

reception

Patricia Korbek and James Allaman were married on June 8, 1962 at Wallace. There will be a reception from them from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, 2012 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church Family Center to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. A memory or a picture would be appreciated.

student news

Amanda Albers of Goodland graduated from McPherson College at McPherson on Sunday, May 20, 2012.

Lauren Abernathy of Goodland, a senior majoring in communication at Fort Hays State University at Hays, placed first in the professional category of public service campaign for the Kansas Professional Communicators state competition.

Chase Schneider of Tribune was named a Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference All-Academic Athlete in men's track and field at Ottawa University in Ottawa.

activities

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

The High Plains Museum, 1717 Cherry Ave., is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday through Saturday and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Closed Tuesdays.

The Carnegie Arts Center is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday and 1 to 6 p.m. on Monday at 120 W. 12th. The center is always in need of hosts and hostesses on Sundays. New monthly exhibits and you are invited to visit the gift shop.

The Goodland Public Library is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information call (785) 899-5461 or stop by the library.

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

The Good Sam Family Support Council meets at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of every month at the Goodland Elks Lodge. Meetings are open to all interested people. For information call 890-3117 or 890-5936.

Breast Cancer Support Group meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month. Any woman with cancer is welcome. Call Cheryl at 890-5528 for more information.

Cancer Support Group meets at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Goodland Regional Medical in the large board room. Group open to any cancer patient, survivor, caregiver and family members. Call Tina Goodwin at (785) 890-6036.

The Goodland Activities Center has the following activities. Monday: 5:30 a.m. aerobics with Tena Tompkins, 5 p.m. taekwondo and 5:30 p.m. group exercise with Lisa Malsom. Tuesday: 5:30 a.m., workout with Grady Bonsall. Wednesday: 5:30 a.m. aerobics with Tena Tompkins, 9:30 a.m. low impact class with Sarah King, 4 p.m. taekwondo classes and 5:30 p.m. aerobics with Lisa Malsom. Thursday: 5:30 a.m., workout with Grady Bonsall. Friday: 5:30 a.m. aerobics with Tena Tompkins, 9:30 a.m. low impact exercise group with Sarah King and starting at 5 p.m. taekwondo classes. For information call 890-7242. Certified personal training offered with Kyla Sheldon. Memberships options for

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Jodie Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs will be in Goodland from 1 to 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.

The Eighth Annual Outdoor Youth Skills Day will be Saturday at Bellamy Farms. The event is for kids ages nine to 15 and includes shotgunning, archery, fishing, muzzleloader, dog training and 22 target shooting. Pick up registration forms at Bill's Shooting Shop or at S&T Communication or call Troy Mannis at 821-1838.

Prairie Land Food sign up will be until Monday. Distribution is 1 to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, at the Knights of Columbus, 7th and Caldwell. For information call 821-1827, 821-1275, 821-0120 or 728-7196 or order online at www.prairielandfood.com. The Prairie

Pak will have smoked bacon, sausage/egg and cheese breakfast bites, one pound lean ground beef, 10 ounces grilled chicken breast strips, one additional meat item and fruits and vegetables. The specials are firecracker steak box with two sirloin steaks, 3 flat iron steaks, 3 top sirloin cap steaks; fajita box with chicken strips, onions, peppers, beef strips and flour tortillas; breakfast time with French toast strips, hash brown potatoes, sausage/egg and cheese breakfast bites and smoked bacon; and tour of Italy with cheese ravioli, sundried tomato/cheese stuffed rigatoni, manicotti, spinach and cheese stuffed rigatoni, cheddar pierogies, meat stuffed tortellini and stuffed shells.

Cancer survivor shirts can still be reserved until Wednesday, June 13, for the Sherman County Relay for Life. For information call 899-2338.

The Emmanuel Lutheran Church will be holding Sky Ranch Day Camp from Monday to Friday, June 11 to 15 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. except on Friday

which is from 8 a.m. to noon. Call 890-6161 or 890-2639 for information and to sign up. Camp is for those entering first through sixth grade.

Agora "The Market Place" will be at the Colby United Methodist Church, 950 W. Franklin, Colby, on Saturday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Mountain Time). There will be a vendor show in the south parking lot, a rummage and bake sale inside the church.

Tuesday Flicks are at 1:30 p.m. at the Goodland Public Library, 812 Broadway. Call the library for the title of the movie at 899-5461.

senior menu

Today: Meat loaf, creamed potatoes, peas, bread and fruit crisp. Wednesday: Turkey ala king, corn, orange pineapple salad, biscuit and spice cake. Thursday: Liver and onions in gravy, parslid potatoes, winter mix vegetables, bread and cook's choice fruit. Friday: Pork cutlet, cole slaw with carrots, tomatoes and cucumbers, bun and baked apple slices.

everyone including day passes for \$5. Visit goodlandgac.com or stop by 808 Main.

