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Anna Beth Biel was born Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Melanie and Chris Biel of Goodland are her parents.

Grandparents are Keith and Evelyn Baker of Goodland and Stan and Sherry Biel of Marienthal. Great-grandparents are Susie Baker of Ordway, Colo., and Albert Jr. and Johanna Biel of Leoti.

activities

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

The **High Plains Museum**, 1717 Cherry Ave., is open from **9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.** A temporary exhibit on Goodland Dentist Dr. Harry M. Steever is on display. It features an 1870 foot-treadle-driven dental engine.

The **Carnegie Arts Center** is open from **10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday** at 120 W. 12th. Joan Smith of Tribune will display oil and acrylic paintings, silversmithing works, pencil drawings and pottery through Thursday, Nov. 30.

The **Goodland Public Library** holding **story hour** for 4 and 5-year-olds at **10 a.m. Wednesdays** and 3 and 4-year-olds **Thursdays, both from 10 to 11 a.m. Born to Read** for children birth to age 3, accompanied by an adult, will be **10 to 10:30 a.m. Fridays.** Marcy Melia, children's librarian, is in charge of story hour and can be reached at 899-5461.

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

Goodland Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) will meet from **6 to 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month** at the First Christian Church, Eighth and Arcade.

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.

Breast Cancer Support Group meets at **5 p.m. (instead of 5:30) the first Monday** of the month in the dome at Howard Johnson's. Any woman with cancer is welcome. Call Cheryl at 890-5528.

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. Tuesdays** 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

the calendar

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The Goodland Elks Lodge is planning a **Blue Star Banner ceremony.** Anyone with a spouse, son, grandson, daughter or granddaughter in active military duty should **call the Elks at 890-6251** or stop by at 1523 Arcade for information on honoring them.

E-mail Tips and Tricks will be from **1:30-2:30 p.m. and from 4 to 5 p.m. today** in the Northwest Kansas Technical College Library. JoAnn Wahrman will explain how to add contacts, send attachments, make file folders, block junk mail, reply to sender only, forward, arrange screen design and instant message. Call 890-7631.

The **Stroke and Aphasia Support Group** will meet at **3 p.m. today** at the Goodland Regional Medical Center's small board room. Stroke survivors and those with aphasia are welcome. Call Lisa Paxton, speech pathologist, at 890-3625, ext. 6313.

The **American Red Cross blood drive** will be from **noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday** and from **8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday** at the Northwest Kansas Technical College Student Union. Call 1-800-GIVELIFE to schedule an appointment. Walk-in donors welcome.

Jodi 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. Tubbs will be in Goodland on the first and third Thursday of each month.

The Goodland Kiwanis Club plans its annual **turkey hoop shoot from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday** at the Goodland Activities Center. All area students in grades three through six are eligible; they need to bring a parent or other adult relative or friend. They will all receive Dairy Queen treat coupons and have a chance to win a turkey.

The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center will help the Goodland School District with **early childhood screening Thursday and Friday** at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Call Biff Young at 890-6558 for an appointment. Children will be screened for their communication development, health, cognitive development, social and emotional development and adaptive development.

The **Nu Phi Mu 12th Annual Arts, Crafts and Home-based Business Fair** will be from **9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday** at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The **Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade** will begin at **2 p.m. Saturday** at 17th and Main and go up to Eighth St. Santa will be in the parade and will see kids after. Call the Chamber office at 899-7130.

Prairie Land Food (formerly SHARE) sign up for the December distribution of food will be

until Monday, Dec. 4, at the Sherman County Health Department. **Pick up** will be from **10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday** at the Goodland Elks Lodge for the November distribution.

Line-dancing classes will be held from **6 to 7 p.m. Mondays** at Grant Junior High. No charge; everyone is welcome.

school menu

Wednesday: Turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, strawberry Jell-o, whole wheat dinner roll and milk. **Thursday:** Cooks' choice. **Friday:** Toasted cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, fruit, cake and milk.

school calendar

Today: Black day.

Wednesday: Gold day. Northwest Kansas League Meeting at Colby. Basketball and wrestling winter coaches meeting 7 p.m. at Colby. City/county recreation 7:30 p.m.

Thursday: Black day.

Friday: Gold day. Nu Phi Mu Arts and Crafts Fair.

Saturday: Nu Phi Mu Arts and Crafts Fair in the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

senior center menu

Wednesday: Chili with beans, five-cup salad, crackers and cinnamon roll. **Thursday:** Ham slice with pineapple ring, parslid potatoes, peaches, bread and cake with frosting. **Friday:** Beef and noodles, mixed vegetables, half orange, bread and cook's choice complement.

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.

Wednesday: WIC in Colby. Scheduled appointments. **Thursday:** WIC in Colby. Scheduled appointments. **Friday:** Walk-in flu clinic 9 a.m.

