

open house

The children of Ben Duell are planning an open house for his 80th birthday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 9, 2011, at the First Christ Church, 1564 Senter, Burlington.

activities

Tours of the 1907 Victorian House at 202 W. 13th are from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Closed on Tuesday.

The High Plains Museum, 1717 Cherry Ave., is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

The Carnegie Arts Center is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday and 1 to 6 p.m. on Monday at 120 W. 12th. The center is always in need of hosts and hostesses from on Sundays. New monthly exhibits and you are invited to visit the gift shop.

The Goodland Public Library is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Story Hour for preschool kids, ages 3 to 5, are Wednesday mornings 10 to 11 a.m., Wednesday afternoon 3 to 4 p.m. and Thursday morning 10 to 11 a.m. Born to Read for kids aged 0 to 3 years and their parents or caregiver will meet from 10 to 10:30 a.m. on Friday mornings. For information call (785) 899-5461 or stop by the library.

The local High Plains Constitutional Society will meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Rock House, 6th and Caldwell, Goodland. They will use the book "The 5000 Year Leap" by Cleon Skousen as the framework for the studies.

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 from October through May at the First Baptist Church, 12th and Main.

The Good Sam Family Support Council meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of every month at the Goodland Elks Lodge. Meetings are open to all interested people. The council is working with the Good Samaritan Center to raise \$4,500 to remodel their beauty shop including adding an adjustable sink to allow wheelchair resident easier access to wash their hair without transferring and to purchase a portable hair dryer. For information call 890-3117 or 890-5936.

Diabetes Support Group meets at 4 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 5:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month. Any woman with cancer is welcome. Call Cheryl at 890-5528 for more information.

Cancer Support Group meets at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Goodland Regional Medical in the large board room. Group open to any cancer patient, survivor, caregiver and family members. Call Tina Goodland at (785) 890-6036.

Emotions Anonymous meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Goodland Regional Medical Center board room.

The Goodland Activities Center has the following activities. Monday: 5:30 a.m. aerobics with Tena Tompkins and 5 p.m. taekwondo. Tuesday: 5:30 a.m., workout with Grady Bonsall. Wednesday: 5:30 a.m. aerobics with Tena Tompkins, 9:45 a.m. finding fitness class, 4 p.m. taekwondo classes and 5:30 p.m. aerobics with Lisa Malsom. Thursday: 5:30 a.m., workout with Grady Bonsall and 9:45 a.m. finding fitness class. Friday: 5:30 a.m. aerobics with Tena Tompkins and starting at 5 p.m. taekwondo classes. For information call 890-7242.

the calendar

calendar

Jodie 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.

Prairie Land Food distribution is 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, at the Knights of Columbus, 7th and Caldwell. For information call 821-4364 or 821-1275 or order online at www.prairielandfood.com.

The Brewster United Methodist Church, 202 Nebraska, Brewster will have a biscuit and sausage gravy supper from 4:30 to 6 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Sunday at the church. Free will offering for youth activities.

On Saturday the Junior Golfers and both Goodland High School boys and girls golf teams will be washing golf carts and cleaning out cart shed stalls to raise money for the high school boys and girls golf teams. Please call Sugar Hill Golf Club at 899-2875 to leave your name.

Sherman Co. Kansans for Life will hold a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April

14, at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 222 W. 13. Everyone is welcome and we will be viewing an educational video with discussion following.

AARP Tax-Aide counseling, preparation and e-filing will help you file your 2010 Tax Return through April 15 at Goodland Public Library, 8th and Broadway with Dwight Perrey on Friday, or the Senior Adult Center, 15th and Center. Call (785) 821-4364 for an appointment or (785) 899-7245.

Tuesday Flicks are at 1:30 p.m. at the Goodland Public Library, 812 Broadway. Call the library for the title of the movie at 899-5461.

senior menu

Today: Baked fish, hash brown casserole, coleslaw with carrots, bread and fruit mix. Monday: Cheeseburger macaroni, Italian blend vegetables, peaches, bread and pudding. Tuesday: Polish sausage with kraut, mashed potatoes, gelatin with fruit, bread and butterscotch squares. Wednesday: Oven fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans, roll and cook's choice fruit. Thursday: Liver and onions in gravy, green bean casserole, beets, bread and pineapple upside down cake. Friday: Tuna and noodles, peas, country

tomatoes, roll and strawberries and bananas.

school menu

Today: Barbecue rib sandwich, pickles, french fries, peaches and milk. Wednesday: Burrito with cheese and lettuce, potato square, spiced pears and milk. Thursday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, corn, wheat roll, fruit cocktail and milk. Friday: Mac and cheese, peas, wheat roll, rosie applesauce and milk.

