




### Weather Corner



Snow and blowing snow advisory in effect until 10 p.m. CST this evening...

**Tonight...**Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of light snow in the evening. Lows around 9. Northwest winds 15 to 20 mph with gusts to around 35 mph decreasing to around 10 mph after midnight.

**Thursday...**Mostly sunny. Highs around 30. West winds 10 to 15 mph. Thursday night... Mostly cloudy. Lows around 13. West winds 10 to 20 mph.

**Friday...**Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of light snow. Highs around 30. Northwest winds 15 to 20 mph. Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 9.

**Saturday** and **Saturday night...**Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 30s. Lows around 12.

**Sunday...**Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 30s.

**Martin Luther King Jr Day...**Mostly cloudy. Colder. A 20 percent chance of light snow. Lows around 13. Highs in the mid 20s. Monday night... Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows around 7.

**Tuesday...**Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 20s. Tuesday's low, high: 21, 57. Monday's low, high: 21, 45.

# Goodland loses longtime teacher, coach

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His teaching and coaching influenced many lives, including those of his five children, but his family says they were what was most important to him.

His children say he sacrificed everything for them, and one even said she felt they were his hobby.

Dennis Garth Stone, 61, teacher and coach for the past 28 years at Goodland High School, died Wednesday evening, Jan. 9, 2008, after apparently suffering a heart attack in the weight room at the school. He taught business, accounting and "financial literacy," which his sons say was his favorite class. He also started teaching psychology this year.

"Mr. Stone was great teacher, coach, father and husband," said Joseph Sramek, wrestling and football coach at Goodland High. "He meant a lot to everyone on the team and will always be remembered."

A funeral Mass was planned for 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 14, 2008, at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland.

After his death, Stone's family said they experienced an outpouring of sympathy from friends, neighbors and former students. His children said he influenced their lives by example and the lessons he taught. Those lessons, they said, he allowed them to learn but did not force on them.

Sports has played a large role in the Stone family's lives, but coaching did not define Mr. Stone, his sons say.

He would sacrifice a win to teach his children to play by the rules, they said, and he would urge them

not to do something just because he wanted it, but to be involved in the activities they wanted to.

Mr. Stone didn't need awards to show his success, his children say, but relished other people's successes that he had a hand in. He loved to read and to teach and coach, his family said. He could make others laugh and was quick to laugh himself.

His wife Karen, a kindergarten teacher at North Elementary School, recalled that the family came to Goodland because her husband wanted to raise his children in a small town, but they thought they would only be here a few years.

His father wanted them to move back to Kansas City, she said, because he wouldn't see his grandchildren much. But instead, the family made two trips a year to the city to see his parents, at Christmas and during the summer, after harvest was over.

Friends he went to college with had told him about growing up in small towns, Karen said, and he thought it sounded neat. They told him if your kids do anything in a small town, someone will tell you, and while his kids sometimes saw that as a minus, he saw it as a plus.

His children are Tige (pronounce tie followed by a hard "g"), 32, a teacher in Derby; Seth, 28, a bar manager in Manhattan; Luke, 25, a physical education teacher and coach in Indianapolis; Jayci, 23, a college student in Manhattan; and Halli, 18, a senior at Goodland High.

"Three of us are college graduates," the boys said, adding that Jayci will be if it's the last thing she does. She has enough credits to graduate, they said, and will



Coach Stone (above) with sons Luke, Seth and daughter Jayci.

probably get a general studies degree. Her goal, she said, is to coach college basketball, and as soon as she gets her bachelor's degree, she will begin working on a master's.

All the kids had an interest in sports from an early age, the Stones said, and they played in every room of their house, as well as the yard, Gulick Park, Steever Park, in Little League and on the swim team and at school.

But their dad didn't push his kids into sports, they say, but rather supported them in doing what they wanted.

"When I was going to play football," Jayci recalled (she played quarterback as a freshman), "everyone said, 'No.' I had no support in the school system. They (indicating her mother and siblings) wanted me to play volleyball.

"People asked him how he could let me risk getting hurt like that. He realized you couldn't protect yourself from everything."

The family supported her while she played football in junior high, Tige said, but thought she should play volleyball her freshman year of high school.

Jayci said while her dad coached her in track, she was the one who would insist that he teach her one new thing after another and kept him at practice until he was begging to go home.

"I decided one year I wasn't going to do track because I had done it before," Halli said, "and then he was coaching, and I was going to go out, but he told me not to. He didn't want me to do that just because he was coaching."

He would let you be you, Karen said, and nothing else mattered.

But he did teach his family many lessons.

In Little League, Karen said, he felt that playing was the treat, and he wouldn't let the kids go to Dairy Queen after the games. He believed so strongly in that, she said, that when the kids played sports in college, the family went to some of their games but not all.

"They needed to play because they wanted to," she said, "not because we were watching."

Luke said as he was flying home after he got the news about his dad, he was thinking of an experi-

ence from Little League.

"I had asked Dad, 'Can I punt?'" he said, "and Dad said, 'Not in this league.' Tige was in high school and an umpire, and I asked him, and he said I could.

"Dad pitched me the ball, and I bunted, and Tige was allowing it, but Dad was in the city/county recreation — he knew the rules. He was so mad, and I was out. He sacrificed the win to teach me that we follow the rules."

Mr. Stone loved to watch sports on television and in person, and when he went to games, he always had to be early, the kids said, really early.

