

obituaries

Mary Garcia

Mary Alice Garcia, 34, a Kanorado homemaker, died Thursday, Aug. 22, 2002, in a car accident south of Kanorado.



Garcia

She was born Nov. 7, 1967, at Corpus Christi, Texas, the daughter of Maria Antonia (Martinez) and Enrique Garcia.

Survivors include her mother of Corpus Christi; three daughters, Norma Linda (Benjamin) Ramirez, Nelda Lee Aguirre and Nancy Lou Aguirre, all of Kanorado; two sons, Efrain Aguirre Jr. and Danny Aguirre of Kanorado; 10 sisters, Carmen Garcia, Elivra Luna, Eva Sanchez, Janie Nieto, Luisa Garcia, Mary Ann

Garcia and Rebecca Lopez of Corpus Christi, Josie Gutierrez of Kanorado, Elizabeth Abad of Denver and Maria Elena Rico of Brownsville, Texas; and her fiancé, Luis Soto of Kanorado.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2002, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Goodland, with Father Norbert Dlabal officiating. Burial will follow in the Kanorado Cemetery.

The vigil will be at 6 p.m. Monday at Koons Chapel. Visitation will be from 1-7 p.m. at the funeral home and at the church before services.

Memorials may be given to the Mary Garcia Memorial in care of the funeral home at 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.

Evelyn Melstrom

Evelyn Melstrom, 80, a life-time Sherman County resident, died this morning at the Goodland Good Samaritan Center.

Services are pending at Bateman Funeral Home.

Weekend rains spruce up lawns

The rains finally came. Wasn't that rain wonderful? My lawn, and surely everyone else's, looks much better. Isn't it amazing what a little water from Mother Nature can do?

It certainly would be nice to have a few more like the last one. Continue your prayers, and I'm sure we will be blessed with some more.

Even if it won't help the remaining crops for this year, it will help to get the grounds ready for the fall planting. Maybe, God willing, we can have a better crop next year.

School will be going full steam by the time you read this. Most families were taking short trips the past two weeks after the fair. While a lot of college students have been gone for a week or so, the local schools start today.

Maybe the weather will stay more in the high 70s or low 80s. If all goes as planned, I'll be starting back as a mentor again after the Labor Day weekend. My mother always said once school started and Labor Day came, the sum-



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mer was officially over, regardless of the calendar date. I hope everyone had a good summer and a good start of school.

This area lost a couple of younger people as the result of car accidents. To the families of Diana Tompkins and Mary Garcia may I offer my sincere sympathy on their losses. It is always tough to lose these younger people, but be assured you are not alone as you struggle to keep going. The Almighty will be with you all during these next few weeks.

My neighbor, John Deane, lost his aunt on Sunday morning. Mrs. Benoit passed away earlier Sunday morning at the Good Samaritan Center where

she was a resident for some time. Her children live out of state, but I still wish them all sincere sympathy during this time.

Sister Gretchen, our deacon, lost one of her children a couple of weeks ago. Her son Greg was a resident of Tucson at the time of his death.

To Gretchen and her other three children and their families the sympathy of all the members of St. Paul's and the Episcopalian community of western Kansas.

There seems to be several within the community that are having medical problems, most requiring the need of a hospital stay.

Not wanting to miss any one of them, I'll not name any but wish them all a speedy recovery and a quick return to their homes.

A few of them have come home or gone to family members' homes. Best wishes to all for a speedy recovery.

A belated anniversary wish goes to John and Betty Schroeder of Levant. I just found out about 10 days ago they had their 50th. Sorry to be late, but best wishes John and Betty for this milestone in your lives.

I've known them and their kids for many years. I watched the kids grow up, leave home, marry and have families of their own.

I also remember a time not very happy, but they all made it through and have kept their smiles and good humor. Congratulations and many, many more to you.

I've accomplished one of my summer goals. I have had my house and garage painted, and I must say it looks pretty good.

My next goal is to get the canyon property finished before winter sets in. Aaron has done a couple of repair jobs, and I will find out if he's done with the house within the next week or so.

Seeing no other notes, I'll sign off and get it ready for the office. Take care until next week.

about our friends

calendar

The Goodland Public Library is enrolling children for Story Hour for the 2002-03 year. There will be two sessions for 3-year-olds, 11 a.m. Wednesday and 10 a.m. Thursday, and two sessions for 4 and 5-year-olds, 10 a.m. Wednesday and 11 a.m. Thursday. All will last 45 minutes.

Story Hour will begin Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 11 and 12. Enroll children for the sessions by calling Karen Gillihan, children's librarian, at 899-5461.

