

# obituaries

## John E. Finders

John E. Finders, 76, Goodland, died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007, at Goodland Regional Medical Center.



Finders

He was born Dec. 11, 1930, at Long Island, N.Y., the son of Walter E. and Adelaide (Durr) Finders. He graduated from high school in Wade Park, Minn. and continued his education at DeVry Technical Institute in Kansas City.

From 1948 through 1952, he served in the U. S. Air Force in Europe.

On July 21, 1956, he married Joan Konewko at St. Cloud, Minn. In 1979, the family moved to Goodland from Michigan. He was an electronics systems analyst for the National Weather Service, retiring as head of the electronics systems department.

His was a member of the Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Elks Lodge, all of Goodland. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and hiking, especially with his kids and grandkids.

Preceding him in death were a

son, James J. Finders; a sister, Karla Schueller; his father, Walter Finders; and mother, Adelaide Gaulke.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Stephen (Mary) Finders of Parker, Colo.; three daughters, Cathy Finders-Shaver and her husband Mark of Indianapolis, Cheryl (Ron) Cowan of Goodland and Janice (Scott) Shupert of Littleton, Colo.; four sisters, Phyllis (Dick) Shea and Judy (John) Sandefur, both of Penrose, Colo., Bobbi Finders of St. Cloud, Minn., and Eileen (Bob) Gebhardt of Sartell, Minn.; a brother, Tom (Veronica) Finders of Baudette, Minn.; and 13 grandchildren.

The Mass of Christian Burial was at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, 2007, at the church with Father Norbert Dlabal presiding. Burial followed in the Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials may be designated to OLPH Catholic Church Scholarship Fund or to the Goodland Public Library in care of Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.

## Dorothy Fairbanks

Dorothy Fairbanks, 75, Goodland, a retired clerk at the Sherman County treasurer's office, died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, in Olathe.

She was born July 20, 1931, in Salida, Colo., the daughter of Michael and Lena Zanin. She attended school in Salida, graduating in 1949, and moved to Sherman County in 1950.

On July 21, 1951, she married Harold Fairbanks at the Kanorado United Methodist Church. The family traveled with the military until returning to Goodland in 1973. She worked in the treasurer's office for 25 years.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband; a son, Bruce;

and a sister, Elsie Reents.

Survivors include three sons, Mike Fairbanks of Olathe, Bryan Fairbanks of Overland Park and Mark Fairbanks of Frederick, Md.; three brothers, Ben Zanin of Seattle, Frank Zanin of Grand Junction, Colo., and Bob Zanin of Golden, Colo.; and two grandchildren.

Services were planned for 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, 2007, at Bateman Funeral Home, with burial in the Kanorado Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary in care of the funeral home, Box 278, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

## Melba L. Gates

Melba L. Gates, 84, Goodland homemaker, died Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2007, at the Sherman County Good Samaritan Center.

She was born Jan. 29, 1922, in Speed, the daughter of Wayne and Alma Osborn.

Her mother died when she was 3, so she was raised by her father, grandparents, aunts and uncles in California and Kansas, returning to Logan after graduating from high school in 1940.

On July 5, 1940, she married Lester E. Gates, a classmate, in Norton. She enjoyed cooking, playing the piano and organ, crocheting, gardening and watching soap operas on television.

Mrs. Gates participated in the women's bowling league, Women of the Moose Lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Preceding her in death were her parents.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Elton (Sandra) Gates of Garden Plain, Darrel (Jeannie) Gates of Fort Worth, and Arlen (Velda) Gates of Hutchinson; a daughter, LaDonna (Verlan) Snyder of Goodland; two brothers, Raymond and Verlon Osborn; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007, at the Goodland First United Methodist Church, with burial in the Goodland Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. today at Bateman Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Good Samaritan Center in care of the funeral home, Box 278, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

## Bill Sanderson

William Albert Sanderson, 75, Colorado Springs, a Goodland native, died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007, in Colorado Springs.

He was born Sept. 15, 1931, in Goodland, the son of Roy and Ruth Sanderson and graduated from Sherman Community High School in 1950. He then entered the Air Force, serving in the Korean and Vietnam wars.

He retired in 1972, and on March 25, 1972, during spring break, he married Judith Hertneky in Las Vegas. They lived in Colorado Springs.

Mr. Sanderson was a long-time member of the Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars and Masonic Temple and the Colorado Springs Shrine Club.

Preceding him in death were his parents; two brothers, Harold and Jack; and a sister, Marjorie Voigt.

Survivors include his wife; a brother, Edward of Austin, Texas; and three sisters, Martha Williams of Topeka, Marian Reimer of Hutchinson, and Sally Carney of Bellvue, Colo.

A memorial service was Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, at Cappadona's Funeral Home in Colorado Springs. Burial was private.

Memorials may be made to the Judith C. Sanderson American Association of University Women Fellowship, 1111 16th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, or the Shriners Hospital for Children, 815 Market St., Galveston, Texas 77550-2725.

## Loren Ellis McGlachlin

Loren Ellis McGlachlin, 73, Wichita, brother of Donice Monhollon of Goodland, died Monday, Jan. 15, 2007, at his home.

