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Josiah David Busch was born Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 19 1/4 inches long.

He is the son of Charlie and Sarah Busch of Brewster. Grandparents are Don and Linda Busch of Omaha and Loren and Peggy Berger of North Platte, Neb. He was welcomed home by sister Charissa Busch.

business news

Rachel Hixson has been promoted to design editor/copy chief at The Hutchinson News. Hixson is a former editor of *The Goodland Star-News*.

student news

Andrea Grieve, a 2006 Goodland High School graduate, received a Lila Marie (Mosier) Fansher Memorial Scholarship for \$470, an Education Scholarship for \$100 and a Drama and Theater Scholarship for books and tuition to attend Garden City Community College.

The daughter of Kenneth and Connie Grieve of Goodland, she is majoring in elementary education.

Tanner J. Kinen, a 2005 St. Francis Community High School graduate, renewed for this year the \$1,000 Ambassador Scholarship he was awarded last year at Garden City Community College. An agriculture business major, he is the son of Pete and Alice Kinen of St. Francis.

Jill Susanne Sowers, daughter of Rue and Marilyn Sowers of Goodland, was awarded a Pharmacy Student Scholarship from the University of Kansas Endowment. She is 2001 Goodland High School graduate.

Margaret Antoinette Belshe and **Katrina Jean Duraso**, both of Goodland, and **Dylan John Stewart** of Kanorado graduated Saturday, Dec. 9, from Kansas State University. Belshe earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in agriculture, Duraso a Bachelor of Science in business administration and Stewart a Bachelor of Science in computer science.

Peggy Blake and **Sondra Smith**, both of Goodland, **Mandi Bellamy** of Sharon Springs and **Kelsey Andrist** of St. Francis, all seniors at Fort Hays State University, have been featured as national outstanding campus leaders in the 2007 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

birthday

Lucille Price will celebrate her 85th birthday Jan. 15, 2007. Her family is holding a reception from 1 to 3 p.m. Mountain Time Saturday, Dec. 30, 2006, at the United Methodist Church, 512 S. Scott, St. Francis. No gifts.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

It's looking a little bit like Christmas. We sure need the moisture in any form it comes down. A white Christmas is nice, though. I just hope everyone that is traveling this weekend has a safe drive, just take your time and drive safely.

Wilma Horney stopped in the center Monday to say Ruth and Duane Jones are still in the hospital and in rehab. The center's phone just rang, and it was Ruth herself. She said they were doing pretty good. She might be able to go to their daughter's house before the weekend to tell everyone "hi," and Merry Christmas.

We received word that Leo Johnson of Keenesburg, Colo., died on Friday, Dec. 15. His burial will be at Fort Logan, Colo. He was one of the sons of the late Minnie Johnson that I am sure many around remember.

Seems a lot of folks have had the flu around town. Lots of students out of school, and our count at the center has dropped the past week. I hope before Christmas everyone is well enough to enjoy the season of our Lord.

I'm not going anywhere this

the calendar

calendar

The Sherman Theatre's final free matinee of the season will be "Robots" at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The Goodland Public Library is offering the Food for Fines Program in December. Anyone with an outstanding fine can bring in a food item for Genesis in exchange for the fine. Food items needed include Jell-o, pudding, cake mixes, cereal, pancake mix, peanut butter and canned goods. The library is asking everyone to return their overdue books and bring in food.

The library will be closed Monday and Tuesday for Christmas,

and on Monday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day. The library will be open regular hours the rest of December.

Prairie Land Food (formerly SHARE) sign up for the January distribution of food will be until Monday, Jan. 15, at the Sherman County Health Department. Pick up will be from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Goodland Elks Lodge for the January distribution.

school menu

Monday through Friday: No school. Christmas break.

school calendar

Today: Gold day.

Saturday: Kansas High School Athletic Association Holiday non practice dates, Dec. 23-27. Christmas break.

Monday-Friday: No school. Christmas break.

senior center menu

Monday and Tuesday: Closed for Christmas. Wednesday: Baked fish, broccoli casserole with rice, seasoned carrots, bread and applesauce. Thursday: Chicken leg quarters, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, bread and peaches. Friday: Chili with beans, Jell-o with mandarin oranges and pineapple, crackers and cinnamon rolls.

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 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 p.m. Tuesdays and 7 p.m. Saturdays at the Goodland Elks Lodge. Call 890-8369.

Fibromyalgia and Chronic Myofascial Pain Support Group meets from 6:30 to 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.

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.

Monday: Office closed for Christmas. Tuesday: WIC in Oberlin. Scheduled appointments. Wednesday: Blood pressures 10 a.m. at the Goodland Senior Center.

Thursday: WIC in Colby. Scheduled appointments. Friday: Scheduled appointments.

The health department has flu vaccine.

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

Assistance given for Medicare Plan D, Benefits for Seniors and application for Patients Assistance Drug Program. Blood pressures; infants', children's and adult's immunizations; health assessments for Kan Be Healthy, daycare and school entry; fasting blood sugar and hemoglobin; family planning; and toenail clipping available by appointment. Sharps containers are available free. Call 890-4888.

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.

Monday: Christmas. Tuesday: Jan Lambertz, a.m., and Emma VanVleet, courtesy. Wednesday: Shirley Hayden, a.m., and Mazie Sutton, courtesy. Thursday: Faye Paxton, a.m., and VanVleet, courtesy. Friday: Sutton, courtesy.

reunion

The USS Springfield Bluejackets Inc. CL66/CLG7/SSN761 will be holding its 16th reunion on Thursday-Sunday, April 26-29, at the Omni Hotel, Newport News, Va. Contact John W. Adams, 71 Brookview Rd, Windham, N.H. 03087-1780, phone (603) 598-2806 or e-mail johnmrwillie@aol.com.