school calendar

Today: Gold day. Family, Career and Community Leaders of America State Star Events and Leadership Conference at Wichita. 3 p.m. varsity baseball against Burlington. Wednesday: Black day. 7:30 a.m. professional learning communities. 8 a.m. Great Western Activities Conference meeting in Scott City. 3:30 p.m. Lifetouch high school spring sports pictures. 6 p.m. University of Kansas Honors Banquet in Oberlin. Great Western Activities Art Show at Scott City. Thursday: Gold day. Great Western Activities Art Show at Scott City. Friday: Black day. 8 a.m. boys varsity golf at Norton. 2:30 p.m. varsity track at Norton. 3 p.m. baseball at Hugoton. 3 p.m. softball against at home.

by April 29 is required. For information contact Glenna Clingensmith at the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging (800) 432-7422 or (785) 628-8204.

The State Convention for the Kansas Organization of Mothers of Twins will be Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30, at Stafford. For information call Marie Keyser at (620) 669-8872.

Prairie Museum of Art and History, 1905 S. Franklin, in Colby is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The Dane G. Hansen Museum, 110 W. Main, Logan will have a Schaffner Watercolor Painting Workshop from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Wednesday to Saturday, April 13 to 16. The class is limited to 20 students. For information call (785) 689-4846.

black and gold booster club

The Black and Gold Booster Club has black and gold spirit flags for sale. Contact Jill Deeds at (785) 899-7230 or Steve and Colleen Duell at (785) 899-5888.

thrift store

Anyone wanting to donate to the Goodland Churches Thrift Shop, 1002 Main, should call 890-2007. The store is open 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Winter reduction sale going on with coats and tagged winter clothing being half price. Untagged winter clothing are 25¢ each piece. Accepting clean clothing donations one bag at a time. Large donations should make an appointment.

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.

Blood pressures; infants', children's and adult's immunizations; health assessments for Kan Be Healthy, daycare and school entry; fasting blood sugar and hemoglobin; and family planning available by appointment. Sharps containers are available free. WIC program available. Call 890-4888 or go to www.sherman.kansas.com.

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

obituary

Lester E. Gates

Lester E. Gates, 90, retired construction worker for Rhodes Construction, died Friday, April 2, 2011, at Good Samaritan Center - Sherman County.

He was born on Nov. 2, 1920, to Everett and Angie Gates at Speed. In 1940 he graduated from Logan High School.

On July 5, 1940, he and Melba Osborn were married in Norton. The family moved several times as he was a superintendent for construction companies building bridges. In 1971 they moved to Goodland where he work on various construction projects in Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska including the over-

passes on I-70. He retired at 79.

Mr. Gates was a member of the Masons and the Moose Lodge. He enjoyed playing cards, pool, hunting, fishing and reading Westerns.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at the Goodland Methodist Church, 12th and Sherman, Goodland with the Rev. Shelly Petz officiating and burial in the Goodland Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, at Bate-man Funeral Home, 211 E. 11th, Goodland.

Memorials to hospice may be left at the funeral home.

New son joins Goodland family

Baylen Joseph Finley was born at 12:17 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2011, at Citizens Medical Center at Colby. He weighed 6.6 pounds and was 19 1/2 inches long.

His parents are Jason and Marci Finley of Goodland. His grandparents are Bill and Jackie Finley of Goodland and Mike and Belinda Boyson of Bird City and great-grandparents are Nyla Finley and Brenda Moss of Goodland, Darlene Burr of Bird City and Dolly Boyson of Atwood.

Baylen was welcomed home by sister Peyton and brother Teylon.



Baylen Joseph Finley

Sharon Springs couple have girl

Baylee Renee Wagoner was born Friday, March 25, 2011, at Citizens Medical Center at Colby. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Her parents are Aaron and Raya Wagoner of Sharon Springs and grandparents are Victor and Brenda Mazanec of Colby and Verlan and Ronda Wagoner of Sharon Springs.

Big brother Tyler welcomed him home.



Baylee Renee Wagoner

Spend a lot to save a little on taxes?

I went to Dave Ramsey Live this past weekend. Great event.

His target audience was individuals, but much of what he said is good advice for businesses.

For example, he talked about how some people protest paying off their home because they'll lose the tax deduction. Home mortgage interest is a deduction not a credit. It reduces the income you're taxed on, not the amount of tax you owe.

He used the example that if you pay \$10,000 in interest and deduct it on your taxes, you'll save \$2,500 on your taxes at the 25 percent tax bracket. So, are you willing to give the bank \$10,000 so you don't have to give the government \$2,500.

As a sole proprietor, you can save a little more with business loan interest because of self-employment taxes, but the question still applies. Are you willing to pay the bank a

lot of money in order to save a little money on your taxes? Business loan interest only reduces the income you are taxed on. It is a deduction not a credit.

Imagine the stress relief of running your business with no debt and a fully funded emergency fund. Would that change the way you operated?

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