

obituaries

Vernita Bair

Vernita Ruth (Neitzel) Gruver Bair, 84, Emporia, a long-time aide at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis, died Saturday, March 12, 2005, at Newman Regional Health Center in Emporia.

She was born May 10, 1920, in St. Francis, the daughter of Albert and Hilda (Monhardt) Neitzel. On Feb. 20, 1941, she married William E. Gruver at St. Francis; he preceded her in death. On Oct. 13, 1952, she married Wilbur F. Bair, a Ruleton native, who also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Bair lived in St. Francis until 1952 and was a cook at the grade school there and a homemaker. She cleaned homes and offices from 1949-52. She lived at Ruleton from 1955-85 and was an aide at the Good Samaritan Village in St.

Francis until retiring in 1985. She then moved to Emporia.

She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Emporia, and had lived at the Flint Hills Care Center there since August 2003.

Also preceding her in death were her parents; three brothers, Quentin, Lawrence and Melvin Neitzel; and a sister, Alberta Edwards.

Survivors include two sons, Edward and Kenneth Bair, and two daughters, Carrie Dunn and Rita Stark, all of Emporia; two sisters, Deloris Schirmer and Mildred Edwards, both of St. Francis; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, 2005, at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Goodland with Pastor Scott Grimshaw presiding. Burial will follow in the Goodland Cemetery.

Services are being handled by Charter Funerals, 501 W. Sixth Ave., Emporia, Kan. 66801.

Wayne Woodmancy

Wayne Woodmancy, 74, a Sharon Springs farmer and railroad engineer, died Friday, March 11, 2005, at Hays Medical Center, where he had been a patient for 10 days.

He was born May 26, 1930, in Holyoke, Colo., the son of John and Edith (Hansen) Woodmancy, and attended school in Holyoke.

In 1948, he married Gloria Crosby. In 1959, they moved to Sharon Springs, where he farmed and was an engineer for the Union Pacific Railroad from 1960 until he retired in 1990.

Woodmancy was a member of the Sharon Springs United Method-

ist Church, the Scottish Rite and Isis Shrine Temple of Salina, and the Goodland Shrine Club, and a 50-year member of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and the Goodland Elks Lodge.

He was a pilot and loved to fly planes, hot air balloons and powered parachutes. He also enjoyed bowling and golf.

Preceding him in death were his parents, a son, Lynn Alan Woodmancy, four brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Wanda Funk of Sharon Springs; a brother, Vern (Delores) Woodmancy of Grant, Neb.; three sisters, Irene Elder of Federal Way, Wash., Laverne (Dave) Brown of Holyoke and Signa Ward of Aurora, Colo.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were scheduled for 10

a.m. Monday, March 14, 2005, at the church. Burial was to follow at 3 p.m. in the Holyoke Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to the United Methodist Building Fund in Sharon Springs in care of Bateman Funeral Home, Box 278, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

Clinton Garner

Clinton Garner, 66, Salina, a former Goodland contractor, died Thursday, March 10, 2005, at his home.

He was born June 9, 1938, in Mason, Texas, the son of Felix and Stella Mae (Johnson) Garner, and graduated from Sherman Community High School. He served in the Army Reserves.

On March 12, 1960, he married Shirley Ann McDaniel in Goodland. He was a cement con-

tractor in Goodland and a member of the United Methodist Church in Goodland and Salina.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his step-mother, Oreda Garner.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Trischa (Rodney) Hill of Wallace and Joy (Steve) Dixon of Denham Springs, La.; a son, Shane (Tammy) Garner of Salina; his twin brother, Clayton Garner of Mason; another brother, Larry (Billie) Garner of Brady, Texas; two sisters, Jeannette (Jimmy) Winters of Salt Lake City and Sherry (Carl) Martin of Mason; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A private inurnment will be held in Mason. There was no visitation.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Salina, 139 N. Penn, Salina, Kan. 67401. Condolences can be sent to www.carlsonford.com.

Student named state president

Michael Smith, a Goodland High School sophomore, was selected last week as the state president of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

Smith, the son of Reggie and Celia Smith and the grandson of Margarita Diaz, will serve as head of the state Executive Council and a member of the state board, co-preside over the state Leadership Council and attend the National Leadership Meeting in San Diego.

The selection process consisted of a primary election at the district

level, where Smith was unanimously elected as a state officer candidate. The next step was to attend the State Officer Selection on Sunday and Monday, March 6 and 7, at the Crosswinds in Hesston. Officers were announced last Tuesday.

The event began with a fact test over the group and Family and Consumer Sciences. The 11 candidates then wrote mock thank-you letters which were judged on the "six traits of writing" model. Then candidates were brought before a seven-member

selection committee to give a three-minute memorized speech.

After the speech, the candidates were subjected to a behavioral interview, where they were asked to give examples of what they have done, not what they promise to do. This included a 15-minute, 10-question, morning interview and a six-minute, nine-question, afternoon session.

The candidates were asked to eat lunch with the selection committee, where they were judged informally on their conversational skills, manners and other attributes. Of the 11 candidates, seven were appointed to the state Executive Council.



Smith



Swayne

Girl selected for leaders conference

Shannon Swayne, granddaughter of Ted and Gertrude Swayne of Kanorado and Gene and Betty Cunningham of Chanute, was selected to participate in the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington.

The conference is a leadership development program for high school students with the theme "Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today."