The Right Combination Dance Studio is accepting enrollment for ballet, tap and jazz lessons until Saturday. Classes will start Monday, Sept. 9, and will be taught by Jessica Kashka. Call Donna Terry at the Goodland Activities Center at 899-7242.

Goodland High School has changed Homecoming to Friday, October 11 at the Oberlin football game.

Hospice Services is having an open house from 3-5 p.m. Tuesday at Rural Health Ventures. Cookies and beverages will be served.

Sherman County Big Brothers/Big Sisters will have a bowl-a-thon fund-raiser at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Bowladium Lanes. Five-person teams who raise at least \$500 will compete in what will become an annual event.

Colby Community College outreach program enrollment will be from 10 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3, at the Northwest Kansas Technical School Murray Center.

Jodi Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs will be in Goodland from 1-2:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, in the Assembly Room on

the third floor of the courthouse to help veterans and dependents with claims. Call the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at (785) 462-3572.

The Goodland Arts Council is hosting a Junk-Art Show Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Carnegie Arts Center as part of the city-wide Junk Parade. Entries must be created from some kind of recycled item and must be taken to the center by Sunday, Sept. 1. Items will be displayed Sept. 1-14 and will be judged on Sept. 7, with prizes awarded at 2 p.m.

Carnegie Arts Center will have an opening reception for Greg Todd, bronze sculptor, from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8.

The Goodland After-5, affiliated with Christian Business and Professional Women, is having a dinner party from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, at the Butterfly Cafe at Renner Field. The speaker will be Janice Schulte of Colby, and Joni Guyer of Cobblestone Floral will be the special feature. All ladies are welcome to attend, but there is a charge for dinner. For reservations, call Barb at 899-5580 or Lori at 899-3828.

Sherman County household hazardous waste collection will be from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at 1820 Cherry. Call Crystal Linsner at 899-4808.

SHARE sign up for the September distribution of food will be until Friday, Sept. 13, at the Sherman County Health Department, Harvest America, the Regional Prevention Center or the Kanorado Senior Center.

activities

Tours of the 1907 Victorian House at 202 W. 13th are from 1:30-6 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 1:30-5 p.m. Thursday and from 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Tours of the Union One-Room School, District 51, north of the High Plains Museum on Cherry are from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon-3 p.m. Sunday. "Prairie Past Times," a photographic history of entertainment in Sherman County, is on display from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at the museum, 1717 Cherry Ave.

The Carnegie Arts Center is open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Fine art in oils by Gayle Carson will be on display until Saturday, Aug. 31. Bronze sculptures by Greg Todd will be on display from Sunday, Sept. 8-Friday, Oct. 4.

Born to Read - The Goodland Public Library offers Story Time for children under 3 from 10-10:30 a.m. every Friday. The program will return in September.

Emotions Anonymous meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Goodland Regional Medical Center board room.

Century Families, for people whose family came to Sherman County more than 100 years ago, meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of the month at the Senior Center. For information, call 899-2835.

Aerobics Classes - 7:45 a.m. aerobics classes are offered daily at the Goodland Activities Center. Tena Tompkins leads a step aerobics class at 5:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On Tuesday and Thursday, a less intense class is offered. Call 899-7242.

TOPS Meetings - Take Off Pounds

Sensibly meets at 5:30 p.m. Mondays in the small board room at Goodland Regional Medical Center. Weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

Hanging by a Thread will meet from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, at Wheat Ridge Acres.

Goodland Women of Faith monthly celebrations will meet again in September.

area events

The "Long and Short of It" poker run and hog roast will be Saturday at Lake Atwood. Motorcycles, classic cars, vans or anything else legal that runs is eligible for the run.

Long run participants will register from 9-10:30 a.m. Central Time and depart at 11 a.m. for a 165 mile run. Short run participants will register from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and depart at 1 p.m. for a 70 mile run.

The long run will visit Colby, Oakley, Hoxie and Oberlin and return to Atwood. The short run will visit historic sites in Rawlins County.

The hog roast will be at 6 p.m., and prizes will be given away at 8 p.m. at the Atwood Lake Band Shell. Fees collected will benefit the Atwood Swimming Pool and Park Project. Call Cathy Domsch at 785-626-3548 or Scott Chvatal at 785-626-3251.

Golden Plains High School, Rexford, Selden, Menlo and Gem Alumni Reunion will be Friday-Sunday in Rexford. Parade will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, music in the park at 1 p.m., and a barbecue at 6 p.m. There will be crafts, food, rides, a beer garden and a free street dance. Sunday there will be church in the park at 10 a.m. and sand volleyball at noon (co-ed teams are needed). Call 785-687-3340 or 785-687-2255.

"Celebration on the High Plains" will be from 10 a.m.-midnight Cen-

tral Time Saturday, Sept. 7, at Southwind Plaza in Colby. Ty England will perform at 7 p.m. and Cyndi Thomson at 8:30.