Mr. McGlachlin was born March 4, 1933, to Floyd Leo and Clarice Mae (Hamm) McGlachlin in Newton.

He grew up farming with his parents and lived in Newton, Russell Springs, Tacoma, Wash., and Wichita.

He served in the U.S. Army and later worked for Beech Aircraft, retiring after 43 years.

Also surviving are two daughters, Barbara Allen and Cathy (Bob) Robertson, both of Wichita; four sons, Ronald (Roberta) McGlachlin of Newton, Gary Couch of Valley Center and Ronnie (Sharon) Couch

and Eddie (Marsha) Couch, both of Wichita; a brother, Delbert McGlachlin of Albany, Ore.; 19 grandchildren; and 39 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death was his wife Maxine McGlachlin.

Services were at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, 2007, at the Northside Church of Christ in Wichita.

Memorials may be made to Know Your Bible, in care of the church, 4545 N. Meridian, Wichita, Kan. 67204, or Heartland Hospice, 3243 E. Murdock, Wichita, Kan. 67214.

Cochran Mortuary and Crematory of Wichita was in charge of arrangements. An on-line guestbook is available at [www.cochranmortuary.com](http://www.cochranmortuary.com).

# Fair made money in 1931's hard times

Winter time appeared to be a good time to conduct end-of-the-year business and advanced planning for the 1932 Northwest Kansas Fair. Although 1931 saw a continuation of hard economic times in our country, the local fair apparently made money according to a report in *The Goodland News-Republic*.

## FAIR BOARD IN ANNUAL MEETING PICKS OFFICERS Annual Financial Report Showed Exhibition Paid Out in Bad Year

The information published after the close of the annual Northwest Kansas Fair last fall to the effect that the exhibition had again paid its way was confirmed yesterday when the fair board held its annual meeting and submitted the annual report to the board of county commissioners. The meeting was held in the commissioners' board room at the Court House in Goodland.

After the expenses were paid, the board had \$630.43 left on hand, the report showed. Receipts of \$27,630.59 included the sale of concessions, tickets and other income from the fair and the county funds allotted to the free fair.

In the report of expenses, it was



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shown that a payment of \$13,015.19 was made on the indebtedness, permanent improvements of \$2,004.26, awards amounting to \$4,232.13, the racing program cost of \$1,500, and costs of other departments amounted to \$3,135.00.

The fair association now has grounds and improvements, which together with the small balance on hand amounts to \$63,234.69 in value, and there is only \$19,010.11 indebtedness against this property.

While definite information on all fairs in the state has not yet been secured, it is so far as known the only one in Kansas, not excepting the State Fair, that paid its way in 1931. Most of the fairs suffered from the bad year and ran behind, some of them a large amount.

As might reasonably be expected after a successful year, the board decided to retain pretty much the same management that has conducted affairs the past year. Only

one change was made in the officers, John Morton being elected as vice-president in place of Emmett Morton. Irwin Trachsel was re-elected president, Evan Knudson, secretary, and L.N. Shaw, treasurer.

It was also decided to elect department superintendents, so they could be working on plans for this year's fair and be ready to report their preliminary plans at the meeting in February.

The dates for the 1932 fair were set for August 23, 24, 25 and 26.

In the "Weather Report" column, Western Kansas must have experienced some rather mild weather going into the new year 75 years ago, unlike 2007.

## NW Kansas Cattlemen Complain of No Wind

Let those who have talked about windy Western Kansas read this and ponder.

Stockmen are complaining that there has not been any wind for so long that their stock tanks are dry and the cattle are going without water because there isn't enough

breeze to turn the windmills and pump water. For more than a week now there has been no wind, and the cattle have to go thirsty.

Knudson Bros. Hardware and Implement business in Goodland sponsored a column in *The Goodland News-Republic* (January 1932) which contained not only advertising, but some rather interesting items and humorous notes.

If your tractor needs overhauling, why not have this work done during the slack season? You can save money by helping our mechanics on your own job, if you wish to do so, and your tractor will be ready when you need it in the spring.

O. E. Butler is not waiting until Spring work starts to overhaul his tractor. Our mechanic is doing the work this week.

This week's best sellers! Stock Tank Heaters, Electrical Ware, Coaster Wagons, Guns and Shells, Pyrex Ware, Chinaware and Cream Separators.

We delivered a No. 2 McCormack-Deering Cream Separator to Mrs. R.L. Stanley this week.

Noah didn't wait for his ship to come in — he built one, and Noah wasn't all wet.

# Center will help you find skilled workers

As an employer, do you have trouble finding skilled workers? The Colby Workforce Center has the resources and the staff to help.

They offer complete employee recruitment services free of charge. Services include job orders, assessments, screening, job development and job placement.

