

birthdays

Vera Daise is celebrating her 101st birthday Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005. She will have a cake and punch reception at 2 p.m. today at the Good Samaritan Center. Send cards to her in care of the center at 208 W. Second, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

Gladys Nicholson will celebrate her 101st birthday Monday, Feb. 21, 2005. She will have a cake and punch reception at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, at the Good Samaritan Center. Send cards to her in care of the center at 208 W. Second, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

student news

Lindsey Gail Arnberger of Brewster; **Mindy Sue Walz** of Colby; **Anna Mae Hare** and **Kayla Michele Rasure**, both of Goodland; **Richard Dean Baum** of Sharon Springs; and **Patricia Lynn Sloan** of Tribune were on the dean's honor roll at Wichita State University. To qualify they had to be enrolled full time and earn at least a 3.5 grade point average.

Matthew Dylan Mentzer, son of Scott and Debbie Mentzer of Goodland, graduated from the University of Kansas after the fall semester with a bachelor of science in business accounting and business administration.

business news

Brook Draper, credit analyst, and **Cliff Leach**, loan officer, both at First National Bank, recently completed the 2004 Commercial Lending School. This School was held October 18-22, in Omaha. The Commercial Lending School is sponsored by the Kansas and Nebraska Bankers Associations and is endorsed by the Colorado and Louisiana Bankers Associations.

The School provides bankers intense instruction in the entire commercial lending process. Completion of this course assists students in developing skills that allow them to better serve their customer's multiple financial needs.

The Schools of Banking, located in Lincoln, Neb., is a jointly owned subsidiary of the Kansas and Nebraska Bankers Associations.

activities

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

"Kansas Quilts of Old" is on

the calendar

calendar

The Sherman Community High School **Class of 1954** is invited to a **memorial for Alan Trachsel** at **2 p.m. Saturday** at Sugar Hills Golf Club.

Family and friends of **Alan Trachsel** are invited to a **memorial of his life at 2 p.m. Saturday** at Sugar Hills Golf Club. Mr. Trachsel died Sunday, Dec. 26, at his home in Australia.

Car Seat Check Lane will be from **1-3 p.m. Saturday** at Lonny's Quality Auto Body, 1933 Caldwell. Highway patrol officers will check and install car seats free.

College Goal Sunday will be from **2-4 p.m. Sunday** at the Northwest Kansas Technical College. The program will offer Kansas high school seniors free, personalized help to get about \$60 billion in financial aid available from the U.S. Department of Education. Plus, two \$250 scholarships will be given away.

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. Call the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at (785) 462-3572.

SHARE sign up for the March distribution of food will be until **Monday, March 7**, at the Sherman County Health Department, Harvest America, the Regional Prevention Center or the

Kanorado Senior Center. Pick up will be **Saturday, Feb. 19**, for the February distribution.

school calendar

Today: Gold day. JV-V wrestling vs. Oakley 5:30 p.m. here. "C" boys-JV-V basketball 2:30 p.m. at Oakley, dismiss lunch and 2:45, depart 12:30 and 3 p.m. Basketball cheerleaders to Oakley, dismiss 3:15, depart 3:30.

Saturday: JV wrestling 8 a.m. at Colby, depart 6 a.m. State scholar's bowl. ACT Test 8 a.m. in the cafeteria.

Sunday: Knights of Columbus free throw competition noon-3 p.m. in the high school gym. FCCLA week through Saturday.

Monday: FCCLA week.

Tuesday: Gold day. Seminar — GAA and G-Club. Sophomores KMA on-line practice test. "C" boys-JV-V basketball 3:30 p.m. at Colby, dismiss 1:30 and 3:15, depart 1:45 and 3:30. State surveys (Harder and Witman) 10:40 a.m.

Wednesday: Black day. Mid-term. Seminar — Sophomores KMA on-line practice test. City/county recreation sports 7:30 p.m. in the Max Jones Fieldhouse and junior high gym.

