

# obituaries

## Donna R. Kroskey

Donna R. Kroskey, 39, Goodland, events coordinator and admissions representative at the Northwest Kansas Technical College, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2007, at Goodland Regional Medical Center.

She was born Jan. 31, 1968, at Rantoul, Ill., the daughter of Donald J. and Sandra K. (Sarver) Weston. She graduated from John Jay High School in San Antonio, Texas, and Colby Community College, and attended Fort Hays State University. Mrs. Kroskey served in the U.S. Air Force.

On Jan. 14, 2000, she married Gregory J. Kroskey in Goodland. Mrs. Kroskey was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland; she was a former member of the Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars and ambassador leader at the college.

Preceding her in death were her grandfathers, Donald J. Weston and

Brilliant T. Sarver; a grandmother, Margaret Sarver; and a brother, Joshua Cole Weston.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Zachary Prine, LeRoy Prine and Duncan Kroskey, all of Goodland; her parents, of Kingsley, Mich.; four brothers, James (Jane) Weston of Provo, Utah, Michael (Molly) Weston of Fife Lake, Mich., Robert (Angela) Weston of Acme, Mich., and Jonathan Weston of Kingsley; a sister, Nicole (Jenkins) Enware of Novi, Mich.; and a grandmother, Lois Weston of Manton, Mich.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007, at the church with Father Norbert Dlabal presiding. Burial was at St. Mary's Cemetery in Hannah, Mich.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Donna R. Kroskey Memorial in care of Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.

## Georgianna F. Peters

Georgianna F. Peters, 99, Lincoln, Neb., formerly of Goodland, died Saturday, Feb. 10, 2007, at her home.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007, follow-

ing a 10:30 piano concert by Eleanor Peters at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 12th and Cattletrail.

Bateman Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

## William Elmer Hook

William Elmer Hook, 72, a St. Francis auctioneer, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007, at his home.

He was born May 12, 1934, in rural Sherman County, the son of William Elmer and Hazel Edria (Nickelson) Hook. He had an older sister, Beverly.

He attended school at Brownville and finished his high school at Brewster and Goodland, graduating from Sherman Community High School in 1952.

After high school, he was a member of the 10th Infantry and spent two years in Germany.

On Sept. 2, 1958, he married Phyllis L. (Lueschen) Hook.

Mr. Hook was an insurance salesman. Later he became a real estate broker and auctioneer.

The only thing he enjoyed more than auctioneering was his grandkids and great-

grandkids.

Preceded him in death were his parents and sister.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Myra (Mark) Pizzo of Hobbs, N.M., Bonni (Steve) Pennie of Boise, Idaho, and Pam Hook and Jim Bolin of St. Francis; a son, Eric (Leslie) Hook of St. Francis; four granddaughters; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were Saturday, Feb. 3, 2007, at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis with the Rev. Morita Truman officiating. The body was cremated after the service.

Pall bearers were Leonard Richard, Charles Curry, Gary Leach, Norris Anderson, Pat Stuart, Willard Busby, Don Whitmore and Maurice Blume.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

## Verla Marie (Moreland) Smith

Verla Marie (Moreland) Smith, 83, Goodland, a homemaker and former business owner, died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at the Sherman County Good Samaritan Center.

She was born July 8, 1923, in McDonald, the daughter of Clarence and Verna (Kirk) Moreland. She grew up on a farm near McDonald in a family of 11 children. As young women, she and her sister Dorothy founded the McDonald Clothing Co., which they ran for many years.

On Nov. 10, 1949, she married Duane Smith. In 1951, they began dryland farming in the Kanorado area.

During the drought of the 1950s, they moved their family to the Denver area but returned to Kanorado each summer to continue farming and be with family. In 1964, they moved to Burlington to farm full time.

Mrs. Smith shared a love of music with her sisters and her daughters. She sang at school functions in a trio with two of her sisters. She played at family gatherings and sang during car trips with her daughters.

She loved children and was the "tots" Sunday School teacher in the United Brethren Church near McDonald, the Kanorado Methodist Church and the Burlington First Christian Church. She served as fi-

nancial secretary and deaconess many years at the Burlington church.

In retirement, she and her husband enjoyed traveling and spending time at their Arizona home. When her health declined, they sold the house and returned to Burlington. She moved to the Good Samaritan Center in 2005.

Preceding her in death were her infant son, David; her parents; four brothers, Lyle, Leon, Dale and Ernest; and two sisters, Elsie Howard and Dorothy Smith.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Sharman (Doug) Wurst and Shelley (Jerry) McArthur; a twin sister, Verda Smith; another sister, Delores Craig; two brothers, Lewis Moreland of Goodland and Richard Moreland of Boulder, Colo.; a sister-in-law, Dottie Moreland; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were Friday, Feb. 9, 2007, at the Burlington church with Pastor Ralph Datema officiating and burial in Fairview Cemetery there.

Memorials may be made to the church in care of Bank of the West, 502 14th St., Burlington, Colo. 80807.

Condolences may be left at www.lovefuneralhomes.com. Love Funeral Home in Burlington handled the arrangements.

## Kenneth W. Messamore

Kenneth W. Messamore, 85, of Colby, father of Mary Messamore of Hutchinson, former Sherman County dispatch director, died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita.

He was born April 22, 1921, in Colby, the son of James Robert and Genevieve (Wheaton) Messamore.

On Nov. 25, 1941, he married Joan Rose Renner in Colby. He joined the Army in November 1941 and served in Hawaii and Japan. He was with the National Guard in Colby for many years, working up to the rank of Warrant Officer 2nd Class before his retirement.

