# <u>Star-news</u> <u>Star-news</u> <u>Star-news</u> <u>Star-news/Friday, September 9, 2005</u> <u>3a</u> <u>Soldierhas baby, then leaves for Iraq</u>

# Board set to fill seat

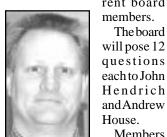
#### By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News Two candidates for seats on the Goodland School Board will be grilled Monday by current board

The board

Members

are looking



House

to fill the seat left by Danny Whalen, who resigned when he moved to Colorado.

Hendrich, area farmer, will be first up at 6 p.m. in the board room at the district administration office.

The 41-year-old Goodland native is a third-generation farmer, living and working about a mile and 1/2 north of town across from the airport.

Hendrich and his wife Kelly have four children, Nicole, 11; John, 10; Hiram, 8; and Wence, 6.

The kids are in Goodland schools, at West Elementary, Central and North.

Hendrich was raised in town and graduated from high school here in 1982.

He said the schools haven't changed too much since he went through, adding that he attended North, Grant Junior High and the high school.

Hendrich said didn't want to talk about his feelings on school board issues, saying he expected to tell the board how he feels at the interview on Monday.

"I'm probably going to get a lot of those questions," he said.

At 6:30 p.m., House will be interviewed by the board. The order was determined by a coin toss.

House ran for a school board seat in April, missing a seat by only 61 votes. He came in fourth in the race behind in-

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The Goodland Star-News A brand new baby and her father were separated last week as a Cheyenne Wells, Colo., man was deployed half way around the world to Iraq less than seven hours after his wife gave birth to a new baby girl.

At just 7 pounds, 10 ounces and 19 3/4 inches long, baby Ella has no idea who her daddy, Army Capt. Carl Friedrichs, is, much less that he won't be with her for the next year.

Friedrichs, son of Dennis and LeAnn Friedrichs of Goodland and Linda and Kelly Beek of Cheyenne Wells, was shipped off to Al Asad, Iraq, at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31. His wife Carly gave birth to Ella at 4:20 a.m. that day.

birth, said it was an emotional time Carl. when Carl had to leave.

"It was pretty tough on all of us," he said.



**Carl and daughter Ella Friedrichs** 

Dennis joked that he thinks Ella months in a tent, but the Army has Dennis, who was present for the had to come early to get a glance at dorms set up this time. Carl should

> "She wanted to see her daddy," he said.

Texas, Friedrichs is starting his second tour in Iraq in the past three years. He was sent over-

seas three years after Bailey, his 3year-old daughter, was born.

"It was not a very good experience the first time." Dennis said, adding Carl didn't talk much about his experiences. "I think it's gonna be better this time.'

He said Carl spent his first nine be out of harm's way, Dennis said,

but the area is volatile. "That's what he wants to do, so

## Now stationed at Fort Hood, we support him," Dennis. Work continues on Pioneer Park

#### edge for the next year. Dennis said this will be the second year of listening closely to the news and thinking about his son.

little more concerned about the action this time.

"I think he's gonna be in the middle of it," he said.

Still, the entire family will be on

It may be easier for Carl to keep in touch during this tour, since he arms and weapons. left with an Army-issued computer. Dennis said the family bought web cameras so they could talk live near the end of the last tour.

Friedrichs graduated from Cheyenne Wells High School in 1997. He went to college and earned a degree in criminal justice.

After school, Dennis said, his son enlisted in the Army. He went through basic training and then into Officer's Candidate School, where he was during the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The family hasn't heard from Friedrichs since day he left Fort Hood for Fort Campbell, Ky.

Dennis said his son would fly to Kuwait, where their crews were to While Carl's first tour was during unload their equipment. From ago, just a month heavy fighting, Dennis said he is a there, he said, the group would ride in a convoy north to Al Asad, just west and north of Baghdad.

Carl works in munitions with a support group for the 4th Infantry Division. That means he works with

Carly is involved in military support groups, Dennis said, so she has some help dealing with the new baby. Even so, he said, she wasn't happy to see Carl leave.

"They have good support groups down there," Dennis said.

The family lives off base near Fort Hood, where Carly is a fifthgrade teacher. She is originally from Cheyenne Wells, too.

So far, Dennis said, even with her daddy so far away, baby Ella has been good and is sleeping well.

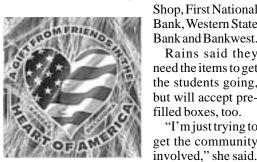
# **Schools help out** with Katrina relief

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for all ages, the boxes from the school will be geared towards children and teens.

For children's boxes they need toi- Marvin Selby. letries, toothpaste, toothbrushes, wet wipes (Purell), teddy bears and dolls, the box company, KWCH Channel puzzles, board games, children's books, coloring books, crayons, small children's toys, child's T-shirts, baby bottles, rattles, baby teething items,



Wichita by the first of October. Rains said she started the project after she saw a television news story

about sending the packages to help hurricane refugees who will be pouring into Wichita and Salina. "I just wanted to do something for

Rains said they

"I'm just trying to

Donations will be

the hurricane victims," she said.

From the show, she contacted Love and school Superintendent



other items needed. Rains said while the campaign is

cumbent Dick Short.

House is also a native of Goodland and an area farmer. In April, he said he was run-

ning to get involved in the community.

"I have kids in the school system," he said, "and a vested interest."

He could not be reached for comment on Wednesday.

House and his wife Gennifer, also a Goodland native, have two children, Elizabeth, 9, and Drew, 8, both in Goodland schools.

He went to school here, graduating in 1984. House earned a degree in geography in 1991 from Kansas State University.

Superintendent Marvin Selby told board members the candidate questioning and the vote for the seat must be held in open session.



Mike Bohme with Miller Construction helped the crew dig holes for plants at Pioneer Park last week. The park is starting to take shape as the contractor moves toward an October completion date. Photo by Kathryn Burke/The Goodland Star-

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