

Introducing —

Sarah Ellen Wood

Sarah Ellen Wood arrived at 6:31 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012. She weighed 6 pounds, 2 1/2 ounces and was 19 1/2-inches long.

Sarah is the daughter of Nate and Shana (Voeller) Wood of Topeka. She has two brothers, Jedidiah and Creed, to welcome her home.

Grandparents are Gene and Patty Voeller, St. Francis, Sherri and Kenny Kohman, Abilene, and Dana Wood, Kansas City. Great-grandparents are June Richers, Wray, Colo.; and Betty Jo Young, Santana. Late great-grandparents



Wood

include Albert and Doris Richers, Kenneth and Ellen Voeller and Gail Young.

Surprise birthday held for local woman

Thursday night, the family of Phyllis Whitmore surprised her with ice cream cake for her 80th birthday. Those attending were Don, Jerry, Lila, Sarah, Lyle and

Tina. The evening was spent visiting and Phyllis enjoyed spending time talking on the phone with her grandchildren and daughter, Kathy.

Bird City foundation to hold open house

Community foundations are grant-making organizations that help improve the lives of people, play a key role in identifying and solving community problems, and bring together financial resources of individuals, families and businesses to support nonprofits in their communities.

During the week of Nov. 12 - 18, Bird City Century II Development Foundation will join more than

700 community foundations across America for Community Foundation Week to tell the stories of lives changed, jobs created, and communities transformed through philanthropy's partnership with private and public community leaders and organizations.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15, Bird City Century II Development Foundation will hold an open house for the public with cookies, cider and coffee to celebrate the successes and future of the Foundation.

Charitable funds are set up in community foundations by both individuals and institutions, and can be established with a wide variety of assets, including cash, real estate, stock and farm equipment. Gifts come from living donors and through wills. Donors can help design gift plans that achieve their philanthropic passions, meet diverse economic situations, and maximize their tax deductions.

For more information about the Bird City Century II Development Foundation, how to establish a charitable fund for your annual giving, or to leave a legacy for your family and your community, contact Cathy Domsch at 107 West Bressler, 785-734-2556, or mail to: cathy@birdcity.com.

— Women's facts —

- 1995 death rates from cardiovascular diseases were 67 percent higher for African-American females than for white females (127.5 deaths per 100,000 white females compared with 213.2 deaths per 100,000 African-American females).

- Cardiovascular disease is epidemic in women as well as in men. The main difference between the sexes is not whether women are likely to get coronary heart disease, but when. Coronary heart disease takes almost a decade longer to show up in women. By then a woman is often concerned with other health problems she may have, such as cancer, arthritis or osteoporosis. These diseases tend to draw attention away from the steadily ticking time bombs of heart disease and stroke.

- Stroke is the third leading cause of death for American women, behind diseases of the heart and cancer. It is a leading cause of serious, long-term disability.

- In 1995 over 96,000 females died from stroke, which was 61 percent or three of every five stroke deaths that year.

James Ryan Jones
Oct. 8, 1926 - Oct. 26, 2012

James Ryan Jones, Fort Dodge, Kan., died Friday, Oct. 26, 2012, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. He was born on Oct. 8, 1926, in Midland, Texas, to William Russell and Cora Caroline Jones.

He grew up in New Mexico. At the age of 17, he joined the Navy and served in the Pacific during World War II, earning several medals for that service.

James married Virginia Robison in 1948 and they settled in Ordway, Colo., and farmed. They moved to St. Francis in 1954 to expand the Jones Family LP gas business. They had three daughters, Vickie, Celaine and Gay. Virginia and Jim joined the First Christian Church on Feb. 20, 1955, in St. Francis. Their marriage ended when Virginia died.

On May 19, 1958, Jim married Frances Marie Wolbach. They had four children, Dena Marie, James Ryan II, Brett Wade and Russell Shane Jones.

