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Hayden Elizabeth Mai was born Wednesday, June 11, 2003, in Kansas City weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces, and at 20 inches long. Eric and Jordan Mai of Overland Park are her parents.

Scott and Nancy Gilmer of Goodland, David Mai of Lawrence and Gerry and Margie Prinster of St. Peters, Mo., are her grandparents. Thomas and Vera Parke of Hays and Clarence and Betty Mai of WaKeeney are her great-grandparents.

patient news

Joe Alfaro was injured in an accident Thursday, May 22, near Burlington. He is in the Colorado Acute Specialty Care Clinic, 1601 N. Lowell Blvd., Denver, Colo. 80204.

Carmelita Clark is receiving cancer treatments in Phoenix and is staying with her daughter. Send get well wishes to her at 9414 S. 51st St., Phoenix, Ariz. 85044.

card shower

Hazel Hook is celebrating her 91st birthday today, Tuesday, July 15. Send cards to her at Good Samaritan Village, Box 1140, St. Francis, Kan. 67756.

activities

Tours of the 1907 Victorian House at 202 W. 13th are from **1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Monday.**

“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.** “Looking East,” a life long collection of art and artifacts from Kin Huang of Goodland will be on display in July.

Born to Read will be at **10 a.m. Fridays** and **Story time** will be at **10 and 11 a.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays** at the Goodland Public Library. Call 899-5461.

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 - 7:30 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 890-7242.

TOPS Meetings - Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at **5:30 p.m. Mondays** at the Good Samaritan Center. Enter the east door on Center Ave. Weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

Hanging by a Thread will meet from **7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of the month** at Wheat Ridge Acres.

the calendar

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Bible talks by J. Tuttle and B. Nieuwenhuis will be at **7:30 p.m. Thursdays, July 17, 24 and 31** at Howard Johnson Hotel.

Jodi Tubbs of the **Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs** will be in Goodland from **1-2:15 p.m. Thursday** in the Assembly Room on the third floor of the courthouse to help veterans and dependents with claims. Due to budget cuts, she will only come to Goodland on the third Thursday of each month. Call the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at (785) 462-3572.

HarvestAmerica Corp. is giving out **commodities from 9-11 a.m. Friday** at 109 W. 11th. Bring

proof of income for all members of the household or your commodities card. Items to distribute are peanut butter, beef stew, mixed fruit, green beans, pineapple juice, pudding and roasted almonds. Call 899-3878.

Jay and Leslie’s Laughing Matters will perform a vaudeville style comedy show at **1 p.m. Friday** at the Goodland Public Library.

A **workshop for visually impaired seniors**, ages 55 and older, from **9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, July 22-24**, at the First United Methodist Church, 1116 Sherman. There is no charge, and lunch is included. Call 800-547-5789 to register.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Sherman County is seeking mentors and children to mentor. Call 899-3665.

Steever Water Park regular hours are from **1-6 p.m. Monday-Friday, from 1-7 p.m. Saturday and from 1-5 p.m. Sunday.** Adult swim will be from noon-1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday starting Tuesday, June 3. Water aerobics will be from 6-7 p.m. Wednesdays starting Wednesday, June 4.

area events

Admission to the **Prairie Museum of Art and History** will be free from **1-5 p.m. Central Time Sundays** at 1905 S. Franklin in Colby. The museum is also open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Central Time Monday-Friday and 1-5 p.m. Saturday.

health department

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

Monday: WIC in Oakley. Scheduled appointments. Voucher pickup 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **Tuesday:** Scheduled appointments. **Wednesday:** WIC in Colby. Scheduled appointments. **Thursday:** WIC in Colby. Voucher pickup and scheduled appointments. Blood Pressures 9:30-10 a.m. at Handy Towers. **Friday:** Scheduled appointments.

Infants’ and children’s immunizations, physicals, fasting blood sugar, cholesterol and hemoglobin, 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.

alateen

A former Alateen member and an Al-Anon member have formed an

Alateen support group that will meet from 6-7 p.m. on Mondays at 1275 W. Sixth in Colby. The group is for relatives and friends of alcoholics and is open to anyone 19 years old or under. Call 785-462-8152 or 462-6101.

tiny-k

The Early Intervention Networks has a new name, Tiny-k Early Intervention Services. The program promotes development among infants and toddlers with special needs. The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center in Oakley provides these services free of charge to children in this area.

Services include speech, developmental, vision and hearing screenings to all children and physical/occupational therapy and developmental training to children who qualify. Call 785-672-3125, ext. 115.

preschool

Sherman County Head Start is a free preschool for eligible three and four year olds. The preschool is accepting applications for the 2003-04 school year. The federally funded program is targeted to families who meet certain economic guidelines and provides hearing, vision, dental and educational screenings. Nutritious meals are served, and parents are encouraged to get involved in their children’s education

Families interested in having their child in the program should call Julie Dautel or Carrie Starns at 899-2552 or go to Sherman County Head Start, 823 W. 11th.

care packages

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary is looking for the names and addresses of military personnel from this area who are in the service and are being deployed for possible military action. The auxiliary would like to send phone cards and care packages to these service personnel. Call Jo Ann Wahrman at 899-3277 or Floriene Whisnant at 899-2412 if you know the name and address of such a person or if interested in helping with the care packages.

