

card shower

The family of **Charlene Fritsch** is requesting a card shower for her 75th birthday on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012. Cards may be sent to her at 1529 Wyoming, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

activities

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

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

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 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.** 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.

**Big Brothers/Big Sisters** of Sherman County is seeking mentors and children to mentor. Call 890-3665.

The **Good Sam Family Support Council** meets at **7 p.m.** the second Thursday of every month at the Goodland Elks Lodge. Meetings are open to all interested people. 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 Goodwin at (785) 890-6036.

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.

**Weight Watchers** meets at **5:30 p.m. for weigh in** and 6 p.m. for the meeting every **Tuesday** at the Right Combination Dance Studio, 902 W. Hwy. 24. For information call (785) 890-3285 or visit rightcombinationdance.com.

**Goodland Alcoholics Anonymous** meets at **8 p.m. Monday,**

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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 sign up will be until Monday, Jan. 16.** Distribution is 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Knights of Columbus, 7th and Caldwell. For information call 821-1827, 821-1275, 821-0120 or 728-7196 or order online at [www.prairieland-food.com](http://www.prairieland-food.com). The Prairie Pak will have one pound lean ground beef, 7 ounces of beef summer sausage, one pound chicken breast fillets, one pound breaded flounder, 24 ounces of Cajun shrimp alfredo.

closed meeting, **Wednesday**, the book meeting, **and Saturday**, an open meeting, at 1013 Center. For Alcoholics Anonymous, call Pat T. at 890-3915 or Laura at 821-4277.

**Goodland Al-Anon** Serenity Seekers group meets at **8 p.m. on Mondays** at 1013 Center. Contact Cheryl at (785) 890-3023, Shelly at (785) 890-3915 or Twila at (785) 332-2078 for more information.

**Goodland Al-Anon AFG** meets at **6 p.m. on Fridays** at First Christian Church, 711 Arcade. For information call Alice or Marilyn at 890-5914 or 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. Filies 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 Iola 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

**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.

thrift store

The specials are breaded boneless chicken wings, pepperoni hot pockets, stuffed pork chops and sirloin steaks.

**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 and Monday:** No school. **Tuesday:** Black day. 3:45 p.m. c team basketball at Colby. 5:30 junior varsity basketball at Colby. 7 p.m. girls and boys varsity basketball at Colby. **Wednesday:** Gold day. **Thursday:** Black day. 4 p.m. junior high basketball at Burlington. Varsity and junior varsity wrestling against Colby at Max Jones Fieldhouse. **Friday:** Gold day. 3:45 c team basketball at Hugoton. 5:30 p.m. junior varsity basketball at Hugoton. 7 p.m.

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 adults’ 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](http://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. Today: a.m. Sherryl Ketter.

early head start

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

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. Nutri-

girls and boys varsity basketball at Hugoton.

school menu

**Today and Monday:** No school.

senior menu

**Today:** Barbecue chicken, spinach salad, baked beans, bread and pears. **Monday:** closed. **Tuesday:** Polish sausage with kraut, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, cornbread and plums. **Wednesday:** Pasta, beef and tomato casserole, tossed salad with tomatoes, green beans garlic bread and peaches. **Thursday:** Harvest turkey soup, tropical fruit, crackers and cookie. **Friday:** Pork roast with gravy, scalloped potatoes, seasoned carrots, bread and cook’s choice fruit.

tious 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.

The police department can also be called at 890-4570.

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. Support group for women’s domestic violence victims/survivors is from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Central Time on Wednesdays; a men’s domestic violence victims/survivors support group from noon to 1 p.m. Central Time Tuesdays; and a youth support group is available by appointment. A sexual violence victims/survivors support group in Hays and a domestic violence support group to meet in Colby are being formed. If interested in joining or for information or help, call (800) 794-4624. In the Colby area, call (785) 443-1130 ask for Becky. For time and location of youth support group, ask for Jennifer Folliis.

animal shelter

Lost a pet? Call 890-4575 or go to [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) and be sure to enter the Goodland zip code 67735. You can also call the Goodland Police Department at 890-4570 or Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter at 899-4398 or 821-2144. Interested in adopting a pet? Call the animal shelter or go to the website [www.nwkasgoodland.webs.com](http://www.nwkasgoodland.webs.com).

obituaries

LaVena Thompson

LaVena Bell Banister Thompson, 79, Charles Town, W. Va., sister of Ann McKnight of Goodland, died at home Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011, while under the care of Hospice.

