993. She spent her last two years in Grand Island, Neb., with her daughter, five months of which were spent in Park Place Health Care and Rehab Center. She was a member of St. Leo's Catholic Church and the Retired Enlisted Men Association and enjoyed reading and watching sports. Also preceding her in death were three sons, Danny, Larry and Jerry Conarty; three brothers, Clyde, Dave and Tom Conarty; and two sisters, Addie Craft and Edith Whiteman. Survivors include a daughter, Paula (Richard) Libby of Grand Island, Neb.; a grandson; three great-grandchildren; two nephews, Warren (Georgia) Craft of Salina and Mike (Rosie) Whiteman of Goodland; and a niece, Margaret Ann Criswell of Oakley. Graveside services were at 2:30 p.m. Monday, April 7, 2003, at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

County superintendent's salary too small for his duties

By Evelyn Ward
Sherman County Historical Society
April 8, 1903: Salary Too Small — County Superintendent John R. Reed was sitting in his office chair recently working as industriously as though his salary was as large as any of the officers of the county. The qualifications of his office requires that he shall hold a state certificate, be a graduate of an accredited college or normal school and must have taught at least 18 months. And yet, for all of these requirements, the state allows him the magnificent sum of \$450 annually for his services. He is limited to working 150 days and is paid \$3 per day, aggregating, if he works the whole number.

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Besides a multiplicity of duties, he is required to visit the various schools of the county. To do this, he has to own a horse and buggy or hire one from which the latter course he would get rich by paying two dollars for the livery rig out of the one dollar he is allowed for making the visit. The law governing the salary of county superintendents is no example of ideal legislation as they are paid according to the school population of the county. In counties having a population of 1,000 to 1,200, the superintendent gets \$600; from 1,200 to 1,500 gets \$700, and so on up to a salary of \$1,000. Sherman County ought not to be less than \$600. If a man in this position is not worth more than \$450 per annum, the people should abolish the office or allow a salary commensurate with the work and qualifications required. **April 9, 1903:** George DeBord, for many years a resident of Sherman County, but who has made Lincoln, Neb., his home for some time, arrived in Goodland, accompanied by his wife and children. In a recent article in this paper, copied

from a Lincoln daily, giving an account of his arrest, DeBord says it was not correctly reported. The article read as though the complainant, Robert Darling, was involved with Mrs. DeBord. This was a mistake. Mr. DeBord charged Mr. Darling with living in adultery with the woman who was staying with him on the grounds that she was another man's wife. As to the paternity of the children of Mrs. DeBord and her visit to a place near Topeka, this was regarding the older child which was hers before she married DeBord, the paternity of the younger child, born after their marriage, having never been questioned. DeBord says that

Darling is an ex convict and had taken up a religious movement as a cloak and was obtaining funds under false pretense. **April 10, 1903:** Fined for Carrying Guns — Edward Gray and Richard McBride were arraigned before Police Judge T.P. Leonard for violation of a city ordinance forbidding the carrying of fire arms. Gray was fined \$1 and costs, making \$6 in all. It was proved to the court that McBride had no gun. They are a couple of cowboys employed by the Dewey Ranch. Gray paid his fine and was released. *From weekly issues of The Goodland News, provided by the Sherman County Historical Society.*

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