Day time entertainment is free and includes skydive demos, taekwondo demos, dancers, Buffalo Soldiers, old-west gun shows, regional performers that will sing every hour for 45 minutes and a beer garden. There will be food vendors and carnival and business vendors.

school activities

Tuesday: Black day. Academic awards pot luck dinner 6:30 p.m. high school gym and cafeteria. Wednesday: Gold day. Thursday: Black day. Seminar - STUCO and GRACE. Friday: Gold day. Back to school dance 9 p.m.-12 a.m. in the courtyard or gym.

school lunch menu

Tuesday: Hoagie sandwich, lettuce, pickle, tomato, chips, fresh fruit and milk. Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, apple salad, hot roll and milk. Thursday: Cheeseburger, french fries, lettuce, pickle, onion, pudding and milk. Friday: Pizza, lettuce salad, corn, strawberry/banana cup and milk.

senior center menu

Tuesday: Barbecue chicken sandwich, potato salad, cook's choice vegetable, bun and watermelon. Wednesday: Chef salad, 1/2 banana, cranberry muffin and pudding. Thursday: Ground beef stroganoff, broccoli, peaches, noodles and crisp rice bar. Friday: Ham, candied sweet potatoes, peas and pearl onions, bread and pineapple.

hospital report

Goodland Regional Medical Center Admitted on Saturday: Emily Boster, Goodland. Swing bed: Etha

Brethouwer and Anne Manne, Goodland.

Dismissed on Saturday: Wendall Bogart, Goodland.

Specialists for Tuesday: Martin Rubinowitz, oncology/hematology, and Raymond Ketting, pediatrician.

Volunteer schedule: Tuesday: Beulah McClung, p.m. Wednesday: Carmelita Clark, courtesy.

health department

The Sherman County Health Department at 1622 Broadway is open from 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Tuesday: Scheduled appointments. Wednesday: Blood pressures at Goodland Senior Center 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday: WIC in Colby. Scheduled appointments. Friday: Walk-in clinic for blood sugar and blood pressure checks 8-11:30 a.m. Immunizations 1-4:30 p.m.

Children's physicals, immunizations, family planning and toenail clipping available by appointment. Sharps containers are available free of charge. Call 899-4888.

If you have questions, concerns or complaints about child care, call the health department.

Water Testing - The Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group does free well evaluations, including testing for bacteria and nitrates. To schedule an evaluation or discuss environmental concerns, call the Health Department at 899-4888.

today in history

Aug. 26, 1902: Charles Didra succumbs to cancer. Operation to prolong his life to no avail. At 48, he leaves his wife and four children. From The Goodland News, provided by the Sherman County Historical Society.

Rain may end or ease burn ban

Weekend rains which covered much of Sherman County and the surrounding area may allow commissioners to ease or drop the countywide burn ban, which has been in effect since Friday, June 28.

The commissioners will discuss the burn ban at 8 a.m. Tuesday. State law has kept the commissioners meeting every week because they had to renew the ban every seven days.

Most of Sherman County received

about an inch of rain Friday evening, and there was lots of running water to wash the streets. Clouds Saturday morning helped keep the temperatures down and allowed the moisture to soak into the dry ground.

The rain does not signal the end of the drought, but it did provide a sense of relief for the parched plains. It came at a good time, and may mean there is a chance for winter wheat to get started.

At their meeting, the commissioners

will continue to review the county budgets for next year, and review the latest figures.

After Friday's meeting, it appeared the county was facing an increase in the property tax level of about 10 percent, reversing a 10 percent cut they had last year.

The commissioners meet in the commission room on the main floor of the Sherman County courthouse, 813 Broadway Ave.

School board

At its meeting tonight, the Goodland School Board will:

- Evaluate Superintendent Marvin Selby in a closed session.
- Talk about whether to let Peoples State Bank use part of the parking lot behind the district administration building on Main Avenue for a drive-through window.

- Hear a request for early graduation.
- Discuss a new heating and air conditioning system for the administration office.
- Hear reports from Superintendent Selby and member Ron Schilling, the district representative on the Northwest Kansas Technical College Board.
- Talk about subscriptions to the American School Board Journal.

Hospital Board

The Goodland Regional Medical Center board will meet at 6:30 tonight to discuss a possible merger of Rural Health Ventures and information system proposals.

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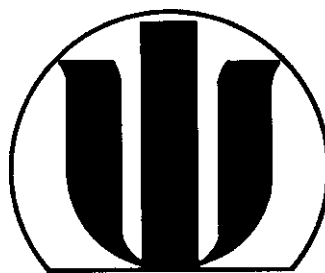
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