

## Celebrating 50 years



Good Samaritan Society Sherman County celebrated their 50th anniversary on Tuesday with a barbecue for residents, employees and relatives. Awards were also given to employees. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

## Goodland superintendent wins award

Goodland School District Superintendent Bill Biermann has been recognized as a Superintendent of Promise by the Kansas School Superintendent's Association. The award recognizes and highlights those new superintendents who show exceptional promise for continued leadership in the future.

Eligibility requirements include completion of their first year, as evidenced by a contract renewal, and have the support of their mentors and their Board of Education presidents, who were asked to sign the application before it was submitted.

Candidates were asked to submit written responses to the following

questions on their role in making an impact on student learning and setting and/or carrying forward the vision of the district.

The application were submitted before May 1. The award was established in 2010 and the goal is to continue to recognize those first-year superintendents who truly have shown exceptional leadership skills and will be instrumental in keeping the mission and vision going.

A total of 15 superintendents were recognized including other area superintendents, Lamar Bergsten of Triplains USD 275, Janci Mills of Brewster USD 314 and Linda Ziegler of Quinter USD 293.

## Hays museum has new exhibit

Don't miss the opportunity to experience Africa's prehistoric rapacious reptiles. Sternberg Museum of Natural History's "GIANTS: African Dinosaurs" exhibit features 70-foot-long herbivores, carnivores with foot-long thumb claws, and flying creatures with 16-foot wingspans. The exhibit will be open until Sunday, Aug. 5.

These fossils were discovered by "world renowned paleontologist and National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence" Dr. Paul Sereno. The exhibit provides visions of the

ancient inhabitants of the Sahara when water was a common resource in the area.

"We have five full mounts of dinosaurs. Some of them are really huge, too," said Greg Walters, exhibits director at the museum. "Visitors are going to see dinosaurs that they haven't seen anywhere else."

Admission is \$8 for adults (13-59), \$5 for children (4-12), \$6 for senior citizens (60 and older), and \$4 for Fort Hays State University students with ID.

## Craft fair planned for Sept. 15

What little town hosts a great big fair? Logan: a farming community of 600! Nestled in northwest Kansas, on K-9, The Dane G. Hansen Museum sponsors one of the best craft fairs around on Saturday, Sept. 15. Hosting crafters from Kansas and surrounding states, this is a shopper's paradise. Family and friends rally together for this annual event held on the Hansen Plaza Square, Main Street, Logan. There is no admission charge to attend this event.

Crafters check in at pre-dawn in preparation for the 9 a.m. (Mountain Time) opening. Food vendors line two sides of the Square. Food may include hamburgers, brauts, turkey and noodles, sloppy joes, homemade pies, homemade ice cream, barbecue beef sandwiches, bierocks, sno-cones and more. If you start the day hungry, you won't be for long.

A chain saw artist, Blair Smith, from Iowa, will be on the grounds to astound you with his chain saw artistry. He will be performing at 7, 9, 11 a.m. and 1:30 a.m. (Mountain Time) and will complete several projects for your viewing pleasure. Drawings will be held at 10:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. (Mountain Time) for

two of his carvings.

Enjoy a trip through the streets of Logan with a surrey ride by John Allen, running 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Mountain Time). Also learn some of the crafts that you see for sale around the plaza by watching demonstrations given by artisans throughout the day.

A jump slide, battle beam and obstacle course will open at 10 a.m. (Mountain Time) and be available to entertain the children through 3 p.m. Games and races will be held at 9 a.m. This will include turtle races, a sand pile treasure hunt and an egg toss. Bring your own turtle and kids.

Be sure to head to the Kid's Tent from noon to 1 p.m. (Mountain Time) for face painting by the Logan KAYS and free helium balloons.

Take a stroll through the Museum gallery and view "Eat Well, Play Well." This highly interactive exhibit encourages healthy living by teaching the science of making healthy food choices and helping children and adults discover there are many fun and interesting ways to stay active.