Weight Watchers meets at 5:30 p.m. for weigh in and 6 p.m. for the meeting every Tuesday at the Right Combination Dance Studio, 902 W. Hwy. 24. For information call (785) 890-3285 or visit rightcombinationdance.com.

Goodland Alcoholics Anonymous, 1013 Center. If you drink alcohol, that's your business. If you want to stop, we can help. Call 821-3826 pr 728-7491.

Goodland Al-Anon AFG meets at 6 p.m. on Fridays at First Christian Church, 711 Arcade. For information call Alice or Marilyn at 890-5914 or 821-2862.

The Incognito Group. If alcohol has made your life unmanageable and you find yourself powerless. Our group meets at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in Goodland. Talking about it is the first step. Call for our meeting place (303) 905-3817. (785) 728-7022 and (785) 728-2120. Leave a message and number and we will get back to you.

The "Freedom Today" group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and 8 p.m. on Sundays at 1013 Center. Call 890-8369.

Bird City Alcoholics Anonymous group meets at 6:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Fridays at the Senior Center on 4th Street. Narcotics Anonymous meets at 6:30 (Mountain Time) on Tuesdays at the Senior Center. Call (785) 734-2734 for more information.

Stratton "AA by the Book" Alcoholics Anonymous group meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays for a beginners open meeting. Filies and young people welcome. Call (719) 348-5398 for men and (719) 346-8553 for women. On U.S. Highway 24 go to Statton and it is the second house on the left, 513 Iola Street.

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

Prairie Museum of Art and History, 1905 S. Franklin, Colby is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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Anyone wanting to donate to the Goodland Churches Thrift Shop, 1002 Main, should call 890-2007. The store is open 9 a.m. 6 p.m. on Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on 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.

Blood pressures; infants', children's and adults' immunizations; health assessments for Kan Be Healthy, daycare and school entry; fasting blood sugar and hemoglobin; and family planning available by appointment. Sharps containers are available free. WIC program available. Call 890-4888 or go to www.sherman.kansas.com.

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.

early head start

Early Head Start is a state funded program for income eligible families with prenatal mothers and children up to age three. Families participate in a variety of educational activities and receive free medical and dental care.

Services include special needs of children with disabilities. If you have a family member with a special problem, such as drug or alcohol abuse, job loss or other family crisis, your family can qualify. Call 785-672-3125, ext. 187.

preschool

Sherman County Head Start is a free preschool for eligible 3 and 4 year olds. 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. For information call 890-2552.

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. The police department can also be called at 890-4570.

family shelter

The Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence Services provides help day or night to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available in Hays. Support group for women's domestic violence victims/survivors is from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Central Time on Wednesdays; a men's domestic violence victims/survivors support group from noon to 1 p.m. Central Time Tuesdays; and a youth support group is available by appointment. A sexual violence victims/survivors support group in Hays and a domestic violence support group to meet in Colby are being formed. If interested in joining or for information or help, call (800) 794-4624. In the Colby area, call (785) 443-1130.

animal shelter

Lost a pet? Call 890-4575 or go to www.petfinder.com and be sure to enter the Goodland zip code 67735. You can also call the Goodland Police Department at 890-4570 or Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter at 899-4398 or 821-2144. Interested in adopting a pet? Call the animal shelter or go to the website www.nwkasgoodland.webs.com.

Know what you need for a claim

Filing an insurance claim can be an added stressful process following an accident or natural disaster. In fact, according to the new 2011 Kansas Consumer Complaint



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Ratio booklet from the Kansas Insurance Department (KID), of the complaints registered for all lines of insurance in 2011, almost two-thirds — 65 percent — of complaints concerned problems related to claims handling.

In breaking down that statistic some more, most claims processing problems involved an unsatisfactory claim settlement/offer, denial of a claim, or claims delays.

Those three areas certainly can lead to your anxiety with the whole process. What might help are the following tips, all commonsense aids in keeping your cool in stressful circumstances.

Know your policy — Understand what your policy says. The policy is a legal contract between you and your insurance company. Know what's covered, what's excluded and what the deductibles are. Enlist your local agent, if needed, to guide you through the coverage details.

File claims as soon as possible — Don't let the bills or receipts pile up. Call your agent or your company's claims hotline as soon as possible. Your policy might even require that you make the notification within a certain time frame.