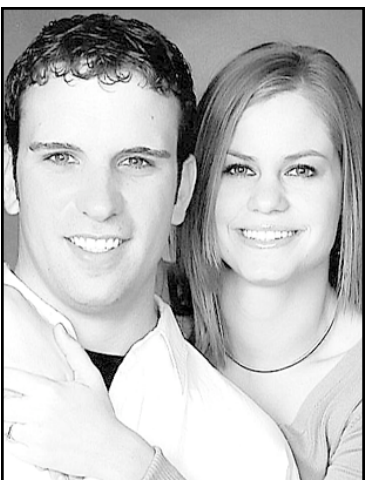
Couple to marry in April

Jill Sowers of Goodland and Tim Neitzel of St. Francis plan to marry Saturday, April 28, 2007, at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic church in Goodland.

She is the daughter of Rue and Marilyn Sowers of Goodland and the granddaughter of Pat Nelson and the late Robert Nelson of Colby and Lon Sowers and the late Marie Sowers of Gem.

He is the son of Karen Neitzel and the late William Neitzel of St. Francis. He is the grandson of Glen Neitzel and the late Alice Neitzel of St. Francis and the late Grace and Frank Krause of Goodland.

The bride-elect is a 2001 Goodland High School graduate and is a



Neitzel and Sowers

student at the University of Kansas. She is planning to graduate in May with a Doctorate of Pharmacy Degree.

The prospective groom is a 2001 St. Francis High School graduate. He graduated in 2005 from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in agriculture and is a manager for Hormel Foods in Fremont, Neb.

Gingerbread house wins



A gingerbread house with "Spanish tiles" made of bubble gum by Ana McClung took first place in People's Choice Awards among adult entries in the Carnegie Arts Center's first Gingerbread House Contest. Other entries in the adult category came from Laura Norris, Sarah Johnson, Jenn VanNostrand and Pat Allaman. In family entries, the Deeds family's winter scene with a gingerbread house and train took first, and the gingerbread house with a snowman, candy canes and a big tree by Deedi Hoss-Dorn and Hagan Hoss was second. In children's entries, Briana Salinas was first, Rebecca Lockhart was second and her big sister Brooke third. Visitors voted by putting money in the box next to their favorite houses; the contest raised about \$100 for the center.

Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

Smart Start donates \$250 to Born to Read program

Smart Start Northwest Kansas donated \$250 to help the Goodland Public Library enhance its Born to Read program.

Karen Merryman, Smart Start professional development coordinator, presented a check to Marcy Melia, children's librarian, and Karen Gillihan, library director.

The donation will pay for materials geared to children to age 3. The library currently has an early literacy program, but Melia said she has ideas for using the money to enhance the program.

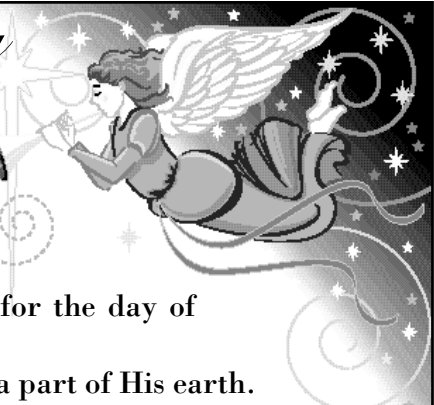
For one, she said, she hopes to get

more books that are appropriate for little ones. Also, she said, the library could use musical instruments for the kids to incorporate into story time and puppets.

The kids can play with puppets that go along with the books, Melia said, for example, some stories have a moose or a monkey as a main character, so kids could use animal puppets to go with them.

Smart Start, financed by the Kansas Children's Cabinet, supports early childhood education in the eleven counties of northwest Kansas.

In Memory Mac Anderson



As we patiently wait for the day of Christ's birth
You lie there quietly, a part of His earth.

Ashes to ashes, dust to dust,
In God's great mercy must we all trust.

Our life's example, the source of our pride
We hope to someday be again at your side

When we reach our goal, our just reward
And live together forever, with our Father and Lord.

Our prayers for you, Dad, are the gifts that we give
You gave of yourself, so that we all might live.

Your great sense of humor, your simple life style
Your Christian example, your wonderful smile.

We'll miss you Dad, on this Christmas Day
You will never be forgotten, though you have gone away.

Remembering Mac Anderson on this,
our first Christmas without him.
We who loved him are missing him terribly.
Your wife, sons, grandchildren and daughters-in-law



betty jo baird

• brewster news

How nice have you been today? How much stuff have you "gifted" away? Have you been patient and understanding to someone

Who have you helped today? Have you done all that you promised to do even after realizing you promised more than you were able to give? Have you taken a few moments to just sit down and collect yourself? Have you done one thing you feel really good about? How much peace have you known today? How many hugs have you given away? Have you told anyone "I love you"? Have you done any of these things for you?

Christmas, just spending a quiet one at home with my son Mike and granddaughter Autumn. Of course, with a 4-year-old around at Christmas, I'm sure she'll make things exciting.

Sorry this is short this week, but there just isn't any news — people are sick or busy with getting everything ready for Christmas. Hope you all have a very Merry Christmas, and pray for those in need and for our troops around the world.

Self-love, kindness...

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MERRY CHRISTMAS This week only!! All Christmas merchandise is 50% off! We will be closed Sunday, Dec. 24th. Happy Holidays! MANN'S JEWELRY & GIFTS The distinctive difference 1005 Main St ~ Goodland Kans. ~ (785) 899-6100

SEASON'S GREETINGS China Gardens will be closed Monday, December 25 through Monday, January 1. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2007.