

business news

Troy Mannis, Goodland, a customer service technician for Aquila, was recognized for 15 years of service to the natural gas company. He began working for the company in 1990 as a natural gas service technician. He is now responsible for the operation and maintenance of the natural gas distribution system in Goodland and for customer service.

activities

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

"Nifty '50s Photograph Collection" is on display from **9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday** and from **9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday** at the High Plains Museum, 1717 Cherry Ave.

The **Carnegie Arts Center** is open from **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday** and from **1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday**. Oil artwork by Jean Miller of Tribune will be on display through Friday, Nov. 4.

The **Goodland Public Library** will have **story time** for 3-5-year-olds at **10 a.m. Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**. **Born to Read** for children birth to age 3, accompanied by an adult, will be at **10 a.m. Fridays**.

Prairie Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet at **6 p.m. the second Thursday** of each month at "The Rock House," 326 E. 6th in Goodland. Call Cora House at 899-2619, Joan Reid at 890-7301 or Carol Tupper at 890-5955.

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

Diabetes Support Group meets at **7 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.

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. Mondays** at North Elementary School. Weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

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, **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 **8-9 p.m. Tuesdays, open; 8-9 p.m. Thursdays, closed; and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Saturdays, open**, at the Elks Lodge. Call 890-8369.

Fibromyalgia and Chronic Myofascial Pain Support Group meets from **6:30-8:30 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.

The **Pride of the Prairie Orchestra** meets from **7:30-9 p.m. Central Time on Mondays** at the **Colby High School Band Room**. The all-volunteer orchestra does not require auditions and is open to a wide range of vocations and ages from northwest Kansas and northeast Colorado. The music ranges from classical to popular. Call Dr. David Younger at 899-3421 or e-mail Gail56@hotmail.com.

area events

"Barefoot in the Park," a romantic comedy by Neil Simon, will be presented at **7:30 p.m. Central Time Saturday** at The Gateway in **Oberlin**. Performed by the Southwest Nebraska Community Theatre Association, it follows newlyweds and personality opposites through their first months of marriage. The play takes place in a walk-up apartment in New York City, six floors

the calendar

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Heartland Rural Counseling Services is offering **free depression screenings** from **10 a.m.-2 p.m. today** at the Goodland office, 111 W. 12th. The screenings are offered for the 2005 National Depression Screening Day.

The **Goodland Arts Council Bridge Marathon** will begin **today** and continue through May. Bridge players of any level are encouraged to participate. Find a partner and sign up. Call Joan Reid at 890-7301.

SHARE sign up for the October distribution of food will be until **Monday** at the Sherman County Health Department, the Regional Prevention Center or the Kanorado Senior Center. Pick up will be **Saturday, Oct. 22**, for the October distribution.

The **Sherman County Community Partnership for Prevention and Education** will meet at **3:30 p.m. Tuesday** at Gambino's.

The **fall full system board meeting of the Northwest Kansas Library System** will be at **8:30 a.m. Wednesday** at the Goodland Public Library. The morning will begin with refreshments and registration. The program will include an update on public libraries' statistical reporting, "Must Haves and Best Bets" (and what not to read), authors to watch and "Chick Lit" and "Lad Lit."

"A Mediterranean Evening" will begin at **6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15**, at the Methodist Church fellowship hall. Hope Mihalap, humorist, will be the speaker; Kay Younger will provide music; and a spaghetti dinner and silent auction will be held to benefit the Goodland Arts Council. Advance tickets can be bought at the Carnegie Arts Center, Western State Bank or from any board

member.

An organizational meeting for a **breast cancer support group** will be held at **7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18**, in the small board room at the Goodland Regional Medical Center. Survivors, patients and other interested women are encouraged to attend. Call Cheryl Peck at 890-5528.

Jodi Tubbs of the **Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs** will be in Goodland from **1-2:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20**, 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 **Goodland Daughters of the American Revolution** chapter would like to encourage students to participate in the **American History Scholarship Contest** and the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award Contest. Go to www.dar.org and find "scholarships" or contact any Goodland member.

school calendar

Today: Gold day. Grandparents breakfast 7 a.m. at West Elementary. Varsity football 6:30 p.m. vs. Ulysses.

Saturday: Freshman volleyball 8 a.m. at Hays High School. junior varsity volleyball 8 a.m. at Hays High School. Varsity cross country 9 a.m. at Lakin.

Monday: Teacher training. Regional girls golf and tennis. Boys junior varsity football 5 p.m. at Ulysses. School board meeting 7 p.m.

Tuesday: Gold day. Girls varsity, junior varsity and freshman volleyball 3:30 p.m., Goodland Quad. West Elementary Site Council 4 p.m.

Wednesday: Black Day. Cen-

tral Elementary Site Council 4 p.m. Basketball and wrestling rules meeting 6:30 p.m. City/country recreation 7:30 p.m.