Provide complete, correct information — Be certain to give your insurance company all the necessary information. Incorrect or incomplete information will only cause a claims processing delay.

Keep copies of all correspondence — Whenever you communicate with your insurance company, be sure to keep copies and records of all correspondence, emails and phone calls. Write down information about your telephone and in-person contacts, including the date, name and title of the person you spoke with and what was said.

Also, keep a record of your time and expenses.

Document homeowners temporary repairs — Homeowners policies might require you to make temporary repairs to protect your property from further damage. Your policy should cover the cost of these temporary repairs, so keep all receipts. Also, take photos or video of the damage before making those repairs.

Document accident and health claims details — A consumer should keep track of bills and claim correspondence to make sure that his/her insurance company has received a claim for every service being billed. Sometimes claims are not submitted, or not received, and the problem may not become apparent until the consumer is contacted by a collection agency several months later.

Ask questions — If there is a disagreement about the claim settlement, ask the company for the specific language in the policy that is in question. Find out if the disagreement is because you and the insurance company interpret your policy differently.

Don't rush into a settlement — If the first offer made by your insurance company does not meet your expectations, be prepared to negotiate to get a fair settlement. If you have any questions regarding the fairness of your settlement, talk with your local agent or call our Kansas Insurance Department's Consumer Assistance Hotline, (800) 432-2484.

Being a savvy insurance consumer is a great way to avoid the potential frustrations of a claim when you have an accident or have to deal with a natural disaster. But, if you need additional assistance, KID employees will be here to help.

Raymond Leslie Fixsen

Former longtime Goodland, Kansas resident Raymond Leslie Fixsen, 91, departed this life on May 26, 2012, at the Harlan County Hospital in Alma, Nebraska. He was born December 28, 1920, at Goodland, Kansas, the son of Nora (Kropp) and Fedde Holmes Fixsen. He was the only child to be born on the Fixsen farm in rural Sherman County, Kansas. He lived most of his life in Goodland. He attended the Prairie Star School through eighth grade and later in life earned his GED.

Ray served in the Army Air Force during World War II, from October 1942 through October 1945. He started out with the military police, then on to a truck driver, and finally a tailgunner on a B-17. While stationed in Foggie, Italy, he flew with seventeen missions over Germany. He was honorably discharged with the rank of staff sergeant.

On January 11, 1953, he and Clara Marie Johnson were married at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church parsonage in Goodland. They were blessed with two children Lucille and Lewis, and with fifty-five years of marriage. Raymond held many jobs over the years: he worked at Goodland Glass; he was a partsman at White Machine and Motor Company; he helped build, as well as work at the Great Western sugar-beet factory; and he helped his brother Joe farm. His last job

was as a self-employed carpenter until his retirement. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars—Lowell Coleman Post 1133. In 2003, Ray and Clara Marie moved to Stamford, Nebraska, and they resided in Stamford until May of 2008, when they both moved to the Beaver City Manor in Beaver City, Nebraska.

Preceding him in death were his wife Clara Marie Fixsen, who passed away October 5, 2010; his parents; seven brothers Roy, Fred, Harry, Dan, Glen, Merle, and Joe; two sisters Minnie Eklund and an infant Anna Marie Fixsen; and Clara Marie's parents Harry and Leila Johnson.

Surviving family includes his daughter Lucille Fixsen Bose and her sons James Bose and Derrick Bose, all of Stamford, Nebraska; son Lewis Fixsen of Hereford, Texas and his daughter Tiffany Fixsen of Canyon, Texas; brother-in-law Harold L. Johnson of Topeka; and many nieces and nephews.

The memorial service will be on Saturday, June 9, at 10 a.m. MT, at Koons Chapel in Goodland, with Pastor Dave Irwin officiating. Inurnment with military honors will follow in the Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials may be designated to the Raymond Fixsen Memorial, and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

Summer Matinee Movie passes on sale at Public Library! Sherman Digital TONIGHT 7 PM Dark Shadows (PG-13) Starts Friday at 7 PM: Madagascar 3 3D (PG)

Join us in celebrating Lavaughn Glasco's 90th birthday! Saturday, June 9 1:30-3 p.m. MT at Shiraz (824 W. Hwy. Goodland) Cake and punch served. Cards only!

LORDY, LORDY! The Assistant at Wendy's is turning 40! Happy birthday Michael! -From the Wendy's crew and friends and family.

Thank You! The family of Terry Pfannenstiel wishes to thank family, friends and the community for all the care, concern, love, prayers and help provided to us during the last 4 weeks. Thank you to Koons Funeral Home for your excellent service.

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