

**stork report**

**Caleb Robert Buster** was born Friday, Feb. 23, 2007, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19 inches long. Alan and Jolene Buster of Goodland are his parents. Grandparents are Richard Buster of Hutchinson, Sandy Murphy of Liberty, Mo., and Henry and Lori Wallace of Hutchinson. Caleb has a brother, Alan Wayne Buster Jr.

**patient news**

**Margie Albers** fell and broke her leg near the hip. She is recovering from surgery at Torrington, Wyo., and will be there about four weeks. Send cards to her in care of Kevin Albers, Box 402, Torrington, Wyo. 82240.

**activities**

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

**The High Plains Museum**, 1717 Cherry Ave., is open from **9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.** A temporary exhibit on Goodland Dentist Dr. Harry M. Steever is on display. It features an 1870 foot-treadle-driven dental engine. Quilts by the Prairie Piecemakers are also on display.

The **Carnegie Arts Center** is open from **10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday** at 120 W. 12th. Paintings by Doug Huscher, a former Goodland resident and instructor at the Northwest Kansas Technical College, will be displayed in March. The exhibit will open with an artist's reception from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday.

The **Goodland Public Library** holding **story hour** for 4 and 5-year-olds at **10 a.m. Wednesdays** and 3 and 4-year-olds **Thursdays**, both from **10 to 11 a.m. Born to Read** for children birth to age 3, accompanied by an adult, will be **10 to 10:30 a.m. Fridays.** Marcy Melia, children's librarian, is in charge of story hour and can be reached at 899-5461.

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

**Goodland Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)** will meet from **6 to 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month** at the First Christian Church, Eighth and Arcade.

**Diabetes Support Group** meets at **4 p.m. the last Tuesday** of each month in the large board room at Goodland Regional Medical Center. Patients, family and friends meet each month for a speaker and educational program. Call Sarah Linton at 890-6044.

**Breast Cancer Support Group** meets at **5 p.m. (instead of 5:30) the first Monday** of the month in the dome at Howard Johnson's. Any woman with cancer is welcome. Call Cheryl at 890-5528.

**Emotions Anonymous** meets at **7:30 p.m. Wednesdays** at the Goodland Regional Medical Center board room.

**Aerobics Classes - 5:30 and 7:30 a.m.** aerobics classes are offered **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** at the Goodland Activities Center. Yoga is offered at **8:30 a.m. Wednesday.** Call 890-7242.

**TOPS Meetings - Take Off Pounds Sensibly** meets at **5:30 p.m. Tuesdays** at North Elementary School. Weigh-in is at 5 p.m. A new group may be started and meet at a different time. Call Norma Mullen, area captain, at (785) 689-4362.

**Alcoholics Anonymous S.O.S. Group** holds open meetings at **7 p.m. Monday** at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Seventh and Senter, Burlington. Call Pamela at 719-346-7711 or Dave at 890-2858.

**Goodland Alcoholics Anonymous** meets at **8 p.m. Monday**, a closed meeting with Al-Anon.

**the calendar**

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The Harvest Evangelical Free Church is asking **community singers to meet at 2 p.m. Sunday afternoons** at 104 E. Business U.S. 24 (across from the Social and Rehabilitation Services building) to **practice for an Easter Cantata, "Forsaken."** Call Randy Berls at 890-0082 for information.

Paintings by Doug Huscher, a former Goodland resident and instructor at the Northwest Kansas Technical College, will be displayed in March at the Carnegie Arts Center. The **gallery exhibit will open with an artist's reception from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday** at the arts center.

The Colby Community College drama department will perform the comedy **"Card Play," at 2 p.m. Sunday** at Goodland High School auditorium. Admission will be by Western Plains Arts Association season pass, or at the door.

**Prairie Land Food** (formerly SHARE) **sign up** for the March distribution of food will be **until Monday, March 12**, at the Sherman County Health Department. Pick up will be from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 24, at the Goodland Elks Lodge for the March distribution.

**Storm spotter training** will be at **5:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) Tuesday, March 13**, at St. Francis High School and at **6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 14**, at the National Guard Armory in Goodland.

Jodi Tubbs of the **Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs** will

be in Goodland from 1 to 2:15 p.m. Thursday, March 15, 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. Tubbs will be in Goodland on the first and third Thursday of each month.

**school menu**

**Today:** Macaroni and cheese, peas, whole wheat roll, half apple and milk. **Monday:** Spaghetti, lettuce salad, corn, garlic bread, brownie and milk. **Tuesday:** Cook's choice, tatortot casserole, green beans, whole wheat roll, fruit cup and milk. **Thursday:** Turkey fritter, mashed potatoes and gravy, cooked carrots, Jell-o and milk. **Friday:** Grilled cheese sandwich, deviled egg, tomato soup, half banana and milk.

