

obituaries

William I. Sponsel

William I. Sponsel, 81, Cheney, former resident of Sherman County, died Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011 at Wichita.

He was born Feb. 10, 1930 to Raymond M. and Emma M. (Wiedel) Sponsel at Edson.

On Oct. 5, 1953, he and Norma J. Reid were married at Goodland.

Mr. Sponsel was a veteran. He was a glazer and cabinet maker for the Wichita Public Schools.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Mike (Christy) Sponsel of Garden Plain, Kenny (Michelle) Sponsel of Cheney and Pat (Kim) Sponsel of Wichita; two daughters, Debra (Patrick) Page and Susan (Michael) Dudek, both of Wichita; two brothers, Joe Sponsel

of Potwin and Maruice Sponsel of Omaha, Neb.; a sister, Evelyn Smith of Omaha, Neb.; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services were 9 a.m. (Mountain Time) on Thursday, Oct. 13, at St. Rose Catholic Church (Mt. Vernon), 4813 Northeast 150th Ave., Cheney with Father Ivan Eck officiating and burial at St. Rose Cemetery of Mt. Vernon.

Visitation was 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Mountain Time) Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011 and the rosary was at 7 p.m. (Mountain Time) Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011 at St. Rose Catholic Church.

Memorials to the church or Progressive Hospice may be sent to Wulf-Ast Mortuary, 911 Biermann Street, Garden, Plain, Kan. 67050

Mary Jo Gensil

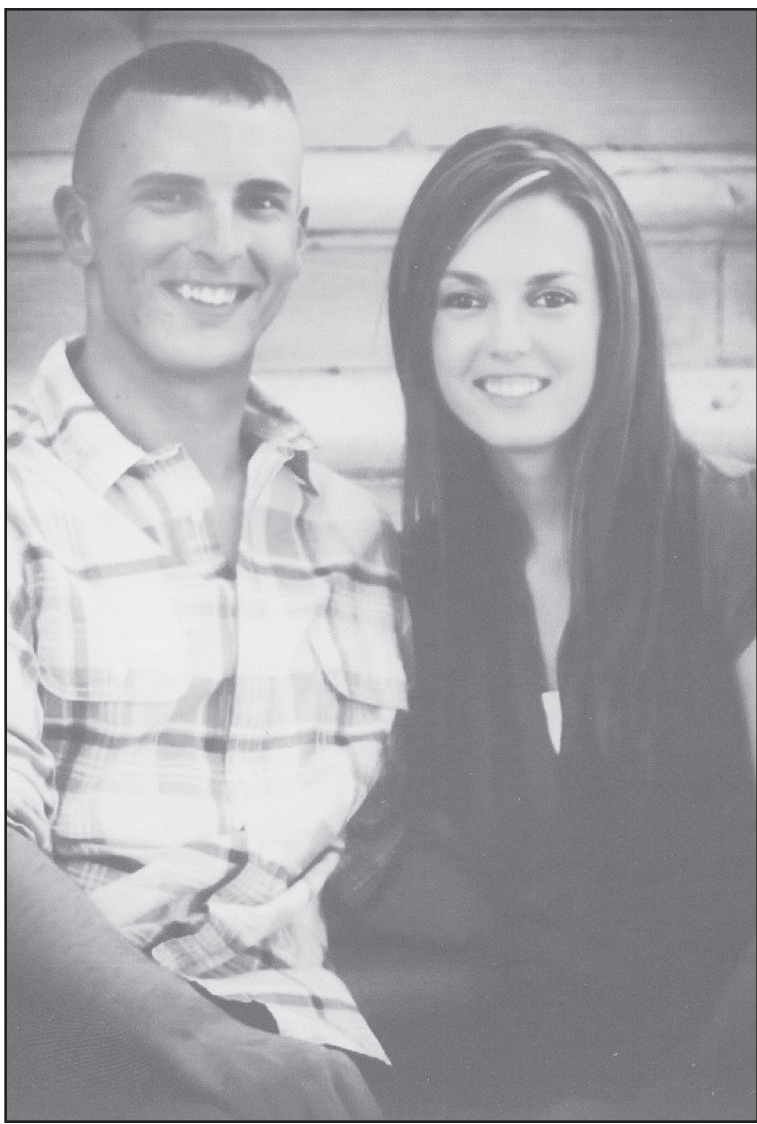
Mary Jo Gensil, 31, Golden West Skill Center resident, died Oct. 12, 2011.

She was born on March 19, 1980 to Michael and Patty Gensil in Goodland. She studied at the Beaugard Learning Center in Atwood until age 16 and then graduated in 2000 from Goodland High School.

