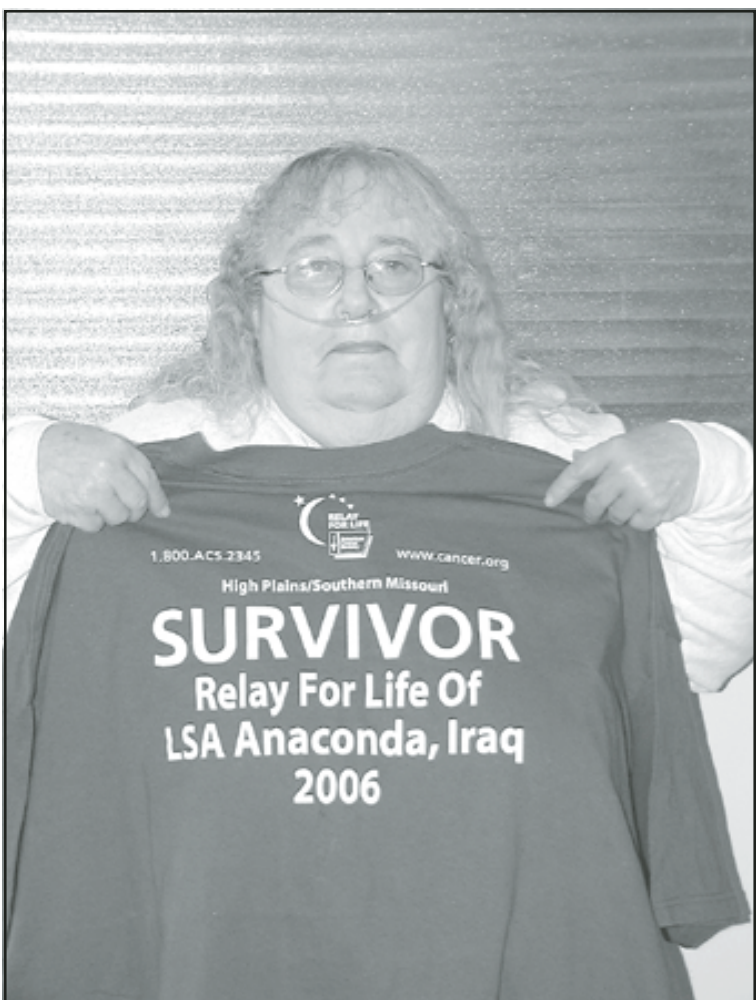




Sgt. Claire Ball was one of hundreds of soldiers who participated in a Relay For Life Walk while stationed in Iraq. Sgt. Ball posed with a puppy she adopted while overseas.
— Photo courtesy of Ethel Dowling

Soldier honors mother

By CAROLYN PLOTTS
Sgt. Claire Ball has lost two close friends, Dave Buss, Beaver City, and Patty Martin, Almena, to cancer. Her mother, Ethel Dowling, Norton, is a cancer survivor and Sgt. Ball wanted to do something to honor them all.
Last year, while Sgt. Ball was stationed in Iraq, the Red Cross organization made an appeal to military personnel to participate in the “Walk For Life” campaign. She said practically everyone on base participated and hundreds of soldiers walked to raise money for cancer research. The walkers all donated their own money to the cause.
Sgt. Ball herself walked two miles during the 24-hour walk. She said it was ironic that the track used for the fund-raiser was the same track Sadaam Hussein used to train his olympic athletes.
She sent her mother a memento of the Walk — a bright purple T-shirt boasting the name of the military base where the event took place, LSA Anaconda, Iraq.
Making it a family affair, Sgt. Ball’s two sisters, Beth Horney and Renne Galgocy, both of Norton, and her mother, all walked



Ethel Dowling, Norton, proudly displayed the T-shirt her daughter, Sgt. Claire Ball, sent her after Sgt. Ball participated in Relay For Life, while stationed in Iraq.
— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

in the Norton Relay for Life last summer at Elmwood Park.
“I had a lot of support from people in Norton. The whole town supported me. I’m proud to be from Norton,” she said.
A career soldier, Sgt. Ball has

three more years until she retires from the Army. She said she is still undecided about future plans.
Stationed stateside now, Sgt. Ball is assigned to the Quartermaster Corp., 21st Cargo Transfer Co., Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Food packs offered for volunteering

For \$20.50 and a couple hours of volunteer work, you can purchase about \$40 dollars worth of groceries through Prairie Land Food.
Prairie Land Food was established in September. It is a non-profit organization that promotes volunteerism by offering food savings, called a Prairie Pak, once a month, in exchange for a commitment to service.
The organization will accept cash, checks or food stamps to pay for a Prairie Land food package.
The March menu consists of batter dipped fish filets, chicken drums, cooked beef patties, meat balls, boneless pork roast, Little Smokies, ravioli, baby carrots, potatoes, salad, bananas, apples, oranges, chocolate meringue pie and spaghetti. For two hours of volunteer work and \$20.50 you can buy this basic package.

