

obituaries

Helen Mae Schoonover

Helen Mae (Horton) Schoonover, 96, Goodland homemaker, died Friday, Feb. 19, 2010, at Sherman County Good Samaritan Center of Goodland.

She was born on April 27, 1913, to George and Aura Horton in Goodland. In 1932 she graduated from Sherman Community High School.

On Jan. 30, 1937, she and Archie Schoonover were married.

Mrs. Schoonover belonged to the Rock Island Trainman Ladies and Wichita Assembly #8 Social Order of the Beauceant.

Preceding her in death were her husband; her parents; two daughters, Judith Light and Janice Cook; and a sister, Lowella Stiles.

Survivors include a sister, Flor-

ence Vignery of Goodland; longtime friend and caregiver, Sharon David; five grandchildren, Joel Light, Jason Light, Julie Titus, Tim Cook and Chris Cook; six great grandchildren; and three great great grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 26, 2010, at Bateman Funeral Home, 11th and Broadway, Goodland, with the Rev. Carol Edling Jolly officiating and burial in the Goodland Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010, at the funeral home.

Memorials to Hospice of Sherman County or the First Christian Church, 711 Arcade, Goodland, may be left at the funeral home.



Schoonover

Four companies stop selling insurance

Sandy Praeger, Kansas Commissioner of Insurance, has issued a cease and desist order for four companies and four individuals for selling unauthorized health insurance and distributing deceptive advertising.

The companies are Real Benefits Association, Serve America Assurance LTD, American Trade Association LTD and Smart Data Solutions LLC. All are headquartered in other states.

Serve America Assurance, American Trade Association and Smart Data Solution have been the subject of consumer protection orders, warnings and fines in other states including Oklahoma, North Carolina, Indiana, Connecticut, Arkansas and Michigan.

Also under the cease and desist order are individuals Bart Posey, Richard H. Bachman, John Miller and Dave Clark. All live outside Kansas and all are officers with one or more of the banned companies.

"Complaints received from Kansas consumers led to my issuing the order," Commissioner Praeger said. "These companies and persons were not authorized to sell any type of insurance product in the state."

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the Clerk of the District Court of Sherman County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Sherman County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the Front Door of the Courthouse at Goodland, Sherman County, Kansas, on March 9, 2010, at 10:00 AM, the following real estate:

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to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The

Gordon Dean Smith

Gordon Dean Smith, 81, Elizabeth, Colo., former Goodland photographer, died Friday, Feb. 12, 2010, at the Veterans Hospital of Denver.

He was born on Oct. 15, 1929, to Harry L. and Leona Smith in Goodland. In 1946 he graduated from Sherman Community High School of Goodland. Mr. Smith served in the U.S. Army in Korea. Mr. Smith graduated from photography school in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Mr. Smith was married to Diane and lived in Elizabeth, Colo., selling Gordon's Potting Soil to businesses in the Denver and Colorado Springs areas.

Preceding him in death were his

Milton L. Suter

Milton L. Suter, 77, Cawker City, father of Karla (Curt) Doxon of Edson, died Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010, at Mitchell County Hospital of Beloit.

He was born on Nov. 13, 1932.

Survivors include his wife, Rossella of the home; a son, Carl Suter of Cawker City; a sister, Helen VonDemfange of Topeka; and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m.

Vay Olen Thatcher

Vay Olen Thatcher, 78, Kit Carson County farmer and father of Terry (Jo) Thatcher of Goodland, died Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010, at his daughter's house in Golden, Colo.

He was born on Nov. 22, 1931, to Roy Franklin and Pearl Ophelia (Trumper) Thatcher in Holyoke, Colo.

On Dec. 7, 1952, he and Marietta Opal Seals were married in Holyoke.

Preceding him in death were his wife in 2008, his parents, a daughter, Sherry Metzler in 2009; and two brothers, Jay and Arlo Thatcher.

Survivors include two daughters, Shonny (Ed) Marz of Golden and

Musical to be done at Oberlin

A live musical adaptation of the Brothers Grimm Story, "Little Red Riding Hood," will be presented at 6:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Friday, March 5, at The Gateway in Oberlin by the Wichita Children's Theater Professional Touring Company.