Survivors include her mother of Colby, two brothers, Lance Gensil of Goodland and Michael Gensil of Colby, a grandmother, Betty Carney of Colby; and an uncle, Howard (LeAnne) Carney of Brewster.

A graveside inurnment service will be at 10 a.m. (Mountain Time) Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011 with the Rev. Charles Taff officiating at the Colby Cemetery.

Memorials to the family may be sent to Bateman Funeral Home, 211 E. 11th, Goodland, Kan. 67735.



Bradley Newson and Laura Bennetts

Couple plan to wed in November

Laura Bennetts of Goodland and Bradley Newson of Olathe plan to marry on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011 at First Baptist Church of Goodland with Pastor Wayne Newson presiding.

Her parents are Iris and Joe Schoepner of Goodland and the late Ken Bennetts and her grandparents are Martha Bennetts and the late Mark Bennetts of Wauseon, Ohio, the late Walter Pugh, the late Aileen and Basil James.

His parents are Cindy and Rick Newson of Olathe and his grandparents are Franklin and Barbara Lane

and Wayne and Shirley Newson, all of Olathe.

The bride to be graduated from Goodland High School in 2003, Colby Community College and from Washburn University of Topeka with a Bachelor of Criminal Justice.

The future groom attended Washburn University of Topeka and is currently in the infantry in the U.S. Marine Corps. He is stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The couple plans to live in California after the wedding.



Regina Mastin

12/1/1942-10/12/2009

He only takes the best

God saw she was getting tired, and a cure was not to be. So He put his arms around her, and whispered, "Come with Me."

With tear-filled eyes we watched her, suffer and fade away. Although we loved her deeply, We could not make her stay.

A golden heart stopped beating, Hard working hands put to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.

Love you & Miss you very much.

Darrell Mastin and family, Danny Archer and family, Virgil Archer and family, and Regina's friends.

the calendar

calendar

The annual spaghetti dinner hosted by the Goodland Arts Council will be at 6:30 p.m. on **Saturday, Oct. 22**, at the Goodland Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Entertainment will be provided by Flamenco Guitarist Ron Radford. Tickets are available at the Carnegie Arts Center, 11th and Center.

Prairie Land Food distribution is 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Knights of Columbus, 7th and Caldwell. For information call 821-1827 or 821-1275 or order online at www.prairielandfood.com.

The **Goodland Fall Cleanup** done by the Goodland High School will be **8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 9**, mainly for the elderly. To be on the schedule call 890-5656. They cannot pick up tires, large appliances, hazardous wastes or tree branches larger than four feet in length.

The annual open enrollment for Plan D of Medicare has changed to Saturday until Wednesday, Dec. 7. **Senior Health Insurance Counselors of Kansas** will be at the Goodland Public Library. For appointments call (785) 890-5908, (785) 821-1626 or (785) 399-8019.

The Goodland School District's free **preschool screening** for children birth to school age will be from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to

3 p.m. on **Tuesday, Oct. 18**, and **Wednesday, Oct. 19**, at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 222 W. 13th. To schedule an appointment call Paula or Karen at West Elementary 890-6163.

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.

school calendar

Today: Gold day. 6 p.m. varsity football against Norton at Cowboy Stadium. Saturday: 9 a.m. varsity cross country at Colby for GWAC. 9 a.m. varsity volleyball at Max Jones Fieldhouse for GWAC.

Monday: Black day. Girls state golf. 3 p.m., junior high scholars bowl at Oakley Invitational. 3:30 p.m. junior high scholars' bowl at Cheylin. 4:30 p.m. junior varsity football against Norton at Cowboy Stadium. **Tuesday:** Gold day. Early childhood development screening. 4 p.m. varsity and junior varsity volleyball triangular at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Wednesday: Black day. Early childhood development screening. **Thursday:** Gold day. End of the first nine weeks. 5:30 p.m. Fourth grade music concert at the Goodland High School auditorium. **Friday:** No school. Teacher professional day. 6 p.m. varsity football against Phillipsburg.

821-2862.

The Incognito Group. If alcohol has made your life unmanageable and you find yourself powerless. Our group meets at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in Goodland. Talking about it is the first step. Call for our meeting place (303) 905-3817, (785) 728-7022 and (785) 728-2120. Leave a message and number and we will get back to you.

The "Freedom Today" group of **Narcotics Anonymous** meets at **8 p.m. Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and 8 p.m. on Sundays** at 1013 Center. Call 890-8369.

Bird City Alcoholics Anonymous group meets at **6:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Fridays** at the Senior Center on 4th Street. **Narcotics Anonymous** meets at **6:30 (Mountain Time) on Tuesdays** at the Senior Center. Call (785) 734-2734 for more information.