A “meat only package” can be purchased for \$12.
There are two specials this month. Special No. 1 is a gold foil wrapped turkey breast. It can be purchased for \$15 plus one additional volunteer hour.
Special No. 2, is a boneless holiday ham for \$14 and one additional volunteer hour.
The deadline to order is Wednesday.
Distribution will begin at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, March 24 at the Norton Senior Center.
For more information call Ermalea Mason, 877-3098; or the Senior Center, 877-5352.

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THE NORTON TELEGRAM

Goodland proposal granted more time

By SHARON CORCORAN
The Goodland Star-News
GOODLAND — Goodland Regional Medical Center will have more time than expected to respond to a Department of Veterans Affairs request for proposals on an outreach clinic.
The hospital received the request on Wednesday, two days late, Administrator Jay Jolly said at a board meeting Monday, and then got a revised edition two days later. The proposal was due today, he said, but the deadline was extended to March 23 to give hospitals more time.
Besides Goodland, hospitals in Burlington and Yuma, Colo., are in the running for the clinic. The department’s Rocky Mountain Region had planned to open the clinic April 1, Jolly said.
“I don’t know if they’re going to move that back,” he said. “They

have a lot to do too; they’re going to run it.”
The agreement with the hospital the government chooses, he said, will be a lease agreement for space. Veterans Affairs will provide the clinic staff.
Jolly said he was surprised the department planned to open the clinic so soon after requesting the proposals. They must already have staff ready for the clinic, he said.
The hospital is planning to offer space on the south corridor, Jolly said; Veterans Affairs wants a minimum of 1,780 square feet with three offices. The hospital has the room, he said, and it has telemedicine capabilities, which will also be a plus.
Jolly said the request for proposal wasn’t what he expected.
“The thing that surprised me,” he said, “was that there was little said about the community infra-

structure. They’re more interested in the facility, but we will go ahead and give them that information anyway.”
“I think it’s important to get that in, to let them know how much support there is in the community for health care.”
If anyone wants to call the regional office in Denver, Jolly said, it wouldn’t hurt. It lets them know the whole community is behind it, he said. The number is (866) 301-9626.
The board approved a resolution to send in the proposal, making its support official.
Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson announced in Washington in December plans to put a clinic in one of the three towns. The agency said 4,000 veterans in a nine-county area are more than an hour’s drive from government health care today.

BEAVER CITY NEWS

By JOY STALDER
Tuesday guests on Feb. 20 of Wilma Bates were Tom and Anita Artz of Hastings. They took Wilma out for her birthday. Wilma also received calls from her other family members, her sisters and her children.
Irene Coe and Oral Kniep went to Arapahoe Senior Center for dinner Friday. Irene took Roberta Hinton, Bernice Rhinehart and Oral to Oxford for Rebekah Lodge.
The Senior Center had their monthly carry-in dinner Sunday noon with approximately 30 there to enjoy the meal. Several stayed after dinner to play snooker and dominoes.
Brian Bieghler and Chelsea Burton spent Friday evening with Vela Bieghler and Saturday and Sunday with Brian’s Dad, Rick Bieghler.
Bob Cass made a return visit to Dr. Connelly of Kearney this week.
Bob and Phyllis Cass attended the boys basketball game at Sutherland Friday. They reported that the roads were good in spite of

all the storm warnings we were hearing.
Irene Coe and Joy Stalder attended the American Legion District Convention in McCook Saturday at the Chief Motel.
Bob and Jean Gardner and Terry Newton went to district basketball games at North Platte Tuesday and Thursday. As the boys won over Broken Bow, they will play Chadron at Ogallala Monday evening and the Gardners plan to go to that game also.
Butch and Sue Hardenbrook went to North Platte Tuesday and Thursday, and Friday to Sutherland to district basketball games and plan to go to the boys district game at Ogallala Monday night.
Pastor Phil Olsen visited Doty Thompson this past week.
Joe and Alice Kasson of Wilsonville stopped in Monday morning to visit Burdine Kasson.
Lucille Jacobi of Red Cloud is visiting her daughter, Cindy Hernandez this week.
Bill and Dee Lamb stopped in to visit Arlyn and Dorothy Lambert and Vera Lambert Sunday after-

noon. Vera will be going to Holdrege Friday to spend the month of March with Ellis and Jean Lambert.
Bonnie Perkins visited Lawrence and Darlene Sheneman Tuesday afternoon.
Roger and Wanda Rikli went to Hastings Friday to the airport to meet Edith and Deb Rikli as they flew in from California. They had lunch at the home of Justin and Kili Rikli, Carter and Selah.
Danielle Linner spent the weekend with her family, Randy and Penny Stalder. She returned to school in Lincoln Sunday afternoon.
Marion and Russell Howard, Truth Sturtevant’s sister and husband, have moved to Beaver City to spend the summer. They spend the winter months in Florida.
Shirley and Ervin Volgamore returned home after a month’s trip to New Mexico last Friday.
Shirley and Ervin Volgamore visited his mother, Zona Volgamore, at the home of Arlene and Jim Patsios, Kearney on Tuesday.

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