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Talia Tanae Delano was born Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 7 pounds, 3.5 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long.

Chad and Nattisha Delano of Goodland are her parents. Grandparents are Marvin and Mary Ann Boyd of Colby, Kevin and Mary Delano of Goodland and Thomas Mathews of Springfield, Colo. Great-grandfather is Lew Mathews.

student news

Melissa Schritter of Goodland was an alternate on the Garden City Community College meats team competing in the 2007 National Western Meats Contest Monday, Jan. 15, in Greeley, Colo. The team was not able to practice much due to the ice storms and finished ninth.

Hayley E. Young of Bird City was on the fall semester dean's honor roll at Creighton University in Omaha. Full-time students who earn a 3.5 grade average or better on a 4.0 scale are eligible for the list.

Amy Renee Anderson, Alan Thomas Cebula, Thomas Robert Cotter, Aaron Carl Duell and Amanda Lyn Hoffman, all of Goodland, received semester honors at Kansas State University. To qualify for honors, they had to be in the top 10 percent of their class within their respective colleges and were enrolled in at least 12 semester hours of graded course work.

area events

Myra's Bridal is holding a **Bridal Show from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Mountain Time) Saturday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday in McDonald**. Disk jockeys, travel agents, photographers, bakers and florists will be there. Admission is free. A seminar and catered lunch with instructions on planning a wedding are available for a charge. Call (866) 605-0387 to register for the seminar.

The **Pride of the Prairie Orchestra** will perform "The Blue Jeans Concert" at 2:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) Sunday at the Colby Community College auditorium under the direction of Andrew Salvador, band director at Burlington schools. There is a charge for admission.

Glenn Meredith, a Dallas minister, will present a **marriage and family conference Sunday-Wednesday, Feb. 11-14**, in the auditorium at the St. Francis Community High School. The conference will last for an hour each evening, starting at 6 p.m. (Mountain Time). There is no charge. Those helping coordinate the conference would like to know how many plan to attend. Calls can be made to Pastors David Butler, (785) 332-8905 (home) or (785) 332-3150 (church); Dan Carson, (785) 734-2697 (home) or (785) 734-2727 (church); or John Coumerilh, (785) 890-7043 (home) or (785) 899-5250 (church).

Families Together is providing **training for "education advocates" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Mountain Time) Monday, March 5**, at the Pioneer Memorial Library, 375 W. Fourth, Colby. The training is designed to outline and

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A **benefit soup supper for Donna Kroskey's medical fund** will be from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. **Thursday** in the Northwest Kansas Technical College student union. Call 890-3641 and ask for Mary for delivery. Donations accepted. Call the Goodland Police Department at 890-4570 or the college for information about their prize drawings. It is sponsored by the college, the police department and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

TNT Singles for Thursday has been postponed due to possible inclement weather. Call 899-2733.

The **Goodland High School wrestling cheerleaders** will perform a dance routine between the varsity and junior varsity matches at 5:30 p.m. **Friday** at the Max Jones Fieldhouse for Senior Night. Senior wrestlers will be honored.

College Goal Sunday will be from 2 to 4 p.m. **Sunday** in the library at the Northwest Kansas Technical College, 13th and Eustis. Students will get help to apply for a Department of Education PIN and/or complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid, and there will be two

\$500 scholarship drawings at the event's conclusion.

Prairie Land Food (formerly SHARE) **sign up** for the February distribution of food will be until **Monday** at the Sherman County Health Department. Pick up will be from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. **Saturday, Feb. 24**, at the Goodland Elks Lodge for the February distribution.

Jodi Tubbs of the **Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs** will be in Goodland from **1 to 2:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15**, 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.

school menu

Wednesday: Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, cooked carrots, whole wheat roll, frosted banana and milk. **Thursday:** Tator tot casserole, green beans, whole wheat roll, fruit cocktail and milk. **Friday:** Corn dog, french fries, baked beans, peaches and bananas and milk.

school calendar

Today: Black day. Freshman

basketball 3:45 p.m. at Lakin. Junior varsity basketball 5:30 p.m. at Lakin. Varsity basketball 7 p.m. at Lakin.