Medicare Plan D annual enrollment is from Wednesday, Nov. 15, through Sunday, Dec. 31. Senior citizens can change plans during this time.

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.

hospital volunteers

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

Wednesday: Shirley Hayden, a.m.; Jan Lambertz, p.m.; and Mazie Sutton, courtesy. **Thursday:** Jessie Owens, a.m.; Shelby Miller, p.m.; and Emma Van Vleet, courtesy. **Friday:** Fern Hawks, a.m., and Sutton, courtesy.



Jim and Eileen Krayca 50 years ago.



The Kraycas today.

Pair together 50 years

Jim and Eileen Krayca will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006, with a reception from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Goodland Elks Lodge.

Hosts for the celebration will be their children, Danny and Diane Krayca and Debbie and Steve Simon, all of Goodland, Tricia Bunney of Eaton, Colo., and Pam and Kevin Hook of Syracuse.

The Kraycas were married on Nov. 18, 1956, at the Church of the Nazarene in Burlington. She was a cook at Grant Junior High for 35

years before retiring. She enjoys helping in the kitchen and working at concession stands during games when needed.

After their marriage, he worked at the OK Packing Co. in Goodland for 12 years until the plant closed in 1969. He has worked for McClure Plumbing for 37 years.

The couple have seven grandchildren: Kristopher and Jason Krayca, Shane and Shandel Simon, Tilisha Bunney and Paige and Payden Hook.

Family and friends are invited to the reception. No gifts.

Library celebrating children's book week

Goodland Public Library staff will be reading to preschoolers, giving books to child care providers and holding contests this week to mark National Children's Book Week.

The library will give a copy of the book "Bunny Cakes," by Rosemary Wells, to all day-care providers to read to their preschoolers. Librarians will read and give a copy to the Head Start classes and the Story Hour children.

The book was chosen for the "Kansas Reads...to Preschoolers," a project of the Kansas State Library, with the goal of reading to

every Kansas child up to age 5, all 226,453 of them.

The book is about two bunnies who decide to bake cakes for their grandmother's birthday. The author is recognized as a literacy advocate.

The state library targets babies, toddlers and preschoolers with the program because early childhood educators say reading to them affects their short and long-term reading capacity. Children develop language skills before they are able to speak and develop literacy skills before they are able to read, experts say.

New Orleans pianist plans concert in Oberlin on Saturday

Ronnie Kole, a pianist and entertainer from New Orleans, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at The Gateway in Oberlin.

Kole, a protégé of Al Hirt, began his professional career on television, gaining exposure on the "Johnny Carson Show." He followed Hirt to New Orleans and eventually opened his own club, Kole's Corner. He has since closed the club and devotes his time mostly to concerts here and abroad.

He has played for six presidents and Pope John Paul II and performed in cities all over the world, spending much time in Europe and Asia. He is admired by many top stars in the business, from Harry Connick Jr. to Allen Toussaint. Today, much of his time is spent as a river boat cruise ship entertainer on the Mississippi and Ohio rivers.

Kole has recorded numerous albums, including some at appearances around the world. His popular album, "Live, Music of the

Vines," written about the vineyards in France, resulted in the French government giving him its highest award for an artist.

Kole was born in Chicago. Afflicted with heart trouble as a child, he landed at the Spaulding School for the Handicapped. He said encouragement he got from celebrities who visited prompted him to get into charitable and civic organizations. He says he sits on more boards in Louisiana "than there are ivory keys on the piano."

The Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission is sponsoring his performance for the second time. Admission at the door will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. For information, call Ella Betts, (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel, 475-3329.

Turkey supper feeds 245; garage sales busy

There was a great turnout at the annual turkey supper with 245 plates being served. The United Methodist Church congregation would like to thank all who supported their mission project.

The city of Brewster was really busy on Saturday with the garage sales going on and the Craft Peddler having their annual open house. Also, there was lunch being served at the Lutheran Church. I hope the hunters did as well as the town. I haven't heard if the pheasant hunting was good or not.

Elon Miller of Colby fell and injured her arm Nov. 1, was in the Hays hospital, but I understand she has been moved to the Colby hospital.

I hope everyone got out and voted last Tuesday. This great country of



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ours needs to get ourselves back on track as to what is important to these United States. I'll get off the soap box now, just had to put my two cents in.

I haven't heard any new news at all this week, so I'm sorry the column is short.

Dear child, Of what are you proudest in your life? What pursuits bring you the most joy? What things really define who you are?

Whatever these things are (your family, your career, your friendships, even your service to me), offer up thanks for them, for they are a gift. And then, gratefully, move them into second place.

Every good thing in your life must come second to the best thing in you life. First place must be reserved for knowing me. What you once considered profit, now consider loss compared to the joy of knowing me. Whatever was valuable, now consider it trash compared to the joy of walking with me. I am speaking here of priorities.

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