He owned a construction company, two service stations and a miniature golf course, erected sprinklers and was a jailer for the Thomas County Sheriff's Department. His last job was as county emergency management coordinator.

Others survivors include two sons, Ken (Diane) Messamore of

Littleton, Colo., and Bill (Dr. Debbie) Messamore of Wichita; four daughters, Beth Wieck and Jack Leatherman of Littleton, Colo., Jane David and Janet Messamore of Wichita, and Margie (Jay) Bartlett of Springfield, Mo.; two brothers, Jerry (Florene) Messamore of Colby and Bill (Joanne) Messamore of Dickinson, Texas; a sister, M. Joyce Hardy of Hay Spring, Neb.; 16 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his wife on March 14, 2005; his parents; a sister, Doris Trueblood; and several brothers.

Services were Saturday, Feb. 10, 2007, at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, with military rites and burial at Beulah Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Thomas County Historical Society in care of the funeral home, 745 S. Country Club Drive, Colby, Kan., 67701.

## Mary Lorene Margheim

Mary Lorene (Settle) Margheim, 81, Bennett, Colo., mother of Mary Jean West of Goodland, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2007.

She was born May 31, 1925, on a farm near McCallister, Kan., the daughter of George J. and Vera B. (Knox) Settle. She grew up and attended school in Winona.

On Feb. 24, 1946, she married Waldo Alexander Margheim Sr. in Russell. He died March 4, 1967, leaving her to raise their seven sons and seven daughters.

Mrs. Margheim and all her children delivered newspapers morning and night. She was a cook at several restaurants; operated Muddy Fingers Ceramics; and belonged to the International Ceramic Organization.

She loved her family and tried to be involved in all they did. She played piano with all her children and grandchildren and welcomed her children's animals as well as her own.

She was a leader for both Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of America and 4-H and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She loved to sew, cook, crochet and read and always watched soap operas and the news. She loved her flow-

ers and gardening. Also preceding her in death were her parents and grandparents; a daughter, Carol; and a son, Stephen James.

Others survivors include a brother, Lester Settle of Salina; a sister, Betty Davis of Guymon, Okla.; six sons, Donald of Bethany, Okla., Jerry and Waldo Jr. of Oakley, Michael of Winona, Kenneth of Lakewood, Colo., and Robert of Aurora, Colo.; five other daughters, Patricia Goodwin of Winona, Rebecca Dickman of Garden City and Katherine Kurka, Laura Faye Margheim and Joyce Margheim of Bennett; 24 grandchildren; and 48 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. (Mountain Time) Sunday, Feb. 18, 2007, at the Harrison Chapel, 190 N. Franklin, Colby, with inurnment services at Beulah Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at the Winona Grill.

Memorials may be made to the Mary Margheim Memorial Fund at High Plains Bank, Box 329, Bennett, Colo. 80102.

Cards may be sent to the Margheim family at Box 338, Bennett, or in care of Pat Goodwin, Box 282, Winona, Kan. 67764.

# Death claims several Brewster friends, relatives; others in hospital

We had a good couple days of melting but still have a lot of snow on the ground. It sounds like we will be back into the cold weather for the next week or so.

I received word of several deaths of people some of you may remember, so I will get that information out to you. First of all, Alvin Helin's sister Wilma Beckner died Jan. 18. She was living in Great Falls, Mont.

I also received a letter from Norma Jean (Parker) Hammond. She was Inace Parker's daughter.



## betty jo baird

• brewster news

Norma Jean's husband passed away in Sept. 2006, and Inace's brother Elmer (Jack) Johnson of Davis, Calif., died two weeks ago. He was known by a lot of people here in

Brewster. We have a long prayer list this week. Duane Jones will be seeing the doctor for his check-up, and he and Ruth

hope to be home soon. Our prayers also go out to Vi Bowman, Mark Flanders, Barbara Springsteen, Wilma Burk and Vernon Patten.

Don't forget to vote in the pri-

mary Tuesday, Feb. 27, and the general election Tuesday, April 3, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. both days. Elections will be held at the Brewster Senior Center. The center will be closed for everything but voting.

The boys and girls played Oakley Tuesday night. The boys won, and the girls lost. They were scheduled to play Sharon Springs Friday night here in Brewster.

I'm afraid that is all the news I've heard this week, so I will close with welcoming Eileen Wahl to the com-

munity. She is the mother of Lana Felzien and Diana Flanders.

Perhaps you went to bed last night thinking about the overdue bills, the lack of finances, the problematic people and situations you have to face. This morning you woke up. Did you give thanks? Maybe your back is out; your leg may be broken; your head is stopped up; or your eye is swollen. So you are in pain, in fear, in an uncomfortable state, but did you give thanks? You may be alone, heart-

broken, confused or disappointed, but the issue still remains, did you give thanks?

Let's put it this way: you can think, you can feel, you are alive. You've got a brain, a life, an idea. All of this means that some way, someday, you can do better. So...Did you give thanks? If you didn't, it is probably because you forgot that when the praise goes up, the blessings come down. That should be enough to inspire you to be thankful.

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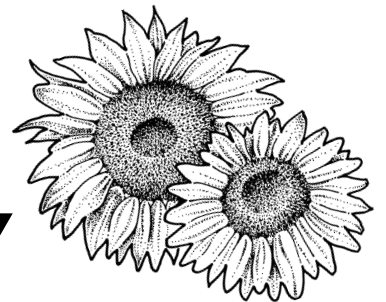
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