The joke was that Dad wanted to get to the game while they're still blowing up the balls, Seth said.

"We didn't get back to Goodland a lot," he said, "but we were always running into each other at games. I keep thinking the next time we run into each other at a game, it's gonna be a big one, and he just got there early."

## Governor to deliver Democratic response

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, considered one of the Democratic Party's rising stars, has been chosen to deliver the Democratic response to President Bush's annual State of the Union Address on Jan. 28.

The nationally televised speech offers Sebelius the widest audience she has ever reached and gives her party a chance to showcase a Democrat who has figured out how to win in a traditionally Republican state.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., praised Sebelius in a joint statement as "a forward-thinking, solutions-oriented Democratic leader."

"Her record of accomplishment in Kansas is evidence of what can be achieved when leaders reach across the aisle on behalf of all Americans," the statement from Reid and Pelosi said.

In her second term, Sebelius has generated national buzz by winning back-to-back elections and drawing support from moderate Republicans. She has been mentioned in national publications as a possible vice presidential nominee or pick for a Cabinet post in a future Democratic administration.

She is also widely believed to have her eye on running for the U.S. Senate in 2010, when incumbent Republican Sen. Sam Brownback's latest term is up. Brownback has said he will abide by a term-limits pledge and not seek another term.

In a statement, Sebelius said Americans "expect their leaders to resolve their differences and put partisanship on the back burner."

"They demand leadership focused squarely on solving our problems, making the most of our opportunities and moving America forward," Sebelius said. "That is exactly the kind of leadership we've demonstrated in Kansas and I am honored to share that example with the American people in response to the president's State of the Union message."

Sebelius served recently as chairwoman of the Democratic Governors Association. She helped raise money for Democratic candidates in three Southern governor's races in 2007 and is recruiting candidates to run for 11 other governor's races this year.

She has declined to endorse any of the Democratic presidential candidates so far.

Kansas GOP Chairman Kris Kobach said the choice shows that Democrats "are grateful for

her catering to national Democratic concerns" as opposed to what's best for the state.

"I think it's the culmination of a long series of events where Governor Sebelius has been auditioning for a job on the national stage for quite some time," Kobach said.

But Kansas Democratic Party

chairman Larry Gates said the address would "give the rest of the country the opportunity to see what Kansans see every day — a leader not afraid to work across party lines to get things done."

Missouri Sen. Claire McCaskill, a close friend of Sebelius, called her "a perfect choice" to deliver the response.

"She has the perfect blend of vision and common sense and is a very popular governor in a very red state," said McCaskill, a Democrat. "She will be a great Democratic voice for the country to hear."



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# FCA BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS

Sat., January 19th ~ 9 a.m.

Community Building Basement

**9:30 a.m.** (directly following in the gym)

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# STRIKE ZONE

## ~ League Bowling Results ~

<b>Jan. 8th - Early Bird Ladies League</b>							
Team	Won	Lost	Place	Colby Automotive	50	34	4
NW Vacuum	46	18	1	Pink Steel	41	43	5
Bowlerettes	42.5	21.5	2	Orschelns	39	45	6
4 4 Fun	33.5	30.5	3	T.J. Tire	33	51	7
www.strike	33	31	4	Balls Deep	33	51	8
Van's Merry Four	27	37	5	5 Pony Men	24	60	9
First high Individual game: Dee Hovda, 211				City Limits	18	66	10
First high Individual series: Dee Hovda, 523							
<b>Jan. 4th - Ten Pin League</b>							
Team	Won	Lost	Place				
Minds in the Gutter	3	1	1	<b>Jan. 8th - Pinbusters</b>			
Cal Williams	2	2	2	Team	Won	Lost	Place
Colby Ag Center	2	2	3	Donelan's Jewelry	34	8	1
Farm Credit	2	2	4	Pepsi	28	14	2
Colby Bowl	1	3	5	United Commercial Travels	26	16	3
First high Individual game: Deb Norman, 189				Cummins Central Power	26	16	4
First high Individual series: Melanie Fortin, 543				Colby Bowl	16	26	5
<b>Jan. 9th - Ladies Nite Out</b>				Killer Bees	16	26	6
Team	Won	Lost	Place	Colby Automotive	14	28	7
Service Oil	4	0	1	Gambino's	0	12	8
Twisters	4	0	2	First high Individual game: Trent Rose, 279			
Don's Electric	3	1	3	First high Individual series: Brent Menges, 677			
Straightline	2	2	4	<b>Jan. 7th - First Nighters League</b>			
Margaret's Day Care	2	2	5	Team	Won	Lost	Place
Golden Harvest Seeds	1	3	6	Fire Xtrikers	210	126	1
Strike-Outs	0	4	7	Wild Ride	206	130	2
Camouflage Lawn Care	0	4	8	McKee	199	137	3
First high Individual game: Monica Miller, 195				Woofert Well & Pump	186	150	4
First high Individual series: Misty Hockersmith, 490				Discount Repair	179	157	5
<b>Jan. 10th - King Pin</b>				Parking Lot Maint.	175	161	6
Team	Won	Lost	Place	7-Up	174	162	7
www.visitcolby.com	62	22	1	Frontier Ag. Inc.	160	176	8
Colby Bowl & Fun Center	62	22	2	Sparky's Fireworks	155	181	9
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