**school calendar**

**Today:** Black day. Sub-state basketball. State reading assessment for juniors 7:50 a.m.

**Saturday:** Kansas State DECA Career Development Conference at Overland Park. Sub-state basketball.

**Sunday:** DECA Career Development Conference at Overland Park. Western Plains Arts Association presentation of "Card Play" 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

**Monday:** DECA Career Development Conference at Overland Park. Junior high scholars bowl, league scholars bowl, 3 p.m. at Colby. Goodland Wrestling Club 5:30 p.m. Goodland Activities Center youth basket-

ball 6 p.m. in the high school gym.

**Tuesday:** Black day. Kansas State DECA Career Development Conference at Overland Park. Math assessment test for sophomores, parts one and two, at 10:40 a.m. Track rules meeting 6:30 p.m. at Oakley.

**Wednesday:** Gold day. State basketball tournament. Math assessment test for sophomores, parts three and four, 10:40 a.m. Goodland Wrestling Club 5:30 p.m. City/county recreation 7 p.m.

**Thursday:** Black day. First day of competitive tennis for boys. State basketball tournament. Math assessment test make-up date 10:40 a.m. Goodland Wrestling Club 5:30 p.m. Elks Hoop Shoot practice 6:30 p.m. in the junior high gym.

**Friday, March 9:** Gold day. State basketball tournament. 4-H Days and Talent Night 4 p.m.

**Saturday, March 10:** State basketball tournament.

**senior center menu**

**Today:** Tuna noodle casserole, stewed tomatoes, mixed fruit with cherries, bread and cranberry fluff. **Monday:** Hamburger steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, bread and rosy pears. **Tuesday:** Bierock casserole, winter mix vegetables, applesauce gelatin and cookie. **Wednesday:** Sausage gravy, mashed potatoes, cook's choice vegetables, biscuits or bread and fluffy fruit dessert. **Thursday:** Sloppy joes, pasta with vegetables salad, plums, bun and cake. **Friday:** Turkey, green beans, cranberry sauce, bread and sweet potato casserole.

**Birthday celebration planned**

Meta (Bader) Dankenbring will celebrate her 90th birthday with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 10, 2007, at the Bird City Senior Center. If you are unable to attend, send greetings to her at Box 295, Bird City, Kan. 67731.



Meta Dankenbring

**Goodland man to be flight instructor**

A Goodland man is one of 10 students selected to serve as flight instructors at Kansas State University in Salina.

Michael Middleton, son of Robert and Ann Middleton of Goodland, will be an instructor during the spring semester. The new instructors, along with existing faculty and staff, are responsible for training incoming flight students in ground and flight instruction.

K-State employees around 40 student instructors at any given time. The faculty know they can rely on student instructors, said Marlon Johnson, head of the aviation department, because they have been trained at the school.

"We have observed them through

their early years of flight training and have a good picture of their professionalism as well as their knowledge and skills," he said. "Certified flight instructors also often fulfill the role of mentor to new students. Through that relationship, the instructors directly contribute to solidify these individuals' relationships with K-State and its profes-

sional pilot program." Those chosen have to be Federal Aviation Administration certified flight instructors. Applicants were required to attend standardization training, during which personal interviews were conducted. All are professional pilot majors.



M. Middleton

**Operations technician named Employee of Year**

Chris Bauman of Goodland has been named a 2006 Outstanding Employee of the Year for Aquila's Kansas natural gas operations.

Bauman, an operations technician, was selected on the basis of leadership, teamwork, performance and results, the company said.

"Chris is a well-rounded employee who keeps on top of new ways to do his job," said Don North, Bauman's supervisor. "He's very professional, and other employees on our team look to him for answers."

North said he received several notes or calls from customers last year complimenting Bauman's

dedication. He has a very good working relationship with customers, North said.

Bauman, who has been with Aquila for 15 years, said he believes teamwork is the root of success.

"I can't say enough good things about the people I work with," Bauman said. "We also work very closely with the city of Goodland, Sherman County and the phone company, S&T Communications. We're all a big team, and that just makes our jobs so much easier and so much more enjoyable."

Aquila serves 106,000 natural gas customers in Kansas, with operations based in Lawrence.

**Wednesday**, the book meeting, and **Saturday**, an open meeting, at 1013 Center. For Alcoholics Anonymous, call Rob at 890-3023 or Linda at 399-2353. For Al-Anon, call Cheryl at 890-3023.

The "Freedom Today" group of **Narcotics Anonymous** meets at **8 p.m. Tuesdays and 7 p.m. Saturdays** at the Goodland Elks Lodge. Call 890-8369.