Check out our honored "Artist of the Month" items for sale inside the museum or just sit a spell and enjoy

the comfort of air conditioning.

Live entertainment on two stages will be performing at various times during the day. "Stanton Nelson", a young talented musician from Long Island will be featuring his violin music, on the south stage at 9, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (Mountain Time). He will also be strolling the sidewalks and entertaining the crowd with his music during the afternoon. Multi-talented one-man-band "Mark Nebel" from Hays will be performing once again on the north stage at 10 a.m. and 12:15 (Mountain Time). This will be a chance to hear his special musical talents. Both stages promise to entertain with performances to please each and everyone attending the Arts & Crafts Fair.

Bob Jones, antiques appraiser from Jennings will be available in the Community Room of Hansen Plaza for a free verbal approximation of value for your antiques from 9 to 11 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m. (Mountain Time). Registration forms to schedule a time for the appraisal are available through Hansen Museum.

Don't forget to purchase or renew your museum membership to automatically get your name in the pot

for the \$500 purchase prize drawings held at 10:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. (Mountain). Stick around.... You must be present to win.

The highlight of the day will be the selection of 12 new winners (and two alternates) of the coveted "Artist of the Month" award. This year's crafters will be judged by John Thorns, Hays, for their uniqueness, quality of craft and display. Winners will be presented with ribbons and certificates prior to the public announcement and photos at 2:30 p.m. (Mountain Time).

Join us for our 39th Annual Hansen Arts and Crafts Fair, Saturday, Sept. 15, on Main Street, Logan. The Fair ends at 3 p.m. (Mountain Time) so come hungry, bring your wallet and wear your walking shoes. You'll leave with a smile.

For more information, crafter registration forms or antique appraisal forms, contact Shirley Henrickson at (785) 689-4846 or go to [www.hansenmuseum.org](http://www.hansenmuseum.org).

Museum hours are Monday through Friday 8 to 11 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m. (Mountain Time), Sat. 8 to 11 a.m. and noon to four, Sundays and holidays noon to 4 p.m. We are handicapped accessible and there is never an admission fee.

## Weather hard on turf grass

For the third year in a row, weather is pounding mid-U.S. lawns. Even pampered tall fescue and Kentucky bluegrass lawns are looking spotty or fading to a ripe wheat hue.

"How serious that is depends on how healthy your lawn is and how prepared your turf was for triple-digit heat with little to no rain," said Rodney St. John, turfgrass horticulturist for Kansas State Research and Extension.

Without regular watering, fescue and bluegrass lawns normally go dormant during August's hot, dry weather, St. John said. Healthy ones can easily survive a month without rain or irrigation.

But, this isn't a "normal" year. Today's stressed-looking lawns may be entering dormancy early. Or, they may be dead/dying.

"You can assess that by pulling up individual turf plants and checking the crown -- the area between the leaves and roots. If the crown's hard, not papery and dry, the plant's still alive," St. John said.

For the growing season, the rule of thumb is to ensure fescue and bluegrass get about an inch of water per week, he said. Doing less or more can damage roots.

Even so, the interval between drinks should be longer during the

cool weather of early spring and late fall, gradually shifting toward or away from summer's schedule. And, the time between irrigation applications should shrink to every three to four days during triple-digit heat.

"Adapting the schedule for this year's weather has been a challenge. Spring arrived, early and dry. Summer blasted in with a heat wave," St. John said. "At this point in the game, if your lawn is alive but brown, getting it to green up again will be almost impossible until cooler temperatures return."

Any green, however, can be a reason to keep watering, he added. Or, owners can decide to save water and let their lawn go totally dormant.

"Just don't encourage dormancy by cutting off the water 'cold turkey.' Extend the weekly interval several days at a time until you're on a two-week watering schedule," St. John said. "That will help keep the plant crowns alive until fall weather arrives."

The turf specialist is advising lawn owners to be prepared to do some reseeding or sodding this fall.

"No matter the management approach you take now," St. John said, "the forecast is for continued hot, dry weather."

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