

# goodland gazette

Again a busy week. I've been thinking about the upcoming chicken noodle dinner and what I'll take for both the food sale and the main dinner. It didn't take long to find out I will need to make six pumpkin pies. My problem is I don't like to freeze these pies so that means making them late on Friday or very early on Saturday. I will have to see which time is better for my schedule.

I have had some interesting conversations with people about my column. I got a card from a couple here in town who said "letting you know that we are so happy your column is in *The Daily*. It is about the most important part of Goodland...the people we live and work with! You are doing a great job." The woman also commented about my "glowing shirt" that I mentioned last week. Thank you for your kind words.



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I never cease to be amazed at how people respond to the various ramblings of mine. I got a phone message that said "no name, no message, no number, just BUTTERBALLS!" Well, I recognized his voice, so a call back was one of giggles and memories. I still think he was just coyly asking for a chicken noodle dinner with butterballs. Those things sure have been a conversation piece. One older gentleman told me at the post office he had forgotten about them until the column

reminded him of his mom making the same soup years ago when he was a young man out on the farm.

This is what the column should be doing — reviving some of the most wonderful memories for you readers. In these busy times, we fail to remember the good times we had as young people in a time that was less hurried, more relaxed and associated with others in friendship and just good old-fashioned fun.

I had a nice conversation with Alice Watkins the other evening. She and Leslie had a number of family members and relatives visit them the past two weeks. Some of them that came for a visit were Melvin and Ida Murray of Amherst, Colo.; Bob Case of Bothell, Wash.; Katharine and Larry Wilson and Brenda and Makayla Haag of Ogallala, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. John VanVleet and Kisa, the Glenn Watkins family and Sally Watkins, all of Englewood, Colo.; Jeff Helzer of Wichita; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry VanVleet and family of Polson, Mont.; Melvin and Betty Watkins of Denver; Rhonda Edwards of Grant, Colo.; Ravonna Baker of Westminster, Colo.; Doris Quenzer of Brewster; and Red and Della Helzer, Elroy and Lucille Fenner, Bob Beckner, Myra Watkins and Marl Sutterlund, all of Goodland.

Some of the out-of-town visitors made a quick return trip to attend the funeral of Lottie Dillinger, Leslie's sister. In my early years in Goodland, Alice was one of the ladies that helped me learn, if that's what you can call it, the art of bowling. I never was a good bowler, but the other girls on the team sure put up with me until I hurt my back and was out of action for the biggest part of two seasons.

The doctors put a stop to my bowling. Every so often though I look at my ball bag and I think I'll give it a try. The next thing that catches my eye is the awful back brace I had to wear for most of a year and the ball is put back down on the closet floor. I had some very, very good times with those ladies and I thank them for the memories.

Leona Dermody of Seekonk, Mass.,

spent the last three weeks at the home of her sister, Isabelle Hellerud, who is recovering from hip surgery. Visiting the two ladies over the weekend were Bob and Marilyn Hellerud of Junction City, Tim Hellerud of Denver and Tom Hellerud and family of Goodland.

Isabelle said she is doing well and getting around with the use of just one crutch. She also showed me a clipping of her granddaughter, Erica Shearer, in Hays. Erica is the daughter of Isabelle's late daughter Merna and will graduate in December from Fort Hays State University with a bachelor of fine arts degree. She put on a display called "Hungry Ghosts" on Friday, Oct. 13. A quote from Erica was "this particular piece began in my head three years ago with the death of my mother. A big result of that loss has been my need to feel at home. I constantly search for that comfort. So this piece is about searching — in memories, journeys and in art itself."

The display had 100 hanging ghosts made out of chicken wire, with lighting added for dramatic effects. She also showed 12 paintings of ghosts as well. The entire show took a year and a half to put together. It was a coincidence that it was displayed on a day most people are superstitious about was her comment. The article said it took 1,050 feet of chicken wire and 100 gallons of paint to make the ghosts.

The posters for the exhibition were designed by Erica's sister, Brandy, an alumna of Fort Hays. She and several other people helped Erica put her exhibit together and found materials for it. After graduation in December, Erica plans to travel for awhile and then go to graduate school. She would like to get an internship at an art studio and exhibit other art pieces that she hasn't had on display. Time permitting, she may try to put together another exhibit before graduation. The article concluded with Erica's statement, "I chose to do art because it seems like the only thing to do. I don't think I could do anything else." Isabelle is one proud grandmother.

Mac Been is still a patient in the hospital. His daughter, Laura McClung, said he is showing improvement, but not enough to return home just yet. Get

well wishes are extended to him.

Upcoming birthdays are those of Doug Hilty on Oct. 29 and Carol Pettijohn on Nov. 2. Belated birthday greetings to Tanya Jarrett, whose birthday was Oct. 26. Best wishes to these and others.

The deaths of Seth Carney and Eileen Cech are the latest that their family members are trying to understand. Sincere sympathy to their families and friends. Seth, 20 months, was the grandson of Pat and Howard Carney of Goodland and Mrs. Cech was the mother of Joe Cech of Goodland. As my friend Mary Weed said, "it seems that as the holidays and a birthday come closer, the loss of a loved one seems to turn the tears loose, even after many months have passed." Tears heal, Mary, so let them come and if I'm around, I'll probably shed a few with you.

