

# Town wears red in support of Lady Bulldogs

The Brewster Bulldog ladies basketball team, which took second at the regional tournament in Goodland last week, were set to take on the Tribune Lady Jackrabbits in Russell Friday. It was the Substate playoff, so on Friday, all townspeople were encouraged to wear red in support of the girls.

Talking about support, we are proud that a Brewster girl has won the 2003 Thomas County Masonic Lodge essay contest with a paper on "What Price Freedom—for current national security, immigration policy and the role of the U.S.A. as world peacekeepers."

Anne Pinkelman of Brewster High School has been awarded a \$50 savings bond. Her essay will represent Thomas County at the



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state level, where she has the opportunity to win \$1,000 to \$2,000 in scholarship money.

The essay was assigned as part of her English 111 class, taught by Delores Depe. Anne is the daughter of Pastor Mike and Janet Pinkelman. Congratulations to Anne and best wishes for more consideration in these prizes.

On Feb. 28, Joseph Moore and his son Jonathan of Lakin were dinner

guests of Marion and Colleen Crumrine at Bubba's. Following the lunch, the Moore gents left for Lakin.

Later, on Saturday afternoon, Dick and Judith Dickson of Milikan, Colo., arrived for a short visit at the Crumrine home. They spent the night and left Sunday for their home.

They were able to get as far as Limon, Colo., before the weather forced them to stop overnight. The Crumrines were happy for the safe travels home of their weekend visitors.

The moisture was a very wel-

come visitor overnight on Sunday, and the snow was welcomed by most school kids in the area. I'm still looking for someone who welcomed the wind. It sure seems the wind is persistent this winter, and I'm hoping the month of March doesn't live up to its reputation.

We were surprised to hear that Ruth Jones was returned to the hospital Sunday morning, but the reports are that she is getting much better. Some of these bugs are hard to get out of our systems, so it takes a while to fight them.

I was happy to have Harriet and Thurl Demaree drop in for a short visit at the senior center last week. It seems like between Harriet recuperating from her surgeries and me trying to get straightened out with

my treatments and such, we haven't been seeing much of one another for awhile. But, just like sisters anywhere, we are always happy to have the time together we do get. And it's always great to spend time with Thurl too.

Speaking of time, does it seem like it's going too fast to you too? I can't believe it is already March, and in a few short weeks, we'll be switching our clocks up to Daylight Savings time.

It sure seems like a lot of building and such is going on in Goodland and Colby. There are a lot of new businesses, and there are a few old ones that have disappeared, but I guess that's what they call progress. I hope all of you have a great week, and we'll see you next time!



Daise and Long

## September wedding planned

Chealyn Daise, Goodland, and Daniel Long, Littleton, Colo., both Denver residents, plan to marry Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004, at St. John's Episcopal Cathedral in Denver.

The Revs. Canon Poulson C. Ree and Thomas Long will officiate.

Terry and Cara Daise, Goodland, are the bride-elect's parents. Thomas and Beth Long, Denver, and Sydney Long, Denver, are the prospective groom's.

Bill and Mary Daise, Goodland, are here grandparents, and Elizabeth Long, Denver, is his grandmother.

Miss Daise graduated from Goodland High School and from Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in biology. She will attend Regis University starting in January to get a Bachelor of Science in nursing. She works at AlloSource, a bone and tissue bank.

He graduated from Littleton High School and the University of Montana with a bachelor's degree in fine arts. He works for Snowleopard Mountain Sports.

## Department of Transportation plans summer cone zone

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Hill River on K-27 about eight miles south of Goodland.

Construction would begin next spring. The new bridge will be about 100 feet east of the existing one to handle traffic from a new roadway to be built in 2006.

"It will be about the same length as the present bridge," he said, "but it will be much wider.

"We will have to have tempo-

rary curves in the road at each end of the bridge until the major road work is expected to be done in mid-2006, and the plan is to straighten out the curve on the north end. This will mean moving the whole section of the highway to the east to match the bridge."

The replacement bridge on old U.S. 24 near Kanorado has been poured in the last week, and Oelschlager said it may be ready for traffic in a few weeks. He said it has to cure for a week or two, and

then the final work can be done.

There is no other projects in the immediate area, he said. The department hasn't decided how to resurface the section of I-70 between Goodland and the state line.

They don't want to rip out the concrete, so engineers are looking at new materials that may allow them to overlay the road rather than replace it.

Dale Luedke, construction engineer in Atwood, said there will be a chip-seal project on K-27 this sum-

mer, and expects it to begin in early June and probably take a week.

"The sealing project will start at the Sherman/Cheyenne County line and go north to Wheeler," Luedke said. "It will turn west to St. Francis and then turn north to the Kansas/Nebraska stateline.

