



Chad and Bret Bourquin playing with Lipriddle at a live venue in Kansas City.

Colby boys return home

The Kansas City-based band Lipriddle will be bringing two Colby boys back to their hometown for a huge weekend of music.

Colby High grads Bret and Chad Bourquin will be the band opening for the Sawyer Brown concert at 6 p.m., Saturday as part of the Celebration on the Plains. Chad's former group, an '80s style rock band called No Parking, will be taking the stage at 7 p.m. at the Southwind Plaza, just south of I-70 and west of K-25.

Lipriddle will kick off the weekend by playing tonight at the City Limits Bar and Grill and convention center at 9 p.m. The band is wrapping up a full length CD "Waiting for James," scheduled for a late September release. Lipriddle consists of Bret Bourquin, on lead vocals and bass guitar; Gretchen Bourquin, on vocals and percussion; Chad Bourquin, on lead guitar; and drummer James Circello as the rhythmic backbone of the band.

"The fresh new sound this collection of creativity pumps out is sure to be stuck in your head and leave you wanting more," says booking agency BLOB Entertainment.

The reunion of No Parking will also feature Chad on lead guitar and vocals as they bring back the harmony-driven sound with screaming guitars and drums. Other No Parking members are Howard Culver,

bass guitarist, concert/event promoter and manager of the Colby Comfort Inn; Eddie Light, lead singer, now from the Wichita area; John Depperschmidt of Springfield, Mo.; and drummer Paul Hooker, Kansas City. All members of this former Colby band perform vocals. They have opened for groups such as Warrant, Molly Hatchet, Romantics, Guess Who, Starship, the Georgia Satellites, Dokken and Vince Neil from 1987-1998.

The Bourquin boys, son of Dan and Shirley Bourquin, grew up on a farm outside of Colby.

"They love to come home and play their guitars in our indoor atrium, and always comment on how the acoustics would make a great studio," said Shirley as she was preparing to open for the evening at the historic railroad building known as Bourquins Old Depot Restaurant and RV Park.

"I was born and raised on music," said Bret Bourquin. "My dad was big on folk and played the guitar, while my mom played the piano and taught music. Chad and I were the 'rock n' roll' of the family. I practiced in high school a lot and had a small band, studied and played music in college, branched out of college into the rock scene and played full time in bands from Manhattan, Kan., to Texas."

Some of the bands that Bret performed in include Doug Kershaw, Masque, T.H.C. (Texas Hippie Coalition) and Octopus Extensions.

"My grandfather, Lloyd White, won a fiddlin' contest and got to play onstage with Charlie Daniels," Chad said.

Lipriddle began as a studio project that Bret was completing for a recording engineering school.

"People started asking us to play for different things," he said, "and I couldn't stop writing songs, so we decided to take it seriously. We played more acoustic driven material in the beginning, and then I switched to bass, which changed the sound to aggressive, progressive rock with a little funk."

"Looking back, we have come a long way, but looking to the future," said Bret, "we are only getting better individually and as a band. As we find out who we are on this journey through the music, my only hope is that others somehow do the same."

Bret's parents recall him in high school as a likable kid full of fun and friends. Now, his mother says, "He has evolved into an awesome, quiet friend who is a great counselor and mentor in my life. Hours have been spent in pursuing excellence on his bass guitar."

Chad attended Colby Community College prior to the "No Parking" days.

Reporter joins Star-News staff

Greg Stover began work Tuesday as a reporter for *The Goodland Star-News*.

Stover moved to Goodland early last month after three years as a graduate student at Fort Hays State University, working on his Master of Arts in history.

"I appreciate the tremendous opportunity *The Star-News* has given me," Stover said. "I have a great challenge ahead of me, not only from the work ahead but also from the transition from a school environment to the work force."

While at Fort Hays, Stover was a staff member of the student newspaper, *The University Leader*, for four semesters and one summer session, serving as ViewPoints editor, copy editor, copy chief and two semesters as sports editor.

Stover was a graduate teaching assistant in the history department for six months. During the 2002-2003 academic year, he served as president of the Non-Traditional Student Organization.

Growing up in south Florida, Stover enlisted in the U.S. Army in September 1972 and served 15 years on active duty, including three tours of duty

in Germany. He was released from active duty as a sergeant first class in September 1987, transferring to the Army Reserve.



Stover

Stover moved to St. Augustine, Fla., where he attended Flagler College. He received his Bachelor of Arts in history from the University of Maryland in May 1988, earning the majority of his credits attending class during off-duty time.

"It was at Flagler College that I realized that I lost out on the total college experience and decided that someday I'd make up for it by going to graduate school full-time," Stover said. "I achieved that goal at Fort Hays State."

After finishing his bachelors, he served a series of short active-duty tours and work as an Army civilian, which led him to Wisconsin, Illinois, Colorado and Iowa. It was in Iowa, he decided to hang up his uniform and find a place to settle down.