**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.

**area events**

Families Together is providing **training for "education advocates" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Mountain Time) Monday** at the Pioneer Memorial Library, 375 W. Fourth, Colby. The training is designed to outline and explain the special education process and the advocate's and parents' roles in helping children with disabilities. To register, call (785) 233-4777 or (800) 264-6343.

Admission to the **Prairie Museum of Art and History** will be free from **noon to 4 p.m. Mountain Time Sundays** at 1905 S. Franklin in Colby. The museum is also open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time Monday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday.

**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.

**Monday:** Scheduled appointments. **Tuesday:** Scheduled appointments. **Wednesday:** WIC in Goodland. Scheduled appointments. **Thursday:** WIC in Goodland. Scheduled appointments. **Friday:** Scheduled appointments.

The health department has flu vaccine. Benefits for Seniors, including Medicare and application for Patients Assistance Drug Program. Blood pressures; infants', children's and adult's immunizations;

health assessments for Kan Be Healthy, daycare and school entry; fasting blood sugar and hemoglobin; family planning; and toenail clipping available by appointment. Sharps containers are available free. Call 890-4888.

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

**obituaries**

**Opal Madaline Elrick**

Opal Madaline Elrick, 91, Flagler, Colo., a former Goodland student, died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007, at Lincoln Community Hospital in Hugo, Colo.

She was born May 9, 1915, in Plainview, Kan., the eighth of 10 children of Frank and Sarah Charles. When she was 5, her family moved to Goodland, and she attended schools in Sherman County.

On Aug. 5, 1936, she married Lonnie Elrick in Akron, Colo., and they lived on a farm north of Flagler, Colo., until January 1957, when they moved into Flagler. Mrs. Elrick always said she didn't miss hanging wet rags and towels on the doors and windows to keep out the dirt.

In 1964, their grandson Gary Jr. came to live with them. After Mr. Elrick died in June of 1968, she began working at Colorado Bird Seed. She worked there until 1973, when her son Allen and D.C. Moss bought the local pool hall. She worked there for a couple of years.

In 1975, she went to work at Witt's Family Store for a few years. In 1978, she went back to work at Colorado Bird Seed until she retired in 1987.

**Goldie M. Wildman**

Goldie M. Wildman, 90, Clarinda, Iowa, a former Goodland beauty salon owner, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007, at the Goldenrod Manor Nursing Home after an extended illness.

She was born Nov. 17, 1916, in Bird City, the daughter of Joseph William and Bertha Maude (Shelton) Wildman. She was raised in the Goodland area, where she attended school and later received her General Equivalency Degree.

Survivors include a son, Allen (Sharon) Elrick of Flagler; two daughters, Linda (Ronnie) Green of Flagler and Sherry (Roger) Long of Cortez, Colo.; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were planned for Thursday, March 1, 2007, at the Flagler Cemetery. In place of flowers, memorials may be made to the Congregational Church Ladies Aid in care of Love Funeral Home, 225 F. Ave., Box 188, Limon, Colo. 80828. Send condolences and sign the guest book at www.lovefuneral-homes.com.

**matters of record**

**Accidents**

The following accidents were investigated by the Goodland Police Department.

**Feb. 6** — 8:57 a.m., 1400 Main, a 2004 Ford driven by Richard Wade Simon was backing and hit a 2003 Chevrolet driven by Joseph H. Cech. Simon said he did not see the Chevrolet.

*In Loving Memory of Loretta Dreiling who passed away March 1st, 2002.*

We'll never forget, We'll never regret  
The things we've done with this fantastic one  
She always had a smile  
Now she's resting awhile  
She had a dream, a beautiful one  
It was about an everlasting life, with the brightest sun  
It was about tomorrow  
Happiness and laughter, but no sorrow  
She's gone to search for this paradise far away  
She's must've found it, for she decided to stay!

Missed and loved more than ever by Kristy, Leslie, Steve, Jeff and most of all Raymond!

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(785) 899-6100

*Wedding Registry*  
Aileen Cebula & Donald Raymer  
July 7, 2007  
The Almond Tree Interiors and Gifts  
1102 Main - Goodland  
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**In loving memory of our Princess, Brianna Danae Linin 4/20/99 to 3/4/05**

*The Broken Chain*

☞ We little knew that morning, that God was going to call your name.

☞ In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same.

☞ It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone;

☞ For part of us went with you the day God called you home.

☞ You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide; and though we cannot see you, you are always at our side.

☞ Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same; but as God calls us one by one, the Chain will link again.

-Author Unknown-  
Missing you,  
Daddy, Mommy, Annika and your special Heavenly blessings,  
Mirari and Blair

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