SHARE sign up for the August distribution of food will be until **Monday, Aug. 11**, at the Sherman County Health Department, Harvest America, the Regional Prevention Center or the Kanorado Senior Center. **Pick up** will be **Saturday, July 26**, for the June distribution.

seniorcenter menu

Wednesday: Tuna salad sandwich, vegetable soup, sliced tomatoes, crackers and Jell-o with fruit. **Thursday:** Pork roast, steamed cabbage, carrots and onions, pineapple, bread and cake with frosting. **Friday:** Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes and gravy, beets, bread and cantaloupe.

food drive

Harvest America Corp., 109 W. 11th, needs non-perishable food, personal hygiene items and household supplies to distribute to low income, elderly and disabled people in Sherman County. Harvest America is also looking for a freezer. Bring donations to the office on Mondays or call 899-3878 for pick up.

crimestoppers

On May 2, \$1,600 worth of damage was done to property of Collingwood Grain at 1000 W. 17th. Windows to the elevator were broken, and a 1999 Ford was damaged. Archer Daniels Midland donated \$1,000 to Crimestoppers to help find out who damaged their property.

On June 8, a lion statue in Chambers Park at 13th and Center was knocked off its stand. Any information about these crimes would be appreciated.

If you have information about any crime, call the Goodland Area Crime Stoppers “Look Line” at 899-5665. Your call will be confidential and you will not be asked your name. If the information results in the arrest and/or conviction of those involved, you could be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000. Goodland Area Crime Stoppers is a nonprofit organization formed by citizens against crime.

family shelter

The Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides services day or night to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available for women and children. For information or help, call (800) 794-4624.

tree donations

Many trees at the Goodland Cemetery have died and the cemetery board is trying to replace them. Contributions for the Goodland Cemetery Memorial Tree Fund can be left at Koons or Bateman funeral homes or sent to the Goodland Cemetery Board, Box 59, Goodland, Kan. 67735. Donations may be made in memory of a loved one.

tempting to kill Roy Berry. This makes \$18,000 for each of the prisoners, and a total sum of \$54,000.

The order of the supreme court is very brief and was merely entered in the clerk’s docket without the formality of a prepared opinion. The record simply reads as follows: “Application for bail allowed. Bond of \$15,000 for each petitioner to be approved by the respondent. Costs of the special commissioner adjudged against the petitioners. Commissioner allowed \$75. Stenographer’s fees allowed.”

From weekly issues of The Goodland News, provided by the Sherman County Historical Society. Since the paper was published weekly, some items were arbitrarily assigned a date.

obituaries

Gregory Baxter

Gregory L. Baxter, 52, Winona, manager of the Frontier Equity Exchange grain elevator in Brewster, died Friday, July 11, 2003, in a motorcycle accident at the Levant exit ramp in Thomas County.

He was born March 9, 1951, at Logan County, the son of Paul L. and LaVonne Marcotte Baxter. He lived in Logan and Thomas counties most of his life and in Burlington for several years.

Baxter was the grain elevator manager at Frontier Equity in Brewster and had been a truck driver for 27 years.

He was a member of the Oakley Community Church and a past member of the Levant Community Church, a member of the Tri-State Coalition of Concerned Motorcyclists and a life member of the National Rifle Association.

On Dec. 14, 2002, he married Billie Jean Faulconer at Dighton.

Preceding him in death were his father and a brother, Barry Baxter.

Survivors include his wife; his mother of Winona; two daughters, Amber Baxter of Goodland and Lael Baxter of Greeley, Colo.; two sisters, Linda Agner of Palmdale, Calif., and Karen Baxter of Garden City; and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Mountain Time Wednesday, July 16, 2003, at the Oakley church with Pastor James Bloom officiating.

Burial will follow in the Winona Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. Mountain Time today at the Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley.

Memorials may be made to the Greg Baxter Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home at Box 221, Oakley, Kan. 67748.

Dorothy Finley

Dorothy (Carroll) Finley, 100, a Cheyenne County homemaker, died Monday, June 30, 2003, at the Cheyenne County Hospital, just 10 days short of her 101st birthday.

She was born July 10, 1902, in Cozad, Neb., the daughter of Dorr and Gertrude Carroll. On Oct. 29, 1926, she married John Finley Jr., and she was a homemaker until he died in 1968.

She had been attending the University of Kansas in Lawrence when she met her husband, and she taught school in Drake, N.D., and Kansas City, Mo., before she started her family.

In 1928, Mr. Finley finished law school, and the couple moved to St. Francis so he could practice law with his father. Since his father was ill, they did not get to work together.

During the stock market crash in 1929, the Finleys decided to move to the family farmstead and to farm for the rest of their lives.

Mrs. Finley was a devoted wife, mother and friend. In 1928, she became a member of the First Christian Church and was active in

church activities.

After her husband’s death, took a job as secretary at the Farm Bureau office. She was also a janitor at the post office and was for a time the Clerk of the District Court in Cheyenne County. She played an important role in starting the public library.

