

# Sparks and Handy Towers have eleven apartments available for rent

Last week was busy, so I got an early start on this column. Early in the week I talked with Marcia Way of the Goodland Housing Authority. She's the person you need to see if you or someone you know is interested in possible housing at the two independent living buildings, Sparks and Handy Towers. She told me that there are 11 apartments available. They've had a rather large number of people move out, mostly residents who were in need of more care than what could be offered at the towers. She also said the two towers will be celebrating anniversaries soon. Sparks Towers opened in April 1971 and Handy Towers followed in 1981.

You can call or go to the office in Sparks Towers for information on the guidelines for eligibility to live in ei-



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ther of the towers. Among some of the requirements to obtain housing, Way said a person must be at least 50. In addition, she said the family housing on Kansas street in the northwest part of town is full at this time. If you know of someone that may have expressed an interest in moving into some place where no yard work or other outside work is needed, give Marcia a call.

There is a set of proud grandparents in Goodland. Tom and Carol Stewart welcomed their first grandchild, Kourtney

Ann, who was born April 12. She is the first child for Ryan and Kristy Stewart of Smith Center. She was born in Nebraska, but is a special addition to Kansas. Congratulations to all on her birth.

When I went to the Goodland hospital, I found several people were there besides the ones I had intended to visit. I had gone to see Berna Biem and Opal Cogdill and found Madelyn Danills, Paul Schippert and Paul McGuire were patients also. Mrs. Danills is recovering from surgery, Mr. Schippert was just needing medical treatment and Mr. McGuire was in prior to being taken to Denver for correction of a broken hip.

It was Sunday afternoon when I finished writing this column and I found Berna, Opal and Paul Schippert were still in the hospital. I didn't see Mrs. Danills or Mr. McGuire so I don't have any current status on their stay or plans to go home

I've only one birthday to note this time. It's that of Gertrude Renner. Happy birthday greetings to this lady. I got a call that her daughter Sally Farr is home to recuperate after her hospital stay in Denver and seems to be doing fairly well. Get well wishes to Sally. There are no other birthdays or anniversaries on my sheet, but best wishes to any if there is one I don't know about.

I want to extend my sincerest sympathy to the families of Lee Miller and Thelma Peters. May you all find the loving care of the Almighty as you work through the tough times in the

coming weeks.

The ladies at the Goodland Senior Center spent a couple of weeks making hats for the Easter parade that they had on Thursday. There was a total of 25 hats made. Those who were there on Wednesday had a chance to vote for their favorite. The top three winners were announced after the ladies put on the "Easter Parade." They were Vera Fortmeyer, Myrtle Murphy and myself.

Easter Holy Week is always a very busy time at our church, St. Paul's Episcopal. We had services at noon on Thursday, services on Friday evening and a 10:30 a.m. service on Easter Sunday. Attendance was good at all these services.

I ate Easter dinner with Bud and Pat Perrey at Ray's Cafe. The place was

packed when we got there and continued that way till the time we left.

My sister, Martha, and her family were going to have a very quiet day since she still is restricted to how much she can do or how far she can go. Things just didn't work out for me to go to Greeley, Colo. I'm aiming for the weekend of Memorial Day to get back there. I'll take a couple of days off at the senior center and that will give me a longer time to be out there. I'll see how it works out.

I guess all of the country's prayers came to a good closing as the 24 military personnel who were being held in China are back home on free soil. I know the Vignery family probably had the best Easter ever after Jeff and his fellow service personnel arrived back in the United States. Welcome home, Jeff.

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