Jim operated the Phillips 66 gas station and an appliance store. He was active in the Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion and VFW in St. Francis. He was part of the committee that worked with Bob Dole to get government funding to build Riverside Recreation. Jim was an avid golfer and hunter and taught all of his children to play golf. You could often find him at Harland's Grill drinking his morning coffee and telling his latest story.

James Ryan Jones was preceded in death by his parents, William Russell and Cora Caroline Jones, his first wife, Virginia (Robison) Jones, his sister, Coralie (Jones) Richards, his brothers, David Jones and Russell Jones, and his daughter, Gail Celaine (Jones) Burns.

Survivors include his brother, George Jones and wife Shirley; his daughters, Vickie (Jones) Hawes and husband, Russ; Gay (Jones) Thomsen and husband, David, and Dena (Jones) Riley; his sons, James Ryan Jones II and wife Marianna, Brett Wade Jones and wife, Jenna, and Russell Shane Jones and wife, Amy. He is also survived by his second wife, Frances Ogden.

Jim had 13 grandchildren, Robbie Ron, Chelsi Marie,

Obituaries

Ruby I. (Rambat) Peters
July 16, 1914 - Oct. 27, 2012

Ruby Ida (Rambat) Peters was born July 16, 1914, to John and Anna (Gellerman) Rambat in Bird City, Kan. She died Oct. 27, 2012, at Belle Terrace in Tecumseh, Neb., at the age of 98 years.

She was baptized Aug. 1, 1914, by Pastor Dagman and confirmed May 24, 1929, by Pastor Martin Stricker at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bird City.

Ruby attended school in Bird City from kindergarten thru high school graduating with the class of 1932. She started taking music lessons when she was in the first grade and continued through high school and beyond. She started playing for Sunday school at the age of 11, then became the church organist, playing for many weddings and funerals as well as the accompanist at school operettas and other functions and went to many music contests during her high school years.

After graduation Ruby helped her mother at home and gave music lessons. She also clerked at a dry goods store and drug store for a few years.

On Oct. 3, 1940, she was united in marriage to Orval "Jake" Peters at St. John's Lutheran Church, Bird City, by the Rev. T.A. Kruger. They lived on a farm northwest of Elk Creek all their married life. To this union two sons were born, Roger Lynn and Terrance John, "T.J." Jake died July 2, 1997.

Ruby was very talented in many ways. She became one of the organists at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, was a member of the Dorcas Society, Bible study group and a pinocle club. She enjoyed knitting and counted cross stitch and homemaking activities such as cooking, baking and entertaining.

She is survived by her sons, Roger Peters of Byers, Colo., and "T.J." Peters and wife Malinda of Bowie, Texas; granddaughter, Meghan of Chicago, Ill., many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends and sisters-in-law, Phyllis Rambat of Arvada, Colo., Ruth (Peters) Hurst of Camden, S.C., and Marion (Nelson) Peters of Tecumseh.

Ruby was preceded in death by her husband Jake, her parents, sister, Emma Holscher, brothers, Ervin, Bill, Harry, Harvey and Lee Roy Rambat and four sisters- and brothers-in-law.

Funeral services were held at the St. Peter's Lutheran Church, southwest of Elk Creek, Neb., on Thursday, Nov. 1, 2012, with Rev. Robert Schermbeck officiating. Memorials may go to the family's choice.

Interment was in the St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery, rural Elk Creek. Online condolences may be left at www.wherrymortuary.com.

Henry Franklin Swayne Jr.
May 5, 1926 - Oct. 26, 2012

Henry Franklin Swayne, Jr., 86, Mount Vernon, Mo., former Kanorado area farmer, died Friday, Oct. 26, 2012, at the Missouri Veterans Home in Mount Vernon, Mo.

He was born on May 5, 1926, to Ethel (Doggett) and Henry Franklin Swayne at Edson. The family lived north of Edson and he attended school at Kanorado. In 1969, he earned his general education development diploma.

On May 10, 1944, after turning 17, he began serving his country in the U.S. Navy and was honorably discharged on June 28, 1946, receiving a purple heart.