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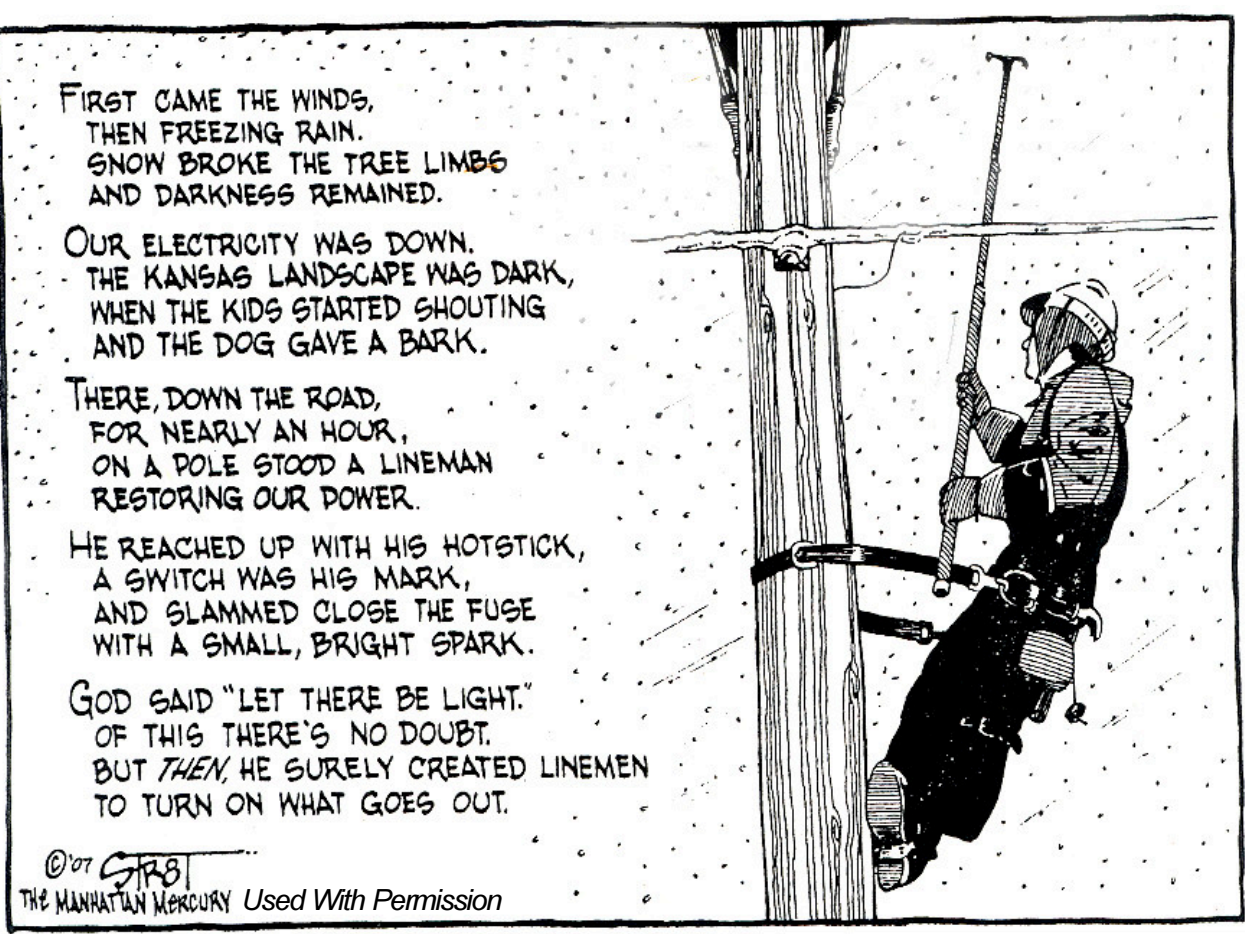
help you place your job order and pre-screen applicants to insure that

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only qualified candidates are referred for your consideration.

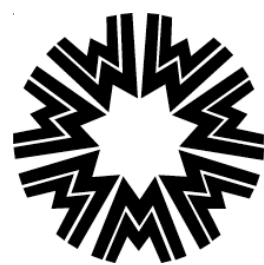
Office space is available for interviewing applicants. Call the Colby Workforce Center at (785) 462-6862 and visit [www.colbyworkforcecenter.org](http://www.colbyworkforcecenter.org) or e-mail [wkbc@wbsnet.org](mailto:wkbc@wbsnet.org). Sponsored in part by Sherman County.

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Recently, western Kansas experienced one of the most extensive and costly winter storms in recent memory. Over 6,000 Midwest Energy customers were without electricity, some for a week or more. Damage is estimated in the tens of millions of dollars. However, we managed to safely work through the problems and restore electricity to our customers within ten days. So many times, those who work long hours day after day in these horrible conditions do not get the recognition they deserve. Likewise, those customers who persevered through the wet and cold weather do not get the thanks they deserve for their patience.

We would first like to thank all those customers who "made do" while our crews worked to restore service. We appreciate their patience and confidence in our abilities. Secondly, we would like to thank the more than three hundred employees and contractors who worked so diligently to restore service. With their excellent work ethic, we were able to return customers to service as quickly as possible. We admire their dedication. Finally, thank you to all the local businesses who helped the crews with food and supplies.



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