Thursday: Gold day. PSAT test for juniors 8 a.m. Freshman volleyball quad 3 p.m. at Hoxie. Freshman football 4:30 p.m. at Garden City.

Friday, Oct. 14: Black day. High Plains ElectroRally at Hays. Girls state tennis at Topeka. Wichita Children's Theater 1 p.m. at the elementary schools. Varsity football 5:30 p.m. vs. Clay Center.

Saturday, Oct. 15: Girls state tennis at Topeka. Varsity cross country 8 a.m., Northwest Kansas League at Hoxie. Science Olympiad coaches meeting 9 a.m. at Wichita. Varsity volleyball league tournament at Quinter.

school menu

Monday: No school. Teacher training. **Tuesday:** Open-faced pizza burger, lettuce salad, french fries, pears and milk. **Wednesday:** Chicken nuggets, tri-tator, corn, dinner roll, brownie and milk. **Thursday:** Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, dinner roll, apple crisp and milk. **Friday:** Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, deviled egg, 1/2 banana and milk.

senior center menu

Monday: Baked spaghetti, peas, mandarin oranges, garlic bread and pudding cup. **Tuesday:** Turkey dressing casserole, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, bread and rosy pears. **Wednesday:** Swedish meatballs, cauliflower, cucumbers and onions, noodles and Jell-o with apricots. **Thursday:** Ham and beans, cottage cheese, mixed melon, cornbread and crisp rice bar. **Friday:** Salmon patty with sauce, parslid potatoes, glazed carrots, bread and 1/2 banana.

Central Time on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at the Colby Area Chamber of Commerce Office, 350 S. Range, **Colby**. Contractor Tax will be in from **6 to 8 p.m. Central Time on Tuesday, Oct. 11**, at the Colby Chamber Office. Register by Friday, Oct. 7. There is a fee. Call 785-628-6786 or e-mail sbdc@fhsu.edu.

The **annual meeting of the Western Prairie Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Area, Inc.** has been scheduled for **6 p.m. Central Time Thursday, Oct. 13**, at The Aberdeen Steak House in **Atwood**. Entertainment will be provided by the Decatur Community High School Singers. Call the Western Prairie RC&D at 785-462-2602.

The **Wichita Children's Theatre** will perform a musical version of **"The Three Little Kittens"** at four area elementary schools and give a public performance at **7:30 p.m. Central Time Thursday, Oct. 13**, at the **Quinter High School** auditorium. Admission will be by Western Plains Arts Association season passes or can be paid at the door. They will perform at 9:30 a.m. Central Time Thursday, Oct. 13, at the Winona School and 1:30 p.m. at the Brewster School, and at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 14, at Atwood Elementary and at 1:30 p.m. for the Goodland elementary schools.

Charlotte Linsner, program director at Northwest Kansas Family Shelter, will be giving a **presentation on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault on Monday, Oct. 17**, as part of Domestic Violence Awareness month in October. The presentation will begin at **1:25 p.m. Central Time** in the Bedker Memorial Complex, room no. 711 at **Colby Community College**. For more information, call Ginger Rupp at 785-462-3984, ext. 279, or Mike Thompson at ext. 336.

A **book signing** will be held **Saturday, Oct. 29**, at the Fick Fossil and History Museum in **Oakley**.

Two authors, Tom Betz and Mike Everhart, will be signing their books. Betz, editor of *The Goodland Star-News*, will give a talk on his book, **"The Fleagle Gang, Betrayed by a Fingerprint,"** at **3 p.m. Central Time**. He follows Mike Everhart, author of **"Oceans of Kansas, a Natural History of the Western Interior Sea,"** at **2 p.m.** Both authors will be available to sign books. To reserve a copy of either book, call the museum at 785-672-4839.

Colby singles dances will be from 8 p.m. until midnight **Fridays, Dec. 2** and Jan. 6, at the City Limits Convention Center. Couples are also welcome. There is a charge, which includes line dance lessons, which start at 7 p.m. Call Darline Freytag at 785-890-3243.

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

health department

The Sherman County Health Department at 1622 Broadway is open from 8 a.m.- noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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

hospital volunteers

Gift shop hours are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.; a.m. and p.m. volunteers are in the gift shop.

Monday: Fern Heckman, a.m., and Mazie Sutton, courtesy. **Tuesday:** Faye Paxton, a.m. **Wednesday:** Leora Jones, a.m.; Beulah McClung, p.m.; and Mazie Sutton, courtesy. **Thursday:** Jessie Owens, a.m., and Faye Paxton, lobby. **Friday:** Ruth Morton, courtesy.

Colby accident kills former grocer

Two people were killed in Colby on Saturday night when the motorcycle they were riding and a Ford Excursion collided in front of the bowling alley on Range Ave.

Roger Lynn Blau, 55, driving the motorcycle, and his passenger, Roberta F. Casey, 58, both of Colby, were pronounced dead at Citizens Medical Center.