On July 21, 1948, he and JoAnna Fothergill Brown were married at Goodland. They farmed northeast of Kanorado. She died on Aug. 18, 1986.

On July 25, 1987, he and Shirley Keck were married in rural Missouri and they made their home north of Kanorado. In 1997 they moved to Greenfield, Mo. In 2011 he moved to the veterans home in Mount Vernon, Mo.

Mr. Swayne belonged to the Veterans of Foreign Wars —

Lowell Coleman Post 1133 in Goodland and the Goodland Elks Lodge.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his first wife and a sister, Jean Fick.

Survivors included his wife of Mount Vernon, Mo.; a daughter, Lynn Swayne of Sterling; four sons, Lance (Traci) Swayne of Tucson, Ariz., Tom (Cheryl) Swayne of Meriden, Howard Swayne of Greenfield, Mo. and Harlan (Susan) Swayne of Aurora, Mo.; step-daughter, Tonya Stagner of St. Louis, Mo.; two brothers, Ted (Gertrude) Swayne of Kanorado and Dee (Bonnie) Swayne of Bogue; three sisters, Clara Stone of Wichita, Peggy King of Kanorado and Doyce Pratt of Phoenix, Ariz.; and seven grandchildren.

Services were at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2012, at Koons Chapel, Goodland with the Rev. Shelly Petz officiating. Burial with military honors follow ed in the Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials to the Disabled American Veterans may be sent to the funeral home.

Did You Know

- Johann Sebastian Bach was not just considered "the greatest genius of baroque music," he was also a father to 20 children, several of whom became musicians.

- In French universities, freshmen are sometimes called bec jaune, or yellow beak, for their similarity to fledgling birds.

- When a lapwing's nest is threatened, the bird will limp and pretend to be hurt to lure its enemies away.

- Experts on Elizabethan cuisine contend the "funeral baked meals"

Hamlet makes so much of were meat-pies.

- Most experienced beekeepers handle bees and honeycombs with their bare hands. Gloves are clumsy and would soon become covered with sticky honey.

- The world's best fishing grounds lie along the edge of the Arctic, particularly off the coasts of Greenland and Iceland.

- The ancient Greeks named the Arctic region for a constellation that they called Arktos (the bear).

Herald And Times Happenings:

Christmas seen through the eyes of a child is priceless

This year, as in the year's past, the Special Christmas section will be published before the holidays. The section will feature letters from Santa, answers of questions asked of school children, memories and recipes.

The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times staffs welcome participation from children to adults. All items must be received by Dec. 5 in order to get them into the special section.

Send letters, special memories, articles and recipes to The Herald at P.O. Box 1050, St. Francis, KS 67756 or fax 785-332-3001, or drop them off or e-mail to sfherald@nwkansas.com titling the subject as "Christmas for the Paper."



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PUBLIC NOTICE
NW KS GMD#4 WTAP
SIGN-UP OPEN

The Kansas Department of Agriculture is accepting applications for the Water Right Transition Assistance Program (WTAP). The deadline to apply is November 15.

WTAP is a voluntary, incentive-based program designed to help restore aquifers and streams in critical areas by retiring water rights. Six "high priority" areas in the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 (GMD 4) have been designated as eligible target areas by the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Water Resources chief engineer because of significant water level declines. The six areas have been determined to be in need of aquifer recovery and are now closed to further water appropriations.

Applicants who are selected for WTAP grants are compensated by the department's Division of Conservation in exchange for the permanent retirement of water rights on irrigated land.

For more information, contact Steve Frost, water conservation program manager, at (785) 296-8964 or Steve.Frost@kda.ks.gov. WTAP rules and regulations, applications, maps and other details are available on the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Conservation website at <http://www.ksda.gov/doc?cid=1941>.

Information and assistance is also available on the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Water Resources field office in Stockton at (785) 425-6787 or at the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 in Colby at (785) 462-3915.