

# Area woman recognized as farm and ranch homemaker

Susan Knodel was one of three Colorado farm and ranch women inducted into the Colorado Master Farm Homemakers Guild Oct. 9, in Colorado Springs. Each year, the Guild recognizes women who have been nominated for their dedication to agriculture and service to their communities.

Susan Wiley Knodel has lived most of her life on the family farm east of Idalia. Growing up, she helped her parents with farming and caring for cattle. As a 4-H club member, Susan earned many ribbons for her county and state fair exhibits as well as participation in demonstrations, judging, and other contests. She is a graduate of Idalia High School.

When her parents retired in 1984, Sue and her husband Steve Knodel assumed management of the Wiley farm. Over the years, they expanded wheat and corn acreage as well as the cattle herd. They became parents of two daughters, and Susan ran an efficient household while helping with the farm work--driving tractor, combine and feed truck. As their daughters grew, the Knodels supported them in school and 4-H activities. Susan has been a 4-H project leader, fair superintendent, junior leader sponsor and served as a judge for fairs and related youth events.

During her girls' school years, in addition to being a willing sponsor and school volunteer, she served on the District Accountability Committee, the FFA advisory board, After-Prom Committee, and Idalia Vision Foundation Daycare/Preschool Committee and Continuing Education Committee. Currently she is a substitute teacher for both the Idalia and Burlington school districts, as well as an Idalia school bus driver.

In her church, Susan taught both Sunday School and Vacation Bible school. She has been a Youth Fellowship sponsor, a member of the Christian Education and Special Services committees and served on the administrative board. She is a volunteer in the Arnel Fire Department and a member of the Idalia Bicentennial Family Community Education Club which nominated her as a Master Farm Homemaker.

Susan is known for her creativity and enthusiasm. One of her fellow Family and Community Education club members mentions that whether it is planning and presenting programs or preparing delightful refreshments, she makes it fun to participate.

Steve's untimely death in 2009 has proven Susan's faith in God and her strength of character. She has worked with neighbors and



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family to maintain the ranch and farm operation and chart a future course for the business. She has maintained her involvement in the community and celebrated the birth of her first grandchild. The way Susan lives her life exemplifies a "Master Farm Homemaker."



**HAND MADE WITH a lot of care.** Barb Gerdes works on a quilt for the craft fair. Mrs. Gerdes is also working to coordinate the event.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

## Bird City to host craft show

On Saturday, Oct. 30, the Craft Show in Bird City will be held at the American Legion Hall starting at 10 a.m.

This is the fourth year for the show and Barb Gerdes, coordinator, said many of the consignors are back for another year. There are several new people coming from Hays, WaKeeney, Idalia and Denver. Bird City, she said, is represented well, along with Benkelman, Trenton, and Stratton in Nebraska and the Kansas communities of Atwood, Colby, Oberlin, Quinter and McDonald.

There are 27 booths this year. We are filled to capacity and four vendors have already signed up

for next year's craft fair, Mrs. Gerdes said.

Some of the booths or items coming are woodcrafts, rugs, jellies and jams, breads, pies, cookies and cinnamon rolls, and dips and mixes. Other items include scrubbies, towels, angels, shadow boxes, crochet items, jewelry, baskets, pottery, embroidered towel sets and quilts.

Lunch will be served. There will be breakfast burritos and cinnamon rolls for the early birds and two soups and desserts for lunch.

A popular booth is the Kid's Craft Corner. This year, the kids will be making bracelets, necklaces and Christmas bulbs and some

surprise crafts. Leah Rambat, Jessie Smith and Barb's granddaughters, Kelsey and Kalie Anderson, will be on hand to help with the crafts.

"We have had a lot of fun with this," says Mrs. Gerdes. "The kids can come and go for just \$5."

Mrs. Gerdes said that the craft fair should have a lot to buy and look at to get ideas for the holidays and it is a way we can show off the talented people who are from the area.

If there are any questions, contact Mrs. Gerdes at 785-734-2421.



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Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Total
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Harkness, Warren	211 E 5th St	Scott City	KS	67871	104.26
K&M Pipe and Supply Co Inc % McAtee, Farrell	320 E First	St Francis	KS	67756	880.47
One Source Investment Ptnrs	PO Box 40181	S Padre Island	TX	78597	8,532.62
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Pacheco, Nestor M	423 E Webster	St Francis	KS	67756	57.62
Truett, Mary	14905 NE 51St	VanCouver	WA	98682	98.32
Zweygardt, Kelly	PO Box 342	St Francis	KS	67756	268.49
Zweygardt, Kelly R	PO Box 342	St Francis	KS	67756	75.85
Carpenter, Justin	PO Box 962	St Francis	KS	67756	809.05

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