She was born Sept. 12, 1932, to Glenn Lawrence Banister and Henrietta Pearl Wood Banister at Sandpoint, Idaho. The family moved to a farm south of McDonald, where she graduated from high school. She then graduated from St. Luke’s School of Nursing of Denver.

Mrs. Thompson loved nursing and continued until two years ago when her health failed. She was a Registered Nurse for the Brighton Community Hospital of Brighton, Colo., for over 30 years.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Brighton, Colo., the Colorado Nurses Association..

Preceding her in death were her

parents; two daughters, Theresa Smollen and Gayle Thompson; and three brothers, Eugene Banister, Richard Banister and Lynn Banister.

Survivors include a son, Glenn Thompson of Thornton, Colo.; a daughter, Linda (Joseph) Gallop of Charles Town, W. Va.; another sister, Ila Sheppard of Levant; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren and one on the way.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012 at the Longs Peak Church of God, 295 N. 12th Avenue, Brighton, Colo.

Graveside services were Friday, Dec. 23, 2011 at Edge Hill Cemetery at Charles Town, W. Va. with Jacob Baum officiating.

Arrangements were handled by Brown Funeral Home, 327 W. King Street, Martinsburg, W. Va.

Melvin Willard Schlepp

Melvin Willard Schlepp, 83, St. Francis farmer and brother of Jeanette (Keith) Bracelin of Goodland, died early Monday morning, Dec. 19, 2011, at the Sherman County Good Samaritan Center of Goodland.

He was born Dec. 9, 1928, to Jacob and Carolina (Raile) Schlepp at the family farm 12 miles west of St. Francis.

Mr. Schlepp entered East Gurney country school, speaking only German; however, he soon mastered English, but continued to speak German throughout his life with his buddies. He also attended Sunny Slope country school.

In 1951, he was inducted into the Army and was assigned to the Sixth Battalion and 502nd Infantry, Berlin. He was discharged as a corporal on Aug. 20, 1953.

On Oct. 24, 1954, he and Louise Kamla were married. The couple moved to the family farm 20 miles southwest of St. Francis.

Mr. Schlepp grew wheat, corn, sunflowers, milo, pinto beans and other grain crops and raised livestock. He also used several innovative practices whether it was planting windbreaks, installing a sub-surface drip irrigation or erect-

ing Harvestores.

He was a long-time member of the United Methodist Church. Mr. Schlepp also volunteered as an umpire for the local softball league and managed a team, Blue View Farms.

Preceding him in death were his parents; three brothers-in-laws, Jim Geter, Klifton Cook and Glenn Cook; and nephew Steve Cook.

Survivors include his wife of St. Francis; two sons, Spencer (Lisa) Schlepp of St. Francis and Mitchell Schlepp of Kanorado; two daughters, Tammy ((Eric) Granowsky of New York City and Susan Schlepp of Denver; four other sisters, Gladys Cook of St. Francis, Mildred (Jim) Barnhart of St. Francis, Betty (Vasco) Milan of Aurora, Colo., and Delphine Geter of Hurricane, W. Va.; and four grandchildren.

Services were Friday, Dec. 23, 2011, at the United Methodist Church, 512 S. Scott, St. Francis and burial in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Memorials for Cheyenne County Memorial Hospital, Cheyenne County EMT Program and the church may be sent to Knodel Funeral Home, 202 S. Benton, St. Francis, Kan. 67756.

Library to discuss theme of ‘Westering’

The first meeting of the next four-part book discussion that runs January through April on the theme of “Westering” is 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Goodland Public Library, 821 Broadway. The series is sponsored by the Kansas Humanities Council, a nonprofit cultural organization, as part of its Talk About Literature in Kansas program.

The first discussion will be lead by Jane M. Holwerda, a professor of English at Dodge City Community College, on “The Grapes of Wrath” by John Steinbeck. Steinbeck’s book is about a family, forced by the Great Depression to leave Oklahoma and head west to California, America’s dream land.

The westward movement of settlers and the existence of a frontier

of settlement in the last century played an important role in shaping our country’s character. The “Westering” series examines, through fact and fiction, the American West and its enduring role in American life.

The series continues with “Letters of a Woman Homesteader” by Elinore Pruitt Stewart on Thursday, Feb. 23, “The Last Cattle Drive” by Robert Day on Thursday, March 22 and “A Lady’s Life in the Rocky Mountains” by Isabella L. Bird on Thursday, April 26.

