



**SALVATION ARMY starts school supply program. Dolores Jenik and Susan Dinkel unpack supplies that are available through the program.** Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Coordinator starts program

The Salvation Army has started a school supply program for kindergarten through 12 grade. The basic school supplies have been purchased, from a local business, for the schools to have on hand for students in need. The teachers will be responsible for the distribution of these supplies.

"The plans are to have this as

an ongoing program available all year long," said Dolores Jenik, Salvation Army coordinator for Cheyenne County.

"We will be replenishing the supplies on an as-need basis."

A special fund with the local Salvation Army will be set up to fund just this program.

There may be a special campaign for this program if the need

is great enough. It is hoped to increase the types of supplies that are purchased to meet more needs if funding is available.

Those who have interest in this program and would like to contribute, as an individual, club, organization or business, more information may be obtained by contacting Dolores Jenik at 332-3471. If no answer, leave a message.



Ruth Knodel

## Cards requested

The family of Ruth Knodel welcomes everyone to send cards to wish her a happy 80th birthday on Sept. 4. Cards will reach her at 29544 Rd. 44, Burlington, CO 80807.

Ruth grew up in the St. Francis area and is a sister-in-law of Lydia Hilt and sister-in-law of Art Knodel, both of Sainty.

## Club Clip

### Red Hat Mamas

Aug. 19, was adventurous as the Red Hat Mamas drove to Prairie House Herbs, 2-miles east of St. Francis for a tasty workshop focused on cooking with herbs.

The sister team of Laura Reser and Jo Hagney prepared a meal beginning with palate pleasing rosemary lemonade. Appearance was stressed, as salads prepared with greens and tomatoes from their garden and topped with a special fresh herb dressing were enjoyed.

The tables were adorned with pots of herbs and plates of herb/cheese bread. To complement the bread were spreads made of cream cheese, butter and special spices. Salt is generally not needed when cooking with herbs. Buttermilk herb chicken, carrots and heavenly angel cake (made from farm fresh eggs) with strawberry topping completed the personalized recipe menu. The Red Hatters appreciated the ladies for the educational experience.

Queen, Phyllis Wingfield, read a thank you letter from Gwen Boswell for the performance at the Tri-State Antique

Engine and Thresher Show followed by a couple of befitting stories. Three ladies have expressed interest in becoming red hat members. It was moved by Bonnie and second by Marlene that Theresa Knapp, Linda Query and LaVina Waters be asked to join the group.

The September meeting will be on the 16th with a planned trip to Wray, Colo., for lunch with a music box viewing.

Red Hatters attending were Florence Antholz, Frieda Black, Bonnie Burr, Bethel Goltl, Veretta Haack, Bev Higgins, Diane Kribs, Iris McIntosh, Lois Morelock, Edna Roesener, Phyllis Wingfield and Marlene Young.

# Goodland editor attends Democratic Convention

*Editor's Note: Tom Betz is the editor of the Goodland Star News.*

The young woman smiled as she handed me my prize — press credentials to the Democratic National Convention in Denver — and asked if I had any questions.

It had taken six months of waiting and several applications to get to that point, but it certainly seemed worth it Sunday morning as I arrived in Denver to begin a new adventure attending and covering my first national convention.

A lifelong Democrat, I had hoped to attend the convention both as a delegate and as a reporter, but the snow storm on Feb. 5 sort of stopped me from driving to Oakley for the caucus — the first phase of the delegate selection process.

With the delegate side out of the question, I turned to the press credentials. The first step was to find out how to apply, and that I found on the Internet. The credentials were being handled through the U.S. House of Representatives Press Gallery in Washington.

Step one was to fill out a form online and then send three copies of the newspaper and a cover letter to Washington. The web site said the decision on press credentials would not be made until May. I had the package with the newspapers — I picked out the ones I had done stories about the Democratic caucus process and the congressional assembly — and had it mailed before the end of February.

As I waited outside the special room at the Sheraton Plaza, I thought about the months of waiting to get there. When May came and there was no word, I started checking. The first thing I found out was there were at least five different levels of press credentials, and the periodical press was not at the top of the list.