Throughout the six days from Feb. 15-20, youths met officials

from the three branches of government, the press and the international community.

They attended meetings and briefings and participated in leadership skill-building activities and simulations. In a role-play activity called "If I Were President," students acting as president and cabinet members responding to an international crisis.

Students also participated in "Testing the Constitution," in which they examined actual Su-

preme Court cases.

The conference concluded with "Model Congress," in which the scholars assumed the roles of U.S. representatives and debated, amended and voted on proposed legislation.

Swayne is a junior at Thomas More Prep-Marian High School in Hays, where she is involved in Multicultural Club, Art Club, Pep Club, the City of Hays Youth Advisory Council, St. Joseph Church Catholic Youth Organization and Food Pantry.

Her parents are Marlyn and Brenda Swayne.

Goodland graduates to perform with choir at Carnegie Hall

Josef Felver and Alyssa Mason, Goodland High School graduates, will perform at Carnegie Hall in New York on Monday and get to tour the city.

Felver and Mason, along with other members of the Southwestern College A Cappella

Choir, will join more than 250 choral singers for a performance at the famous hall.

Before heading to the Big Apple, three of the choirs will perform their Carnegie Hall repertoire in Winfield on Sunday.

The concert, slated for 2 p.m.

Mountain Time in Richardson Auditorium, is free to the public. The groups singing include the A Cappella Choir, the Winfield Community Choir and the Halstead High School Choir.

For those unable to attend the show, the Sunday concert will be Webcast at www.moundbuilder.com.

While in New York, students will attend Broadway shows, visit landmarks and take an evening cruise around New York Harbor.

"When people work together, they can accomplish things they'd never be able to do alone," said David Gardner, assistant professor of music. "Most of us will never have the opportunity to perform solo in a place like Carnegie Hall, but by working together as a team, we are challenged to reach beyond ourselves and to accomplish great things."

More than 60 Southwestern students will take part in the performance, along with members of the

Winfield Community Choir, the Halstead High School Choir, the Rincon/University High School Choir of Tuscon, Ariz.; the Tucson Masterworks Chorale of Tuscon, Ariz.; the Katy High School Mixed Choir of Katy, Texas; and the Hugoton High School Choir.

Southwestern is a private college affiliated with the United Methodist Church. More than 1,400 students attend classes at the main Winfield campus, professional studies sites in Winfield, Wichita and Oklahoma City, or on-line at www.sckans.edu.

Goodland graduate to sing at Messiah festival

Erinn Hardy, a 2001 Goodland High School graduate, is among the singers and musicians from across the state rehearsing for the 2005 Messiah Festival of Music and Art that will begin Sunday at Lindsborg's Bethany College.

Hardy, who sings soprano, is among an estimated 240 volunteer singers and musicians who are members of this year's Bethany College Oratorio Society.

The members have been attending twice-a-week rehearsals for

eight weeks to prepare to perform Handel's famed choral "Messiah" and Bach's dramatic story known as the "St. Matthew Passion."

"Messiah" will be given at 2 p.m. Mountain Time this Sunday and Easter Sunday, March 27. "St. Matthew Passion" will be at 6:30 p.m. Mountain Time next Friday.

All performances will be at Presser Hall; tickets will be available there or call (785) 227-3380, ext. 8185 or 8132.

Municipal Traffic

The following traffic fines have been paid in Municipal Court:

Feb. 8 — Trevor Yarger, 24, Goodland, \$104 for speeding 47/30.

Veronica G. Gomez, 41, Goodland, \$836 for no insurance.

Feb. 9 — David Cano, no age given, Goodland, \$86 for improper storage of a vehicle.

Joshua A. Ford, 15, Goodland, \$236 for driving under suspension and five days jail.

Real Estate

The following real estate transactions were reported by the Sherman County Register of Deeds:

Gerald A. Nett to Gerald A. Nett, Adelbert J. Nett and Hope Steffens-Nett, trustees of the Gerald A. Net Family Trust, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Block 1, First Addition to the City of Goodland.

Phil V. and Dixie F. Hooker quitclaim to Gerardo and Trina Lazo the formerly vacated Lots 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, Block 8, Original Town of Kanorado.

William Paul and Lallie Lou Tay-

lor quitclaim to Pamela Lynn McInay, Michael Paul Taylor, Robin Leigh Trammell, William Mark Taylor and Wendy Lou Crow all of the NW/4, Sec. 26, T8S, R42W.

Martha Tubbs to Doris D. and Luella P. Richardson the SW/4, Sec. 32, T7S, R41W.

John Timothy and Sheryl Y. Jaeger to Trifecta Farms an undivided interest in 327.24 acres in Sec. 27, T10S, R42W.

Brad L. Cramer quitclaims to Cathy L. Cramer, Lots 13, 14 and 15, Block 29, First Addition in the

City of Goodland.

Alan L. and Linda J. Billenwillms to Thomas E. Billenwillms an undivided one-third interest in and to the NE/4, Sec. 6, T8S, R41W, and an undivided one-third interest in the south 110 acres of the SE/4, Sec. 11, T8S, R42W.

Thomas E. Billenwillms to Alan L. and Linda J. Billenwillms a tract in the NE/4, Sec. 29, T8S, R42W.

Thomas E. Billenwillms to Thomas E. Billenwillms a two-thirds interest in the NE/4, Sec. 6, T8S, R41W, and the south 110 acres of the SE/4, Sec. 11, T8S, R42W.

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