Stratton "AA by the Book" Alcoholics Anonymous group meets at **7 p.m. Thursdays** for a beginners open meeting. Families and young people welcome. Call (719) 348-5398 for men and (719) 346-8553 for women. On U.S. Highway 24 go to Statton and it is the second house on the left, 513 Iowa Street.

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.

area events

Training for new Client Assessment, Referral and Evaluation assessors in northwest Kansas will be Wednesday, Oct. 9, at the Kansas Highway Patrol office, 1821 Frontier Rd., Hays. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. (Mountain Time) and ends at 3:30 p.m. (Mountain Time). A qualified assessor must attend the training session and have a Bachelor's degree in gerontology, social work, counseling, human development, health or other related area or be a registered nurse licensed to practice in the state of Kansas. For more information call Tammy Gerhardt at (800) 432-7422 or (785) 625-2037.

Prairie Museum of Art and History, 1905 S. Franklin, 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.

blue star banners

Do you have a son or daughter, grandson or granddaughter serving in the active duty military service? The Goodland Elks Lodge 1528 would like to present you with a "blue star banner" for your window

to show your pride! Please call the secretary at the Goodland Elks Lodge 1528 at (785) 890-6251 to visit with her about this?

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.

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 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.

early head start

Early Head Start is a state funded program for income eligible families with prenatal mothers and children up to three. Families participate in a variety of educational activities and receive free medical and dental care.

Couple has new son

Brock Joseph Burris was born Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011, at Citizens Medical Center of Colby. He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 10 1/2 inches long.

His parents are Scott and Beverly Burris of Norton and his grandparents are Brenda and Gary Fisher of Goodland and Christy and Ricky Burris of Hill City.

Sisters Madison and McKennize Albers and Noelle Burris welcomed the baby home.

senior menu

Today: Ham and beans, five-cup salad, cornbread and bar cookie. **Monday:** Chicken patty sandwich, Italian blend vegetables, applesauce, bun and macaroni and cheese. **Tuesday:** Swiss steak, parslid potatoes, peaches, bread and cookie. **Wednesday:** Cook's choice entree, tater rounds, peas, bread and tropical fruit. **Thursday:** Roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, four fruit compote, bread and birthday cake. **Friday:** Bierock casserole, seasoned carrots, creamy cucumbers and fruit crisp.

school menu

Today: Hot dogs, baked beans, pickle spear, frosted banana and milk. **Wednesday:** Spaghetti, salad, corn, garlic bread, fruit cocktail and milk. **Thursday:** Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, beets, fruit crisp and milk. **Friday:** Corn dog, french fries, green beans, half an apple and milk. **Monday:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, California blend veggies, wheat roll, spiced pears and milk. **Tuesday:** Hamburgers with lettuce and pickle, tator tots, strawberry/banana cup and milk. **Wednesday:** Chicken nuggets, savory rice, green beans, fruit cup and milk. **Thursday:** Macaroni and cheese, peas and carrots, banana bread, half an apple and milk. **Friday:** No school.

Services include special needs of children with disabilities. If you have a family member with a special problem, such as drug or alcohol abuse, job loss or other family crisis, your family can qualify. Call 785-672-3125, ext. 187.

preschool

Sherman County Head Start is a free preschool for eligible 3 and 4 year olds. The federally funded program is targeted to families who meet certain economic guidelines and provides hearing, vision, dental and educational screenings. Nutritious meals are served, and parents are encouraged to get involved in their children's education.

Families interested in having their child in the program should call Colleen Wagner at 890-2552 or go to Sherman County Head Start, 823 W. 11th.

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.

family shelter

The Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence Services provides help day or night to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available in Hays. For information or help, call (800) 794-4624. In the Colby area, call (785) 443-1130 ask for Becky. For time and location of support groups, ask for Jennifer Follis.

animal shelter

Lost a pet? Call 890-4575.



Brock Burris

Easy Living

With no cooking or yard work and with my family and grandchildren living close by, I knew Fairview Estates was for me. I love my apartment and wouldn't move for the world!

Verna Wiens

Fairview Estates Retirement Community
Independent & Assisted Living
1630 Sewell Ave. • Colby, KS • (785) 462-2154

Craft Fair at the Gateway Saturday, November 26, 2011

Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce, in Oberlin, Kan., welcomes all craft and home business vendors to their Annual Holiday Craft Show at the Gateway Civic Center on Saturday. Located southwest of the intersection of Highways 83 and 36. Last year 60 spaces were filled. For more information and registration form, call the Chamber office at (785) 475-3441 afternoons 1-5 p.m.

Classifieds work!

899-2338