The council’s resource center is furnishing the books and discussion leaders for the series.

For information about Kansas Humanities Council visit [www.kansashumanities.org](http://www.kansashumanities.org).

For questions call the library at 899-5461.

matters of record

Sherman County Bastille

The following people were booked into the Sherman County Bastille:

Dec. 19 – Erasmo Nava, 59, Fresno, Calif., arrested by Thomas County sheriff deputy for use and possession of drug paraphernalia and no drug tax payment being housed in Sherman County.

Christopher Castaneda, 20, Colby, arrested by sheriff deputy on arrest and detain for probation violation.

Dec. 21 – Matthew Slusher, 22, Goodland, arrested by sheriff deputy

ty on arrest and detain for probation violation.

Municipal Court

These are cases decided by the Goodland Municipal Court:

**Sept. 14** – Dale W. Schaffer, dog at large, fined \$90.

**Oct. 21** – Christopher Lee Millam, no parking zone, fined \$185.

Zabdiel Salazar, expired license, fined \$160

**Oct. 23** – Manual P. Hernandez, violation of protection order, fined \$260.

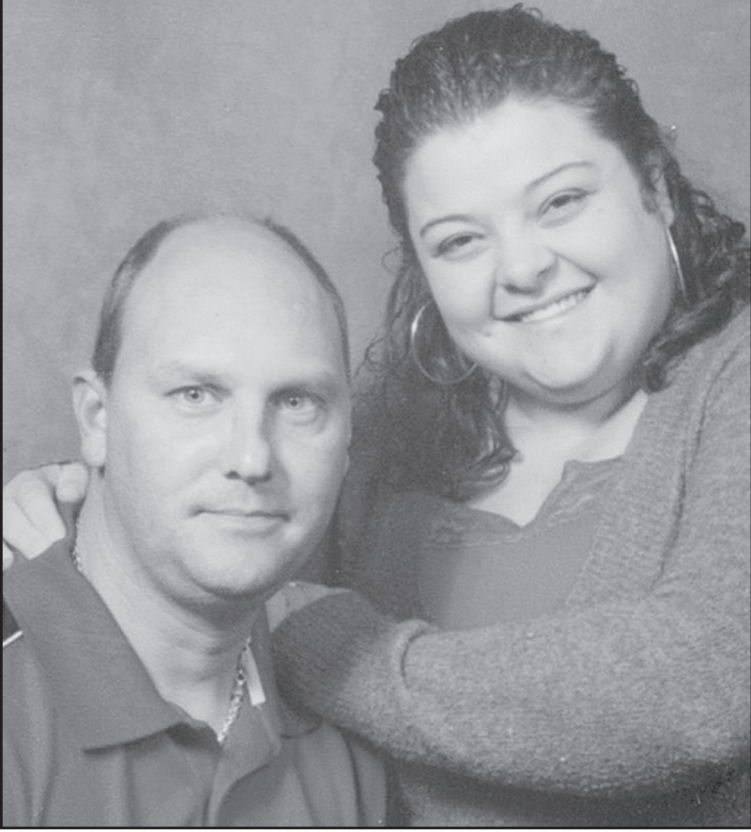
Goodland couple plan to marry in May

Brittany Fisher of Goodland and Jason Sibert formerly from Mesa, Ariz., now of Goodland plan to marry on Saturday, May 12, 2012 at Goodland with President Willams of Latter Day Saints officiating.

Her parents are Brenda and Gary Fisher of Goodland and grandparents are Margie Albers and the late Vinton Albers and the late Ramon and Thelma Fisher, all of Goodland.

His parents are Darla and Stan Sibert of Mesa, Ariz., and grandparents are Joann and the late Ray Sibert of Kendaville, Ind. and the

Jason Sibert and Brittany Fisher



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**Colorado**  
**Lincoln County:** 3729± acres grass. 25 miles south of Punkin Center. Improvements: home & small shop. \$1,062,765

**Kansas**  
**South of Ruleton:** 40± acres with home, shop, misc buildings. \$99,000  
**Hamilton County:** 960± acres. All 27-255-42. E2 28-255-42. \$1,344,000  
320± acres CRP. 2 contracts expire 2012. S2 9-265-41. \$448,000  
160± acres expired CRP. NW4 7-215-39. \$192,000  
**Sherman County:** NEW...160± acres grass. NW4 14-7-39. \$112,000

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