Thursday: Gold day. Seminar — STUCO and GRACE, sophomores KMA on-line practice test. KLOE Farm Show in the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Friday, Feb. 18: Black day. Seminar — Sophomores KMA

on-line practice test. Regional wrestling at Colby. "C" boys-JV boys-V basketball vs. Hoxie 3:45 p.m. here.

Saturday, Feb. 19: Regional wrestling at Colby. "C" boys basketball tournament at Benkelman.

Sunday, Feb. 20: Knights of Columbus free throw noon-3 p.m. in the high school gym.

school lunch menu

Monday: Chicken parmesan, lettuce salad, corn, garlic bread, cake and milk. **Tuesday:** Chili dog, french fries, relishes, peaches and milk. **Wednesday:** Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, biscuit, pineapple rings and milk. **Thursday:** Sloppy joe, tatortots, pickle spear, fruit crisp and milk. **Friday:** Tuna noodle casserole, peas, dinner roll, 1/2 apple and milk.

senior center menu

Monday: Barbecue meatballs, asparagus, fruit mix, bread and pudding cup. **Tuesday:** Philly steak sandwich, potato wedges, corn, bun and Jell-o with bananas. **Wednesday:** Chicken tortilla soup, orange pineapple salad, crackers and cookie. **Thursday:** Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, rosy applesauce, bread and birthday cake. **Friday:** Salmon loaf or patties, tomato parsley rice, seasoned broccoli, bread and pears.

tech college

Today: Student Appreciation Day — Free pop and popcorn.

Mondays at North Elementary School. Weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Sherman County is seeking mentors and children to mentor. Call 890-3665.

Alcoholics Anonymous S.O.S. Group holds open meetings at **7 p.m. Monday** at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Seventh and Senter, Burlington. Call Pamela at 719-346-7711 or Dave at 890-2858.

Goodland Alcoholics Anonymous meets at **8 p.m. Monday**, a closed meeting with Al-Anon, **Wednesday**, the book meeting, and **Saturday**, an open meeting, at 1013 Center. For Alcoholics Anony-

mous, call Rob at 890-3023 or Linda at 399-2353. For Al-Anon, call Cheryl at 890-3023.

The "Freedom Today" group of **Narcotics Anonymous** meets at **8 p.m. Tuesdays and 7 p.m. Saturdays** at the Elks Lodge. These are open meetings. Call 890-8369.

Fibromyalgia and Chronic Myofascial Pain Support Group meets from **6:30-8:30 p.m. the third Wednesday** of every month in the Emergency Medical Services building, 257 15th St., in Burlington. Call Debbie at 719-346-4612.

Goodland Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) will meet from **6-7:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month** at the Goodland Bible Church, 109 Willow.

Prairie Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet at **7 p.m. the second Thursday** of each month. Call Cora House at 899-6551, Joan Reid at 899-7301 or Carol Tupper at 890-5955.

area events

The Colby Council of the Knights of Columbus will have a **pancake feed from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday** in the basement of the Sacred Hearth Catholic Church, 1065 W. Fifth, Colby. The Catholic Youth Organization will help, and all donations will go to victims of the tsunami in Asia.

The **Mary Elizabeth Maternity Home** and its outreach program **Rachel's Vineyard Ministries** will sponsor a **Walk for a Beating Heart at 9 a.m. Central Time Saturday**. There will be two walks, each two miles long, one at Sacred Heart Church, 585 N. French, Colby, and the other at Hays Medical Center. Contact coordinator Donetta Robben at 785-623-7531 or e-mail at donetta@soulcommunications.net for registration forms and pledge sheets. Anyone who completes pledge sheets of \$50 or more will receive a free T-shirt. The maternity home is a nurturing environment for unwed mothers, and Rachel's Vineyard Ministries is a program to help anyone affected by abortions to confront their loss, mourn and begin healing.

The **Army Ground Forces Band** will perform at **7:30 p.m. Central Time Monday** at the Colby Community Building. Admission is free and does not require tickets. The performance is sponsored by the Western Plains Arts Association and *The Colby Free Press*.