"We don't have a specific start date, but hope to have this project completed before harvest season."

To the south, a project to replace the sharp curves at the Wallace-Greeley county line will resume in May.

The project includes replacement of a bridge over Ladder Creek and a new road which eliminates the two sharp corners that have been the scene of many accidents over the years.

This project, from the Greeley County line south to Tribune, will result in a wider highway when completed this summer.

## Lecture series brings Kennedy to Colby to speak about environment

The Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture series continues to bring familiar names to the Colby Community College campus, and the latest to join that list is from a family as well known as any in the country.

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., son of a former attorney general and Democratic Party presidential candidate, will speak on the environment and other issues as part of the lecture series at the college's Cultural Arts Center at 6 p.m. Mountain Time Thursday.

"Recently praised by *Successful Meetings* magazine as a man whose message supersedes his golden name, Kennedy has a reputation as a resolute defender of the environ-

ment," said Debbie Schwanke, public information officer at the college.

"He has successfully prosecuted governments and companies for polluting the Hudson River and Long Island Sound; winning settlements for the Hudson Riverkeeper; arguing cases to expand citizen access to the shoreline; and suing sewage treatment plants to force compliance with the Clean Water Act," she said.

Kennedy is also a social defender. During the summer of 2001 he sat in a Puerto Rican prison on trespassing charges as his youngest son, Aidan Caohman Vieques Kennedy, was born. Sentenced to

30 days for his civil disobedience, Kennedy was in Vieques protesting the U.S. Naval bombing exercise that takes place there every year.

Kennedy serves as chief prosecuting attorney for the Hudson Riverkeeper, senior attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council and President of the Waterkeeper Alliance.

He is also a clinical professor and supervising attorney at the Environmental Litigation Clinic at Pace University School of Law in New York. Earlier in his career, he served as assistant district attorney in New York City.

Kennedy is credited with leading the fight to protect New York City's

water supply. The New York City watershed agreement, which he negotiated on behalf of environmentalists and New York City watershed consumers, is regarded as an international model in stakeholder consensus negotiations and sustainable development.

His articles have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Atlantic Monthly*,

the *Wall Street Journal*, *Esquire*, *The Village Voice*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Washington Post*, *Pace Environmental Law Review* and other publications. There is no admission charge for the lecture. The Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture Series is funded annually by private donations. Call Tom Moorhous at (785) 462-3984, ext. 340.

## Funding Public Schools

### Legislators: Your School Work is Late...Again!

Children see things in very simple ways. Children are not known for their patience. Every moment spent in debate or conversation is another opportunity lost.

If Kansas kids are thinking about school finance, they're probably getting pretty impatient.

The education of young Kansans is not about being a Democrat or a Republican. It is not about the Governor's plan

or the Republican Leadership plan. It is all about the half a million students whose future depends on a quality public education today.

It is time to focus more on doing what needs to be done to solve the funding problem and less about who gets the credit.

For years the legislature has been playing games while the need for school funding grew to nearly a billion dollars. As a result, one of the best public school systems in the United States dangles by a thread as programs and positions are cut. Teacher salaries have sunk to 41st in the nation and affordable health care grows ever more elusive, making it difficult to attract and retain new teachers and administrators.

Third-grader Susan goes to school in a district that can no longer afford to fill vacancies. Larger class sizes, which offer Susan less attention, have become a reality. Susan and her parents don't care which political party advances a plan but they expect their legislators to make good decisions and to make those decisions

wisely. Susan, along with her parents and grandparents, feels an urgency that those decisions be made now!

Carlos lives in a Kansas town that depends on the high tech development and research industry. Business leaders are looking for high school graduates who understand today's technology and are prepared for the technology of tomorrow. But plans to upgrade the technology in Carlos' school have been scrapped in the latest round of budget cuts.

Where will those businesses turn for a highly skilled workforce? If they can't find it here, will they stay here in Kansas? If Carlos and his classmates must wait another two

or three years, will they be able to compete for the jobs of tomorrow? Carlos can't wait for a Supreme Court ruling. Carlos needs help now!

For Susan, Carlos and half a million other Kansans, the time to address school funding is now! Our kids are only 7, 10 or 16 years old once. They don't get "do overs."

It is time for an end to the reign of partisan politics. We cannot wait until after the elections or until another court rules. The economic health and security of our great state are at risk. The time for action is now because every day we wait is another opportunity lost.

Call your legislators. Encourage them to stop wasting time and opportunities. Tell them to fully fund our children's public schools!



Christy Levings, an elementary classroom teacher in Olathe, is the elected President of the 25,000 teaching, support, student and retired members of the Kansas National Education Association. kneanews@knea.org.

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