Wednesday: Gold day. FCCLA District A elections at Cheylin. Baseball and softball rules meeting 6:30 p.m. at Hays.

Thursday: Black day. Canceled boys and girls freshman basketball vs. Greeley County High School makeup game 5 p.m. Boys freshman basketball vs. Syracuse Christian 6 p.m.

Friday: Gold day. Mid-term. Freshman basketball 3:45 p.m. at Oakley. Junior varsity basketball 5:30 p.m. at Oakley. Varsity and junior varsity wrestling vs. Oakley 5:30 p.m. here. Varsity basketball 7 p.m. at Oakley.

Saturday: Varsity scholars bowl-state. ACT Test 8 a.m. Junior varsity wrestling 8 a.m. - Bill Voss Novice JV Wrestling at Colby.

senior center menu

Wednesday: Cheeseburger upside down pizza, Italian blend vegetables, cottage cheese with pineapple and cookie. **Thursday:** Beef and noodles, Spanish green beans, mandarin oranges, noodles and tapioca. **Friday:** Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, bread and apricots.

Couple to marry in March

Kim Rohr of Goodland and Jarod Smades of Leoti plan to marry Thursday, March 29, 2007, at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas.

Robert and Dolores Rohr of Goodland are her parents, and Ross and Linda Smades of Leoti are his.

The bride-elect earned an Associate of Arts degree from Colby Community College and a Bachelor of Science in commercial graphics from Pittsburg State University. She works at the Prints and the Paper.



Rohr and Smades

The prospective groom earned an automotive technology degree from the Northwest Kansas Technical College and is an automotive instructor at the college.

explain the special education process and the advocate's and parents' roles in helping children with disabilities. To register, call (785) 233-4777 or (800) 264-6343.

Admission to the **Prairie Museum of Art and History** will be free from **noon to 4 p.m. (Mountain Time) Sundays** at 1905 S. Franklin in Colby. The museum is also open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time Monday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday.

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 Goodland. Scheduled appointments. **Thursday:** Office closed from 8 to 9 a.m. for a staff meeting. WIC in Goodland. Scheduled appointments. **Friday:** Scheduled appointments.

The health department has flu vaccine.

Benefits for Seniors, including Medicare 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, in-

cluding 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: Ruth Ross, a.m.; Shelby Miller, p.m.; and Mazie Sutton, courtesy. **Thursday:** Jessie Owens, a.m.; Jan Lambert, p.m.; and Emma Van Vleet, courtesy. **Friday:** Faye Paxton, a.m., and Sutton, courtesy.

tax help

Free tax help for middle and low income tax payers will be available at the Goodland Public Library and the Goodland Senior Center from 1 to 4 p.m. Fridays until April 15. Special help will be available for those 60 and over.

cell phone drive

Save a Life-Give a Phone collects used cell phones and refurbishes them to provide 911 access for domestic violence victims locally and nationwide, including all YWCA Domestic Violence Shelters. Phones are also provided to the elderly and others in need of an emergency cell phone. The group has a drop-off point at American Communications, 726 W Hwy 24. Call Jeannie Topliff at 899-2426 or Candice at 866-448-2366.

thrift store

Anyone wanting to donate to the Goodland Churches Thrift Shop should call 899-2007 to arrange to

meet by the door in the alley and take donations directly from the car to the warehouse.

alateen

A former Alateen member and an Al-Anon member have formed an Alateen support group that will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. on Mondays at 1275 W. Sixth in Colby. The group is for relatives and friends of alcoholics and is open to anyone 19 years old or under. Call 785-462-8152 or 462-6101.

tiny-k

Tiny-k Early Intervention Services, formerly the Early Intervention Networks, promotes development among infants and toddlers with special needs. The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center in Oakley provides these services free of charge to children in this area.

Services include speech, developmental, vision and hearing screenings to all children and physical/occupational therapy and developmental training to children who qualify. Call 785-672-3125, ext. 115.

crimestoppers

If you have information about any crime, call the Goodland Area Crime Stoppers "Look Line" at 899-5665. Your call will be confidential and you will not be asked your name. If the information results in the arrest and/or conviction of those involved, you could be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000. Goodland Area Crime Stoppers is a nonprofit organization formed by citizens against crime.