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: Scheduled appointments. **Tuesday:** Blood pressures 10 a.m. at the Kanorado Senior Center. **Wednesday:** WIC in Colby. Scheduled appointments. **Thursday:** WIC in Colby. Scheduled appointments. Blood pressures 9:30 p.m. at Sparks Towers. **Friday:** Scheduled appointments.

Blood pressures; infants' children's and adult's immunizations; health assessments for Ka Be Healthy, daycare and school entry; fasting blood sugar, cholesterol and hemoglobin; family planning; and toenail clipping available by appointment. Sharps containers are available free. 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 well evaluations, including testing for bacteria and nitrates. To schedule an evaluation or discuss environmental concerns, call the Health Department at 899-4888.

The group charges a \$50 letter of intent fee (similar to a permit) which is good for one year. It is required on the installation or modification of all septic systems in the protection group's area.

The group will continue to offer free testing to private individuals. However, if you are selling, purchasing or refinancing any property that requires an inspection, the group will charge a \$90 inspection fee. The inspection includes site evaluations on well and septic systems and testing the water. The group will also charge a \$25 fee for child care and foster care inspections.

hospital volunteers

The gift shop hours are 9 a.m. - noon and 1-4 p.m.; a.m. and p.m. volunteers are in the gift shop.

Monday: Teresa David, a.m. and p.m., and Mazie Sutton, courtesy. **Tuesday:** Teresa David, a.m.; Cynthia Gutsch, p.m.; and Deb Lucas, lobby. **Wednesday:** Shirley Hayden, a.m., and Mazie Sutton, courtesy. **Thursday:** Jessie Owens, a.m., and Faye Paxton, lobby. **Friday:** Fern Hawks, a.m.; Bonnie Daily, p.m.; and Mazie Sutton, courtesy.

obituaries

Margaret Stasser

Margaret (Gregory) Stasser, 95, St. Francis, a homemaker, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005.

She was born Jan. 16, 1910, in Haigler, Neb.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Everett in 1998; a son, Gilbert in 1996; and a grandson.

Survivors include three sons, Merle of Goodland, Leon of Mesa, Ariz., and Fred of St. Francis; 13 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 12:30 p.m. Mountain Time Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005, at the St. Francis First Christian Church. Burial will be in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Margaret Stasser Memorial Fund in care of Knodel Funeral Home, 202 S. Benton, St. Francis, Kan. 67756.

Visitation will be from noon-9 p.m. today.

Sean Swanson

Sean Michael Swanson, 19, Brewster, died in a traffic accident Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005, in Gray County.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today, Friday, Feb. 11, 2005, at the Brewster High School gym, with Brent Flanders of Goodland officiating. Burial will be at the Brewster Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. Thursday at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

Sean was born July 18, 1985, in Lexington, Neb. He was a student at Dodge City Community College, where he played football. He was planning to move home and attend Colby Community College.

He is survived by his parents, Michelle Jorgensen of Brewster and Roger and Hillerie Engler of McCook, Neb.; his grandparents Millie Engler of Lexington, Neb., Darrell and Jackie Jorgensen of Brewster, Gordon and Susan Brunick of Holyoke, Colo., and Melvin and Sandra Marshall of Wray, Colo.; seven brothers, Tanner Swanson, and Nathan and Jace Jorgensen, all of Brewster, Allen Engler of Everett, Wash., Hunter

Engler of Norfolk, Neb., and Matt Thayer and Cory Engler of McCook; four sisters, Stacy Swanson of Denver; Tara Swanson of Cape Coral, Fla.; Callie Jorgensen of Brewster; and Miranda Thayer of McCook.

Memorials to Brewster High School athletics may be left at the Brewster Bank or Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel.

Harold Peck

Harold E. Peck, 75, Goodland, a former factory and construction worker, died Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, at his home.

He was born June 18, 1929, in Scottsbluff, Neb., the son of Merl and Bessie (Beebe) Peck. He grew up in Mitchell, Neb., and graduated from the Mitchell Valley High School in 1947. He joined the Navy in 1950 in Denver and served in Korea.