I was assured that the decision would be made in June, and that yes they had my information on file.

The Press Gallery people sent me an e-mail in June saying I had to fill out another form on-line, and give them details about what I planned to cover. I dutifully filled it out and sent the form off in to the ether world, thinking I should hear soon.

I actually got a phone call the first week of July saying that the press gallery had not received the on-line form and that unless I filled it out, I would not get any credentials. I assured the girl I had filled it out in June. She said they knew I had done that, but that the system had fouled

up and I was one of many who had submitted forms only to have them swallowed by a computer glitch.

I got an e-mail at the end of July saying the letters on credentials had been mailed. The e-mail said I would have to bring the original letter to Denver on Sunday to pick up the credentials.

When I got to Denver and tried to find a parking place at the Sheraton, I kept thinking it was a familiar location, and then remembered it had been the Hilton when I had been at a state Democratic Convention with my grandfather, Fred Betz. Granddad introduced me to his friend, Vice President Hubert Humphrey, who happened to be running for president in 1968. My grandfather, who had been Colorado Democratic Chairman in the 1960s, was a long-time supporter of Humphrey, and I still have the photo of us taken in that Hilton those 40 years ago.

The credentials were being handed out across the street in the basement of the expanded portion of the Sheraton, where the May D&F store used to be. I got directions and found the elevator to the basement. I walked past the room for the Democratic National Convention Committee credentials, then the Congressional Daily Newspaper credentials, the radio/television credentials, the photographer credentials and finally came to the last one, the Congressional Periodical credentials.

A man and woman stood guard at the door and she asked for my name, the original letter and my driver's license. I handed them over, and she took the letter and held it up to the light to check the watermark to make sure it was authentic.

I was told they had three tables inside with the alphabet split up, and that only one person was allowed in per table. I had to wait about 10 minutes for the table with "G" to be available.

As I stood there, I thought about the day I had met Humphrey and that same day I had waited with my camera out in front of the Hilton for him to come back from a speech at the Brown Palace Hotel. The Secret Service guys on duty were nice, suggesting a place for me to stand, as we expected him to come by motorcade. Humphrey did one of his

usual things and walked back to the Hilton after the speech surrounded by people and a circle of Secret Service agents. I stood on top of a flower pot and got some photos of him, but then had to get down and found myself stuck behind the glass door when he came sweeping by. I was thrilled with my photos, but wish I had been in a better place to get to shake his hand again that day.

The girl at the door brought me back to reality, saying it was my turn. I went in and the two young women at the table asked for the original letter and my driver's license. They checked them and made sure I was the right person. While one got the envelope with the credentials, the other had me sign and date a form and give them a cell phone number in case of emergencies.

The girl took the credentials out of the envelope and explained how they worked. One for Perimeter got me inside the Pepsi Center parking area, where all the tents and outside events are held. The second one was a Hall pass, which would get me inside the Pepsi Center, but not on the floor of the convention. To get a Floor pass, I would have to go to the floor pass desk and sign up for one. If one was available, I would hand over my Hall pass and they would hand me a Floor pass to get me on the floor for an hour or two.

She said the Hall pass would be my ticket to Invesco at Mile High on Thursday, and asked if I had any questions.

I knew in my mind there were a couple of questions I needed to ask: What about a parking pass and could I bring my camera into the Pepsi Center without photographer credentials — but in the excitement of gaining the prize, I forgot them.

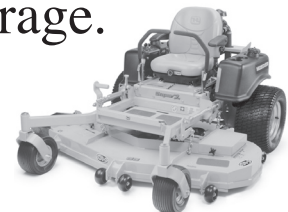
I found out later I would have to go to another office to get a parking pass good for the Auarai college campus and walk from there to the Pepsi Center. I will have to ask the camera question when I get there.

It is time to get the real adventure started by going to the Kansas delegation breakfast out at the Doubletree Inn at the Denver Tech Center.

I hate the red tape, but I love this job. — Tom Betz

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