I didn't go to the last football game on Thursday as I was feeling very tired and had been trying to get rid of a headache all day long. With the number of people around with coughs and colds, I decided it would be better to keep out of the crowds and the cooler temperatures. I just turned the TV on to hear the final score, which was not a winning one for Goodland, unfortunately. However, there will be next year, guys.

Guess I've rambled on long enough. I need to close and call my sister, Martha, and see how she's doing following surgery on one of her knees,

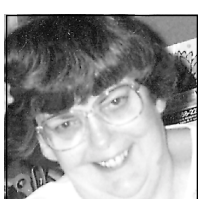
again. I so had hoped when they worked on it eight months ago that it would be the last time. I knew it wouldn't be though when I saw how she was walking or rather, not walking in September. I've been so unhappy with the results of her previous surgeries that I couldn't find anything good about the work. God, I pray she will have it done with for now. I don't know how many more times they can invade that knee and still have bones to work with.

Tuesday was an awfully long and frustrating day for me until my brother-in-law Bob called me at work to say she had made it OK. I'll probably get back next weekend to see her as she should be home and feeling up to having company. There's always something to upset me.

On that note and before I start to get upset again, I'll sign off for now. Thanks for your support and pray for all those battling illness and trying to get better, Martha included. 'Till next week.

## brewster beacon

On Friday, Marjorie Westover, Barb Springsteen, Joyce Crabtree, Inace Parker and I traveled to Goodland and selected a new kitchen range for the Senior Center in



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Brewster. Following the decision making, all of us enjoyed lunch at the Butterfly Cafe. Now, I am anxiously awaiting the delivery of the range, which was the result of Bea Starns' memorial.

When Bea Starns passed away in August, the center was one of the recipients of her memorial and we thank Bea's family for remembering us. Her children are Warren Starns from Winona, Wayne "Shorty" Starns from Ellinwood and Marjorie (Starns) Westover of Brewster.

Another thank you from the Senior Center goes to the family of Lottie Dillinger for the beautiful flower arrangements. Lottie passed away on Oct. 18. Today it's a little cloudy and dreary, so the flowers perk things up very much. That's the way I remember Lottie — always a pleasant smile on her face. We know she will be missed and we hope her family will accept our condolences as well as our "thank you."

I just talked to Lorraine Bear and she said she is feeling a little better. Awhile back, she fell and cracked a rib. Then, she caught the flu or a cold. I can't think of anything much more painful than coughing with a cracked rib.

The range has now been delivered and it is stirring up a little desire in me for cooking something, almost. It's a General Electric gas range with electronic ignition so we shouldn't have any gas smell. McClung's Appliance has been very good to help us get this project finished. We thank them as well as the Starns family for this nice addition to the center.

Josh and Britt Reid and their daughter, Preston Jona Reid, of Lawrence enjoyed a few days at home this last weekend. This was the little girl's first visit to Grandpa Nate and Grandma Judy's house. Her great-grandparents, Warren and Bonnie Reid, were also surprised.

Cornelia Baird is now back in Brewster after a trip that included a visit to

Rodney and Peggy Baird's home in Salem, Ore. She also was able to spend time with her son, Ben. She said she enjoyed herself very much, but was also glad to get home.

We send our condolences to Mary Faber and the other family members of Lola Hurst Stosser who passed away at Lantern Park Manor in Colby on Wednesday, Oct. 25.

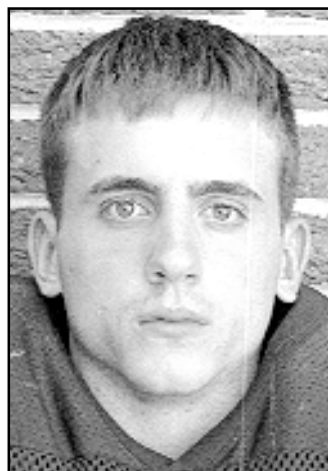
Also, Duane Jones said his brother-in-law, Walt Trachsel of California, passed away recently. Walt was from Goodland. He moved to California several years ago.

A special reminder that a turkey supper will be held Wednesday at the Brewster Methodist Church and that flu vaccinations will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Central Time, Tuesday, Nov. 7 at the Brewster Senior Center.

With that, I will close for now and I hope everyone has a great week.

# Wendy's

**Athletes of the Week are:**



This week's Wendy's Athletes of the Week are Brewster football player Clint Horinek and Goodland volleyball player Jara McKee. Horinek rushed for 154 yards and five touchdowns against Golden Plains Friday, plus he picked up receiving and a fumble recovery touchdown. He is a senior at Brewster High. McKee had 14 kills, 21 digs, and three aces, plus she served a perfect 18/18 in sub-state Saturday. She is a senior at Goodland High.



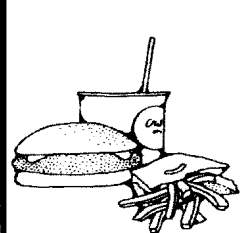
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