

Vietnam era veterans invited to Hays meeting

An organization that helps Vietnam-era veterans access benefits might start a chapter in northwest Kansas.

Vietnam Veterans of America has a chapter in Hays, and its president is inviting veterans from northwest Kansas to come to meetings there to see what the group can do for them.

The group is trying to get members in the Goodland and Colby areas to car pool to Hays, said President Kolb Kobler, and see if there is enough interest to start a chapter in the northwest corner of the state.

They don't have to join to come to the meetings, he said; they can just come see what the organization can do for them. Many veterans don't realize, he said, it's better for them to be in the system for veterans benefits before they actually need to go to a Veterans Affairs clinic.

Many also don't realize that the group is for everyone who served on active duty, Kobler said, not just those who went overseas. It is for men and women who served in the military, he said,

whether a soldier, a pilot, a secretary or a nurse.

Membership is open to those who served in the Republic of Vietnam after Feb. 28, 1961, or anywhere after Aug. 5, 1964, through May 7, 1975.

The group meets at 1 p.m. Mountain Time the fourth Saturday of each month except July and November, Kobler said, at the Hays Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall. To get there, he said, take the exit onto Vine Street, he said, and go south to 22nd.

If a veteran wants to join, he said, the cost right now just \$30 for the first three years. Normally, it's \$50 for three years, he said, but the state council will pay \$20 of a new membership.

The organization helps veterans get in touch with the government for life insurance, education benefits and health benefits, the Board of Veterans Appeals and the Social Security Administration, helps them get copies of their military records and provides other services.

For information, call Kobler at (785) 650-1378.

Lyrics writer talks of sources

By Sharon Corcoran
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Feet were tapping and hot coffee pouring Saturday night at the Goodland Grind and Gallery, as Cally Krallman, daughter of Darlene Kirby of rural Sherman County, introduced songs from the two compact disks she wrote lyrics for.

Krallman, a 1977 Goodland High School graduate, wrote lyrics that, with music added, became the bluegrass, country and folk CD "Prairie Glimpses — The Kansas Song Project" and lyrics for songs on "An Irish Journey," performed by Anthony DeLallo, a 17-year-old Kansas tenor.

Saturday, she introduced songs from the CDs by telling the stories behind them and tidbits about her family and others who inspired the songs. Krallman, also a landscape painter, has her work displayed at the coffee shop for the month of March.

She said she grew up northwest of Goodland and her mother still lives near Kanorado; her father, Allen Kirby, died in 1992.

Brian Freeman, owner of the Grind and Gallery, played the songs from the CDs as she talked. She began with songs from "Prairie Glimpses," about Kansas people, places and history.

She introduced "Farmer's Bride" by telling the audience the inspiration for the song was that she had

thought she'd be a farmer's wife, but her parents had other plans.

Afterward, someone asked her if she knew tractors don't run on gas. Well, yeah, she replied, but the only word she could think of to rhyme with diesel was weasel.

Her nephew Shawn told her that she wrote a lot of sad songs, Krallman said, so she wrote "Sunflower Song," an upbeat number. She said she had walked the fields on her family's farm many times looking for photo opportunities, and the fields provided inspiration for the song.

The point of her songs is more about telling a story than the music, Krallman said, and many of them focus on history. She is working with home schools, putting the information on line, combining history lessons, writing and music. Some of the historical information is accurate, she said, but she takes a little artistic license.

For example, she said, the song "Cotton Shirt of White," about the Kidder Massacre, is about the mother going to bring her soldier son home, when it actually was his father who went.

"I sympathize with mothers who have to send their sons to war," she said.

Krallman said people had told her she writes "poems," though she thinks of them as songs. She sat down with Diane Gillenwater, a



Cally Krallman said she has been told to keep her day job, but she couldn't help singing along with one of the songs she wrote for the CD "Prairie Glimpses — The Kansas Song Project," at the Goodland Grind and Gallery Saturday, March 10. Krallman introduced the songs and asked Brian Freeman, coffee house owner, to play them from the CD. Krallman, a 1977 Goodland High School graduate, is the daughter of Darlene Kirby of Kanorado and the late Allen Kirby.

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fiddle teacher and two-time Kansas State Fiddle Champion, and Gillenwater put her words to music.

Gillenwater's Pastense Bluegrass Band performs on the CD. Others are the Alferd Packer Memorial String Band, Judy Coder and Pride of the Prairie, Lemuel Sheppard, Terri Laddusaw, Michael Paull, Rick and Ed Faris of the Faris Family, Bob and Teresa Bowden, Lee Wright, Ronette Rosenow (originally from Goodland), Ed Brunt, Anthony DeLallo, Randy Wills and Krallman.

After working with DeLallo, Krallman said, she asked if he would be interested in performing original songs. He had released two CDs, "A Wee Bit of Ireland" with traditional Irish songs, such as "Danny Boy," and "The Gift of Christmas," with religious Christmas music, such as "What Child Is This?"

Krallman said she wrote lyrics for 10 songs for DeLallo's latest CD as she introduced a couple of the Irish songs Saturday.

Boy quenches thirst at chili feed



Josh David, who had wrestled in the Kansas Kids sub district tournament in Colby that day, quenched his thirst Saturday, March 10, at the Boy Scouts Troop 142 chili feed.

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matters of record

Real Estate

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

Frances K. Beckner quit claims to Mike Beckner, Cara Short and Sherry Kibel, Lots 19, 20 and 21, Block 11, Second Addition to the Town of Goodland.

Dennis W. Stegman and Ryan A. Studer to Dennis W. Stegman, Ryan A. Studer and Floyd Studer, a tract of land in NW/4 Sec. 30, T8S R39W containing 8.26 acres more or less.

Sandra K. Elliott and Sharon A. Adams, trustees of L.E. Owens Family Trust to Sandra K. Elliott, Sharon A. Adams and Paige A. Harper, Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 42, Beahm's Addition to the City of Goodland.

Sandra K. Elliott and Sharon A. Adams, trustees of Beryl Owens Trust to Sandra K. Elliott, Sharon A. Adams and Paige A. Harper, SW/4 Sec. 2, T10S R38W; SW/4 Sec. 16, T9S R38W; and SW/4 Sec. 11, T9S R38W.

Sandra K. Elliott and Sharon A. Adams, trustees of the L.E. Owens Trust, to Sandra K. Elliott, Sharon A. Adams and Paige A. Harper, NW/4 Sec. 11, T9S R38W and S/2 Sec. 10, T9S R38W.

Nancy J. Kear to Daniel G. Pletcher and Cynthia T. Pletcher, Lots 8, Block 6, Westmoor Acres Addition to the City of Goodland.

Berwyn E. Petersen and Betty Jean Petersen, co-trustees of Betty Jean Petersen Revocable Trust to Ken Petersen, an undivided 1/5 interest of an undivided 1/2 interest in SE/4 Sec. 3, T8S R38W.

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