The program had to be rescheduled due to inclement weather in October. They will also perform at 9 a.m. (Mountain Time) at Cedar Living Center and at Decatur County Good Samaritan Center at 1:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) that day.

This is an Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission season ticket event or admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children at the door. For information, call Ella Betts, (785) 475-3557.

sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court. For more information, visit www.Southlaw.com.

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parents and a son, Delane Smith.

Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Roxanne (Garry) Gill of Dallas, Texas and Jamie Smith of Lawrenceville, Ga.; and three sisters, Wanda (Cecil) Schneider, Glenda (Ivan) Parks and Connie (Kenny) Soellner, all of Goodland.

Services will follow the visitation on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010, at the Bear Valley Christian Church, 6800 W. Hampton, Lakewood, Colo. with burial with full military honors at Fort Logan Cemetery of Fort Logan, Colo.

Memorials to be decided on later may be sent to Wanda Schneider, 1021 Arcade, Goodland.

(Mountain Time) on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010, at Cawker City United Methodist Church, 608 Lake Drive, Cawker City.

Visitation will be from 6 to 7 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010, at the church.

Memorials to Mitchell County Health of Beloit may be sent to Waconda Funeral Home, 815 First Street, Cawker City.



Thatcher

Trudy (Carl) Mullis of Burlington; a son-in-law, Nelson Metzler of Burlington; two sisters, Maxine Smith of St. Francis and Ilene Spiecher of Holyoke; six grandchildren; and 14 great grandchildren.

Services were on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2010, at the Love Funeral Home, 377 15th Street, Burlington with Pastor Travis Blake officiating and burial in the Holyoke Memorial Park of Holyoke.

Visitation was Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010 at the funeral home.

Memorials to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society may be sent to the funeral home.

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John M. Sportsman

John M. Sportsman, 77, Goodland, resident of Burlington, died Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010, at Sherman County Good Samaritan Center of Goodland.

He was born on Feb. 9, 1933, to Melvin Otto and Ola Sportsman in West Plains, Mo.

Mr. Sportsman served in the U.S. Army and worked for civil service as procurement officer at Fort Carson, Colo., for 33 years, retiring in 1988.

Mr. Sportsman enjoyed watching sports on television.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a daughter, Monica Sportsman; two brothers, Vern Sportsman and Buddy Sportsman; and three sisters, Millie Sportsman, Gladys Sportsman and Wanda Sportsman.

Survivors include three sons,

Butch (Nicolette) Davis of Stratton, Colo., Joe Davis of Russellville, Ark. and John (Shannon) Sportsman of Jacksonville, N.C.; a daughter, Lola (Jack) Killion of Burlington; two brothers, Larry (Gretchen) Sportsman of Colorado Springs, Colo. and David (Francine) Sportsman of Helena, Mont.; two sisters, Mary Lou (Kenny) Blair of Kentucky and Peggy (Edward) Lee of Cherry Valley, Ark.; 15 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 22, 2010, at Bateman Funeral Home, 211 E. 11th, Goodland with private inurnment to be held later.

Memorials to the family may be left at the funeral home.

Evelyn Jeannine Tromble

Evelyn Jeannine Tromble, 80, former secondary language arts teacher and minister's wife, died Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010, at Good Samaritan Society—Sherman County of Goodland.

She was born on Jan. 9, 1930, to Everett J. and Ruby Rachel (Braden) Steele in Colby. Mrs. Tromble graduated from Kansas Wesleyan University of Salina and Wichita State University with a master's degree.

On Dec. 28, 1950, she and the Rev. Gene Meredith Tromble were married at Alma.

Mrs. Tromble belonged to the First United Methodist Church of Goodland. She loved music and was a talented pianist and singer.

Preceding her in death were her parents; two sisters, Ruby Elizabeth Steele and Kathryn Coralyn Steele Stover; and a brother, Everett J. Steele Jr.

The Goodland Star-News encourages anyone with news about upcoming community or organization events to contact us by phone, mail or e-mail to have the item included in the calendar printed on the About Our Friends page (Page 2) in our newspaper. Our mailing address is 1205 Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735 or our e-mail address is star.news@nwks.com. Our phone number is (785) 899-2338.

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