Les and Alice Watkins

Pair together 67 years

Les and Alice Watkins of Goodland will celebrate their 67th wedding anniversary Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007, and their children are request-

ing a card shower in their honor. Send cards, letters and memories to 403 Cherry, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

Several area musicians to perform with orchestra

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra is celebrating 25 years of "Music on the Plains" with its second performance of the season, the Blue Jeans Concert, at 2:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) Sunday in the Frahm Theatre at Colby Community College.

The 36-member volunteer orchestra will present varied selections in an informal "blue jeans" atmosphere under the baton of Andrew Salvador, Burlington High School band director.

Among area members performing will be Laurie Klemm and her daughter Jessica; Renea Reasoner, a Goodland High School junior; Dr. David Younger; and Birkley Barnes, all of Goodland; and Kendra and Josiah Akers, children of Vernon and Mary Beth Akers of Weskan.

The orchestra gets support from the Friends of the Orchestra and the Kansas Arts Commission. Admission will be by friends membership or paid at the door.

College Goal Sunday to offer financial aid help this weekend

Student financial aid help will be available from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Northwest Kansas Technical College when professionals will be at the Resource Center (library) at 13th and Eustis for College Goal Sunday. Penny Nemechek and Mary Wickwar, members of the Kansas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, will help students to apply for a U.S. Department of Education number and complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

There will be drawings for two \$500 scholarships at the event's conclusion. Students should bring their parents if possible, their 2006 tax returns and W-2 forms and a personal identifica-

tion number for the student aid application if they are able to apply for one at www.pin.ed.gov.

If they haven't done their taxes yet, students should bring the pay stub from their last paycheck in December, showing their year-to-date earnings; the same from their parents' last paychecks; 2005 tax forms; and 2006 Form 1099 statements of interest earned.

Even if students don't have their 2006 tax information yet, college officials said, they should attend to learn about obtaining financial aid, fill out the free application and be entered in the drawings.

Visit www.CollegeGoal.org from information.

Writer and sister visit aunt in hospital

We're still under this blanket of snow, but it has a lot of good moisture in it. It sounds like there will be a little more before the weekend. That's OK with me.

My sister, Erma Palmgren, and I went to Liberty, Mo., last Friday morning and came back Tuesday evening. Our Aunt Jo has been in the hospital there for the past three and half weeks, so we wanted to go and see her.

She is doing better, but has a long way to go. She was still in ICU, and celebrated her 88th birthday Friday, Feb. 2, 2007.

Our brother Ben and his wife Sue also live in Liberty, so we spent the nights with them. We had time to do some visiting with them. Ben is a wonderful cook and likes to entertain, so the meals were wonderful.

Warren and Bonnie Reid have a new great-grandson. Ryan and Amanda (Jones) Kisner of Goodwell, Okla., are the parents of



betty jo baird

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a son, Elijah Reid, born Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 22 inches long. Grandparents are John and Laurie Jones of Kismet.

Rhonda Weirich of Plains is in the hospital in Wichita. She is the daughter of Ron and Gloria Ribordy. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Sgt. Jesse Doze and his wife Carissa were in Brewster to visit with friends. On Dec. 10 Jesse was injured in a helicopter crash in Iraq. He is at Fort Sam Houston this week to have treatments.

Don't forget to vote in the pri-

mary on Tuesday, Feb. 27, and the general election Tuesday, April 3, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. both days. Elections will be held at the

Senior Center. The center will be closed for everything but voting.

I think I'll use my wings today. You've got wings, and God has given you a clear open sky.

Wings are not only those feathered things that sprout from arm-pits. Wings are ideas nurtured with love. They are the fears you face and dismantle. They are the kind things you do for yourself and for others

when no one is watching. They are the positive things you say to you, about you.

Wings are not flying apparatuses that are reserved for heavenly beings. They are attached to those who surrender secret hurts to forgiveness. They are nurtured by tears cried in the silence of the night. They are groomed by a broken heart. They are expanded by adversities met with faith.

Your wings are strengthened by the uncomfortable, unpleasant experiences you are willing to face each day. But, before you can fly, or even think about soaring, you have to believe that you have earned your wings.

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