She lived at home until her health forced her to move into the Good Samaritan Village in 2000. She enjoyed helping others and making hand stitched quilts for all of her great-grandchildren.

Besides her husband, preceding her in death were her parents; a son-in-law, Herbert M. Helms Sr.; a daughter-in-law, Bernadine Finley; and two grandsons, Herbert Jr. in 1982 and Richard D. in 1972.

Survivors include a son, John L. Finley III of St. Francis; a daughter, Barbara L. Finley; two grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 3, 2003, at the church. Burial followed at the St. Francis Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the church or the St. Francis Good Samaritan Village in care of Knodel Funeral Home, 202 S. Benton, St. Francis, Kan. 67756.

Bob Overmiller

Bob Overmiller, 69, father of Micki (Dane) Scherling of Goodland, died Saturday, July 12, 2003, at his home near Lebanon.

He was born June 28, 1934, the son of Gerald and Mae (Haresnape) Overmiller, on the family farm, where he lived and worked until his death.

He graduated from Smith Center High School in 1951. He was a charter member of the Smith Center Evangelical Free Church. He was a member of the Gideons and the National Farmers Union.

On Sept. 2, 1956, he married Judy Ellis at the Independent Evangelical United Brethren Church north of Lebanon.

Preceding him in death were his parents and a granddaughter, Amber Stroede.

Other survivors include his wife; two sons, Gayle (Julie) Overmiller and Bryan Overmiller, both of Beloit; two other daughters, Patti Gilpin of Wichita and Linda (Darren) Stroede of Beloit; a brother, Bill (Jean) Overmiller of rural Lebanon; 15 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Mountain Time Wednesday, July 16, 2003, at the Smith Center Evangelical Free Church with Pastors Greg Hubbard and Curtis Odell officiating. Burial will follow in the Cedar Hill (Cora) Cemetery in rural Bellaire.

Memorials may be made to the Evangelical Free Church, Hospice Services of Smith County or the Gideons in care of Love Funeral Home, 377 15th St., Burlington, Colo. 80807.

Two-vehicle collision kills Winona man

A two-vehicle collision killed a Winona man Friday, July 11.

According to a report from the Kansas Highway Patrol, Gregory L. Baxter, 52, of Winona, was killed while riding his motorcycle when he struck a 1989 Chevy pickup driven by Ernest A. Thacker, 63, of Phillipsburg.

Thacker and his wife, Thelma, 62, were westbound exiting the I-70 off-ramp at Levant and did not yield to Baxter, who was on northbound on U.S. 24, and Baxter hit the driver’s side of the truck with his motorcycle.

Baxter was on his way from Winona to Brewster to go to work.

Internet tonight! Call 899-2338

Attorney argues Deweys habitually armed

By Evelyn Ward

Sherman County Historical Society

July 15, 1903: Hearing on Dewey Habeas Corpus — Attorney General Coleman Makes Able Argument for the State — Hessin Hangs His Plea Upon the Peg That Berrys Were Desperate Characters

— Coleman summarized his argument as follows: That the Dewey’s habitually went armed; that they were apparently trying to establish a “little dukedom;” that the Deweys went to get the tank with a force of 11 men when two would have been sufficient; that the Dewey forces were concealed behind a sod wall and stayed there, fully armed, for half an hour; that as evidence of malice against the Berrys it was cited that Dewey had built a fence right through the Berry home and that Dewey had guarded a well to prevent the Berrys from getting water.

In reply to these arguments, Senator Hessin told of the threats which the Berrys had made against the Deweys in regard to taking away the tank which had been bought.

“I am willing to admit that a state of feud existed in that locality,” said Mr. Hessin, “but I claim that it was the anti-Dewey forces which first armed themselves and came to the Dewey ranch and made demand on the Deweys. They wanted the Deweys to withdraw certain warrants legally issued for the arrest of the Berry boys. I will admit that there was certain to be a clash be-

tween the hostile factions sooner or later, but there was nothing to indicate when it would come. When it did come it was unexpected and unpremeditated.”

July 16, 1903: Hoboes in Jail for Stealing — The prisoners are charged with petit larceny. The Rock Island detective service was the complaining witness. The four young men plead not guilty to the charge. Bond was fixed at \$25 each and in absence of bond they were returned to jail to await trial.

When passenger train No. 9 pulled into Goodland, car inspector Cooper noticed two men standing by the sleeper. Later he saw the same fellows making for the side tracks and they tumbled a grip under a freight car.

Report was made to Trainmaster and search was made. The grip was found. Articles scattered about the

yard showed that the grip had been rifled. It was discovered that the grip was the property of a Miss Gilbert. The total value of grip and contents was invoiced at \$17.60.

July 17, 1903: Supreme Court Allows Bail — Slayers of the Berrys Must Appear for Trial Under Bond of \$18,000 Each — Sheriff Approves Security and Prisoners Released Monday — The application for bail by Chauncey Dewey, Clyde Wilson and W.J. McBride was allowed by the supreme court Friday, July 10, and the bond of the prisoners is fixed at \$15,000 each, for the killing of the three Berrys and an additional \$3,000 for the at-

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