The driver of the 2003 Ford Excursion, Dawnelle L. Umberger, 33, of Levant, and her 7-year-old passenger, Kaity R. Meador, were not injured.

State troopers said the accident happened when the driver of the Excursion made a left turn into the Colby Bowl and Fun Center about 8:30 p.m. in front of the 2003 Yamaha motorcycle, which was headed north. The motorcycle struck the left front corner of the vehicle, killing both riders, the Kansas Highway Patrol reported.

Troopers said they weren't certain whether Blau was wearing a helmet, but did say his passenger, Casey, was not. Umberger and her passenger in the Excursion both were wearing seat belts.

Mr. Blau was born Sept. 9, 1950, at Colby. He had worked at Boogarts in Goodland and was area manager for the grocery chain before taking a job with Hi-Plains Cop in Colby.

Survivors include a son, David K. Blau, Oberlin; a daughter, Sheree MacNaughton, Wellington, Colo.; four brothers, Doug Blau, Cedar Crest, N.M.; Brent Blau, Springfield, Neb.; Mike Blau, Garden City; and Greg Blau, Edwardsville; and five grandchildren.

Roberta "Bert" Casey was born May 21, 1947, in Sheridan County. She was a surgery technician for the medical center in Colby.

Her survivors include a son, Jon Casey, Gardner; a daughter, Julie Miller, Damar; three brothers, Victor Bielser, Hoxie; Roy Bielser, Colby; and David Bielser, Schoonschen; two sisters, Ruth Ann Graefe, Moline; and Lois Ryan, Kearney, Neb.; and six grandchildren.

Memorial services for the couple will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Colby United Methodist Church. Pastor Brad Herndon will officiate. Private graveside services will take place prior to the memorial service at the Brewster Cemetery at Brewster.

Memorials for Mr. Blau will be designated at a later date. Those for Ms. Casey will go to Pioneer Memorial Library in Colby. Contributions may be left at any Colby bank or Kersenbrok Funeral Chapel, 745 S. Country Club Drive, Colby, Kan., 67701.

University of Kansas honors area teachers

Three area teachers are among 1,058 Kansas teachers honored by the University of Kansas School of Education in its annual program to for educators who have 25 years or more of teaching service.

The 2005 honorees represent 174 of the 319 school districts and 90 of the 105 Kansas counties.

Gregory Craig, a physical education teacher at Grant Junior High, and Carol Johnson, a 9-12th grade language arts teacher, and Eva Siebert, a fifth and sixth grade language arts teacher, in the Wallace County School District, are among

the teachers honored. Each has 25 years teaching.

"As an educator for nearly thirty years and father of three children, I know how teachers touch the lives of our youth," said Rick Ginsberg, dean of the KU School of Education. "These teachers have had a significant impact on children across Kansas, and we all should respect the dedication and work of these professionals."

Of the teachers recognized, 98 have taught 30 to 35 years and 23 have taught 36 years or more. Four have taught 40 years or more.

'What's the Matter with Kansas?' author to give lecture in Colby

The Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture Series will present Thomas Frank, author of "What's the Matter with Kansas?" on Tuesday in the Cultural Arts Center on the Colby Community College campus.

The free lecture, "How the conservatives won the Heart of America," will begin at 6 p.m. Mountain Time.

In a book called "brilliant" by the *Boston Globe*, Frank set out to find answers to the questions: Why do so many Americans vote against their own economic interests? Why aren't Americans demanding corporate accountability? Why aren't Americans angrier about job outsourcing and layoffs than about a public display of the Ten Commandments? How did corporate executives convince Americans that they speak for the little guy? Why would small farmers cast votes in favor of an economic system that will eventually push them off their land?

Frank's search for the answers to these questions brought him to the very heart of America, the state in which he grew up, Kansas.

He traveled across the state of Kansas talking with politicians,

wealthy Kansans and ordinary citizens. He talked with veterans, Kansans for Life and a Kansan who thought he was the true Pope.

He researched the history of William Quantrill and John Brown, of Boeing and Raytheon, of Rep. Todd Tiahart and Sen. Sam Brownback, and even blew the dust off of a forgotten 1896 essay called, "What's the Matter with Kansas?" by William Allen White.

After contemplating his travels throughout the state, Frank wrote "What's the Matter with Kansas?" an analysis not only of Kansas' conservative-liberal gap but of the bitter divide between moderate and conservative Republicans.

The New York Times called "What's the Matter with Kansas?" "the best political book of the year," as it continues to grace the paper's best-seller list week after week.

The lecture series has donated copies of the book to college and public libraries. The Campus Bookstore, in the Student Union, has copies for sale. There will be a short book-signing after the lecture.

For information, call Cathy Gordon at 785-462-3984.

OPEN HOUSE RETIREMENT RECEPTION

The public is invited to attend an open house reception honoring Shelby Miller for her 25 years of service to Sherman County as County Treasurer.

The reception will be held in the lobby of the County Courthouse from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 7, 2005.

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