After considering locations nationwide, he chose Emporia, Kan.. Stover stayed in Emporia for 16 months, then decided to enroll at Fort Hays.

A member of the American Legion since 1996, Stover recently transferred to the Goodland Post.

Static contributes to mix-up

A Sherman County teen-ager continues to improve after neck surgery at Children's Hospital in Denver last week, but she is expected to stay there for several weeks of rehabilitation.

Lacey Ridder, 15, was when her utility vehicle rolled near her home on County Road 25 last Monday, Aug. 25, about seven miles north of Edson.

It took the ambulance and rescue workers extra time to arrive on the scene because the first dispatch sent them to County Road 5 north of Kanorado.

Mary Messamore, head of county

dispatch, said the problem was caused partially by static on the first cell phone call, and that the cell phone did not give the dispatcher the geographic location of the accident scene.

"It was our newest dispatcher," Messamore said, "and it was his first major incident call. He got sort of excited. He was having trouble hearing the person calling in, a Cheyenne County fireman who was on the scene, and he repeated the location on Road 5 and the person said that was right."

"He did get the phone number and called him back when it was

obvious they had the wrong location.

"We are doing some extra phone call training. We are glad the girl is doing better. Our prayers are with her."

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Grain firm closes its elevators

By Veronica Monier
The Norton Telegram

Brady Grain has closed its elevators in Norton, Edmond and Stuttgart after 20 years, blaming drought and a tough economy.

Farmers' grain in the elevators was put under state control

Shane Brady, president of the firm, said the drought during the past four years cut out any hope of profitability.

"It's hurting everybody," he said, "farmers, everybody."

Brady said he notified the state Department by Agriculture by telephone that the elevators had ceased to operate and he planned to relinquish control to the secretary of agriculture.

The elevators will remain under state control, with no grain moving in or out, until a court decides how the grain will be sold. The state will make sure the farmers who have grain stored there are paid, said Lisa Taylor, a spokeswoman for the Agriculture Department.

Brady said he expects the facilities to be sold once all of the grain is moved. He said he doesn't expect to receive anything from the sale of

the grain or the elevators.

"We felt this was this was the best way to protect the depositor," he said. "The grain is there. It's the economy, plain and simple."

Employees of Brady Grain say they don't know what is going to happen to them.

Bill Glennemeier, an employee of the Norton elevator, said the state told employees they would be notified this week.

"We just don't know if we still have jobs or if we're going to be laid off," he said.

The seven employees — three at the Norton elevator, three at Stuttgart, and one at Edmond — can only hope for the best, he said.

Brady may have been operating on borrowed time.

During the last week of June, the Norton office of the U.S. Farm Service Agency announced that grain put in storage in the Brady Grain elevators would not be eligible for

federal loans because the elevators had been removed from the list of warehouses approved by the Commodity Credit Corporation.

The agency said the action was taken by the Farm Service Agency Commodity Office in Kansas City, Mo., because the elevators did not meet requirements of the Uniform Grain and Rice Storage Agreement.

Brady isn't the only grain firm that had to close its doors in the area. Oberlin Milling, owned by Alan and Judy Marietta, closed in Oberlin and Cedar Bluffs in the end of April, 2002, because their estimated assets were under \$50,000 and estimated debts were between \$1 and \$10. The Mariettas filed for Chapter 11 reorganization bankruptcy before closing.

The elevators in Oberlin and Cedar Bluffs are now operated by Hansen-Mueller Grain Co. of Omaha.

<p>PG-13: Some sexual situations and violent sports-related images.</p> <p>www.goodlandnet.com/movies</p>	<p>Bring this AD to the theatre for \$1 OFF on a large popcorn & 2 med. drinks</p> <p>EXP. 12/31/03</p>	<p>Nightly 7:00 Sunday Matinee 1:30</p> <p>Movie Bucks Make Great Gifts!</p> <p>Sherman 1203 Main - Phone 899-6103</p>

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student of the week

Name: Brittney Redlin
Parents: Chuck and Janet Redlin
Grade: Senior
Age: 17
We've nominated this student because: Brittney is an excellent Student and role model. She is a very creative and hard working individual who gets the job done.

Student Comment: My favorite subject is probably art. I also enjoy math. After I graduate I will remember all the fun times I had with my friends.

Activities involved in at school: FCCLA, Science

Olympiad, Stuco, National Honor Society and yearbook.

My choice of movies, books, and games: Some of my favorite games are Twister, Life and Monopoly. My favorite type of music is country. I like just about any kind of movie, but my favorite ones are Ice Age, Sweet Home Alabama and Pearl Harbor.

After I leave Goodland High School I intend to: either go to college to become a photographer, or go to work for a photographer and learn what I need to know to own my own studio someday.

And 10 years from now, I think I'll be: maybe married and either owning my own photography studio or working towards my own studio.

Favorite Quote: "Your not what you think you are, but what you think, you are." Anon.

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