

## obituaries

### Deloris Hilda Schirmer

Deloris Hilda Schirmer, 83, a St. Francis farm wife, died Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2006, at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis.

She was born Sept. 23, 1923, on the family farm south of Wheeler, the third child of Albert and Hilda (Monhardt) Neitzel. She attended Pleasant View School through the eighth grade and then helped on the family farm and worked at the Wheeler Cafe.

On June 3, 1962, she married Henry F. Schirmer in Goodland. They had a daughter Feb. 14, 1964.

Mrs. Schirmer enjoyed working with her husband on their farm and preferred that to housework. She liked gardening and taking care of her flock of chickens and milk cows. She had a large garden and sold eggs, cream and milk for many years.

She was known as a good cook and baker. She enjoyed embroidering and created many items. The couple retired in 1981 and moved into St. Francis.

Mrs. Schirmer was a member of the Peace Lutheran Church and its women's group. In her younger years, she taught Sunday school and

Vacation Bible School. She and her husband assembled the weekly church bulletins for many years.

In the last few years, she took up a new hobby and cut many quilt blocks for the church "Piece Corps." She moved into the Good Samaritan Village in September 2000.

Preceding her in death were her parents; three brothers, Quentin, Melvin and Lawrence Neitzel; two sisters, Alberta Edwards and Vernita Bair; and a niece, Sheron Penn. Survivors include her husband, a daughter, Relda (Tracy) Galli of Gem, and a sister, Mildred Edwards of St. Francis.

Services were Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006, at the church with Pastor Kenneth Hart officiating. Pallbearers were Wayne Marshall, Roger Blume, Danny Penn, Leslie Doggett, Kenneth Knorr and Chuck Saddler. Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the church, the Cheyenne County Hospital or Good Samaritan Village. Knodel Funeral Home, 202 S. Benton, St. Francis, Kan. 67756, handled the arrangements.

### Elmer Edwin Walz

Elmer Edwin Walz, 80, a retired St. Francis area farmer, died Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2006, at the Hester Home in Benkelman, Neb., after losing his battle with cancer.

He was born Aug. 21, 1926, in near St. Francis, the son of Martin and Lydia (Hust) Walz. He attended Blue Ridge country school, graduating from the eighth grade.

Due to his father's failing health, he began farming then. He continued to work in the fields, planting and harvesting wheat, until late in his life. Harvest was always an exciting time for him, his family said.

Following World War II, he was in the Army for a short time, training as a truck driver at Fort Lewis, Wash. Later, he bought a welding shop in St. Francis, where he built and repaired farm machinery and sharpened discs.

On June 16, 1963, he married Arlene Carpenter in Benkelman.

### Glenn F. Howard

Glenn F. Howard, 92, Goodland, a retired farmer, died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006, at Goodland Regional Medical Center.

He was born Feb. 3, 1914, in the family's sod house at McDonald, the son of Charlie and Ida (Beeson) Howard.

He attended country schools and graduated from McDonald High School.

On June 8, 1933, he married Ruth Hill were married.

He was a life member of the Goodland Elks Lodge, enjoying his membership for 51 years.

Preceding him in death were his wife on Sept. 18, 1999; his parents; two brothers, John Howard and Charlie Howard; and a sister, Verne Swanson.

Survivors include two sons, Elton (Karen) Howard of Yucca Valley, Calif., and Dennis (Maxine) Howard of Tribune; a

daughter, Dianne (Ted) Tunnecliffe of Yucca Valley; two sisters, Vivian Opel of Zionsville, Ind., and Vida Gillispie of Kearney, Neb.; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 13, 2006, at Koons Chapel in Goodland with the Rev. Janet Hernandez officiating. Burial will follow in the Goodland Cemetery.

Everyone is welcome to a lunch at the Elks Lodge following the burial.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Glenn F. Howard Memorial Scholarship, which will be given through the Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland, in care of the funeral home at 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.

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them to study out of school or else take them home and use them for kindling. It is certainly embarrassing to the rest of us to have the school get a reputation for being the headquarters for a bunch of loafers, and from what we can hear, it makes the teacher pretty well disgusted at times.

Not all students or former students received such treatment. On the front page of the same edition of October 1931 was an account of the success of one Goodland graduate:

### Makes Michigan U. Band Art Gulick One of Twelve Chosen From Group of 1,500

A special honor came to one of Goodland's young men who is attending college this year for the first time. This fortunate lad is Arthur "Gropey" Gulick, son of Dr. and Mrs. A.C. Gulick, who is a student at the Michigan University at Ann Arbor.

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His many friends join his parents in wishing the young man success in this activity.

Goodland also welcomed a new grocery store in big style 75 years ago. T.H. Horn, owner of Horn's Cash Grocery, reported 1,208 cus-

tomers sales, not individual items, in a "whale of an opening day."

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## Viola West

April 12, 1921 - November 9, 2006

Longtime Goodland, Kansas, resident Viola A. West, 85, died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006, at Goodland Regional Medical Center.

She was born April 12, 1921, at Greeley, Colo., the daughter of Samuel and Emile (Weiss) Breon. She graduated from high school at Sabetha, Kansas.

On Oct. 28, 1941, she and Otis E. West were married at Sabetha.

Preceding her in death were her husband Otis West, who died June 27, 1989, and her parents.

Surviving family includes a daughters, Sherry Helton and her husband Kenneth of St. Francis; a son, Daryl West and his wife Liz of Goodland; a daughter, Betty Shafer and her husband Jack of Oklahoma City; nine grandchildren, Kendall Helton, his wife Laurie, and their children Travis, Kelley, Tanner, Hunter and Garrett, all of St. Francis; Kevin Helton of St. Francis; Kahle Helton, his wife Lori, and their children Garth and Gunner, all of Goodland; Trina Haggadone, her husband Brett and their children Alynna and an expected new life, all of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Kyler West of Goodland; Alicia West and her son Salym of Olathe; Landon West of Goodland; David Scott McRae, his wife Kaylee and their children Aidan, Evan and Ashton, all of Trophy City, Texas; Jennifer Till and her husband John of Oklahoma City; and a sister, Betty Wilson of St. Joseph, Mo.

The graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, 2006, at the Goodland Cemetery, with the Rev. Janet Hernandez officiating. Burial will be in the Goodland Cemetery.

Friends may share their respects from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Koons Chapel in Goodland.

Memorials may be made to the Viola West Memorial in care of the Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.

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