On May 30, 1954, he married Wilma M. Sohnlein on the U.S. Naval Base in Newport, R.I. He was honorably discharged on Aug. 19, 1954.

He and Wilma moved to Goodland in 1968. He worked at the Great Western Sugar Factory and for Rhoades Construction.

Peck was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Kansas and Nebraska, the Moose Lodge in Kansas and the Elks Lodge in Nebraska. He was a volunteer fireman in Mitchell.

He enjoyed playing card games, pool, bowling, horseshoes, summer league softball, fishing and hunting.

Preceding him in death were his parents and a brother, Donald Peck in 2004.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Danny (Lori) Peck of Colby, Raymond (Lisa) Peck of Westminster, Colo., and Roger (Deena) Peck of Wiggins, Colo.; a brother, Kenneth (Audrey) Peck of Hays Springs, Neb.; a sister-in-law, Coleen Peck of Rapid City, S.D.; and two grandsons.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. today, Friday, Feb. 11, 2005, at Bateman Funeral Home. Visitation was scheduled for 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Thursday and before the services Friday.

Military honors will be handled by a detail from Fort Riley, who will act as pallbearers and conduct rites at the Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in his name in care of the funeral home at Box 278, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

Alan Trachsel

Alan J. Trachsel, 68, Adelaide, Australia, a 1954 Sherman Community High School graduate, died Sunday, Dec. 26, 2004, at his home.

He was born Sept. 12, 1936, in Goodland, the son of Walter J. and Foresta (Briggs) Trachsel. He went to school in Edson through the fourth grade and then spent the next four years in Denver hospitals with tuberculosis.

He returned to Goodland for his high school years. The fall after graduation, he entered Kansas State University, where he graduated in 1958.

Trachsel went into the Army and served 1 1/2 years in Vietnam. He took his discharge in Vietnam and spent some time traveling in southeast Asia before ending up in Australia. There he met and married Helen Meadmore.

In Adelaide, they opened a restaurant called the Lovely Lady, which developed into a successful chain. Mr. Trachsel enjoyed meeting people and invited anyone from

the United States to visit one of their restaurants.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Samantha; a son, Simon; a sister, Georgia of Australia; a stepmother, Maxine (Jones) Trachsel of Hermit, Calif.; two brothers, W.J. Trachsel of Goodland and Ron Trachsel of Paola; and a sister, Cady Aspinvall of Denver.

Memorial services were held Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004, in Adelaide.

Family and friends will hold a celebration of his life at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005, at the Sugar Hills Golf Club.

Dorothy Williams

Dorothy A. Williams, 93, a Goodland homemaker, died Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, at the Sherman County Good Samaritan Center.

She was born Jan. 29, 1912, at Zurich, the daughter of Leo and Anna (Rempe) Bedore, and attended country school near Zurich.

On Aug. 15, 1943, she married Eddie R. Williams at Sharon Springs. In 1987, she moved from

Burlington to Goodland.

Mrs. Williams was a member of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Preceding her in death were her parents; he husband; a son-in-law, Richard Ruddell; a grandson, Randy Ruddell; three sisters; and eight brothers.

Survivors include a daughter, Donna Ruddell of Goodland; two sisters, Margaret St. Peter of Aurora, Colo., and Ann Stephens of Wichita; a brother, Lawrence (Joyce) Bedore of Stockton; three sisters-in-law, Evelyn Bedore of

Hill City, Ruby Bedore of Stockton and Alice Bedore of Omaha; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. today, Friday, Feb. 11, 2005, at the church, with Father Norbert Dlabal officiating. Burial will follow in the Fairview Cemetery in Burlington.

Vigil and rosary services were scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Koons Chapel, with visitation from 5-6:30 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the church in care of the funeral home at 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.

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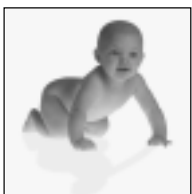
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