

# obituaries

## Martha Maria Knodel

Martha Maria Knodel, 87, St. Francis, sister-in-law of Gladys (Jake) Wilkening of Goodland and mother of Allen Knodel of Kanorado, died Tuesday, July 3, 2007, at the Cheyenne County Hospital.

She was born Sept. 17, 1919, at Cassia County, Idaho, the sixth child of Gottlieb and Christina (Docktor) Lippert. The family moved to Cheyenne County in 1920 and she attended Clough Valley school three miles from their home until the eighth grade.

She was confirmed at the Salem Lutheran Church in 1932. She worked for several farm families for the next 10 years, cooking, baking, cleaning and caring for children. After the family moved to St. Francis, she was a sales clerk for J.C. Penney.

On Oct. 30, 1949, she married Arthur R. Knodel at the church, and they moved to a farm 22 miles southwest of St. Francis. They had five children and spoke German exclusively at home until their first went to school.

Mrs. Knodel's life centered around her family. She tended an enormous garden and canned and preserved the food her family needed, sharing excess with friends and relatives.

She was known for having a remedy for every ailment. Some of her cures were not gentle, her

family said, but they were reliable.

She taught herself to bake and decorate fancy cakes. She was active in the River Valley Extension Home Unit and the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, where she held several offices.

Preceding her in death were her parents; three brothers, Gottlieb, Jake and Rudy; three sisters, Christina Schritter, Anna Lippert and Edna Walz; a daughter-in-law, Cheryl Knodel; and a step-grandson, John Holub.

Other survivors include her husband; three other sons, Art Jr. (Debbie) Knodel of North Platte, Neb., Ed (Tonya) Knodel of Burlington and John (Natalie) Knodel of St. Francis; a daughter, Joan Knodel of Colby; two sister, Lydia Hilt of St. Francis and Ruth Knodel of Burlington; two other sisters-in-law, Anna Lippert of Wray, Colo., and Doris Knodel of Burlington; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were Saturday, July 7, 2007, at the church with Pastors Chris Farmer and Linda Walz (a niece) officiating.

Memorials may be made to the church, the Cheyenne County Hospital or the St. Francis Good Samaritan Village in care of Knodel Funeral Home, 202 S. Benton, St. Francis, Kan. 67756.

## Sister Lorena Bolte

Sister Lorena Bolte, 58, Great Bend, former pastoral minister at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland, was killed Wednesday, July 4, 2007, in a car accident near Syracuse.

Memorials may be made to the

Dominican Sisters Ministry Fund, Office of Mission and Ministry, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, Kan. 67530-8692. Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend was in charge of arrangements.

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## Sharon Summers

Sharon Summers, 61, Wallace, daughter of Lela Heier of Goodland, died Friday, July 6, 2007, at the University of Colorado Hospital in Aurora.

She was born June 19, 1946, in Colby, the daughter of Gordon L. and Lela Mae (Lintel) Kinsley.

On Aug. 30, 1964, she married Larry V. Summers in Winona. She was a homemaker most of her life in Logan County. She was a member of the Winona Methodist Church and attended the Wesleyan Church in Sharon Springs.

Preceding her in death were her father and two step-fathers, Francis Halbleib and Pius Heier.

Other survivors include her husband; a son, Darrin Summers of Sharon Springs; a daughter, Lisa Mitten of Wallace; two brothers, John Kinsley of Oakley and Tim

Heier of Cheyenne Wells, Colo., formerly of Goodland; five sisters, Karen Rudell of Loveland, Colo., Cindy Voth of Sharon Springs, Mary Heinrich of Centennial, Colo., Pam Reddick of Overland Park and Kim Anderson of Heath, Texas; and five grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. today, Tuesday, July 10, 2007, at the Wesleyan Church in Sharon Springs with Pastor Bill Ball officiating and burial at 2 p.m. (Mountain Time) in the Oakley Cemetery. Visitation was planned for 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley.

Memorials may be made to the University of Colorado Lung Transplant Clinic or the Sharon Springs church in care of the funeral home, Box 221, Oakley, Kan. 67748.

# Students graduate from Colby college

At least 33 area students graduated from Colby Community College this spring:

From **Goodland**: Kamilla Co-hoon, Dennis Daise, Rebecka Deiser, John Hamilton III, Amy Lewis, Misty Milke, Crystal Ragels, Monica Rangel, Kevin Sanderson, Shannon Showalter, Dawn Stasser, Sherry Thomas, Lisa Varney and Tina Whisnant.

**Brewster**: Andrie Baird, Ryan Luckert, Jalyn Reid and Wanda

Swenson.  
**Bird City**: Ailysa Carpenter and Lance Carpenter.  
**McDonald**: Tiffany Antholz and Angela Brogan.  
**St. Francis**: Amber Havel, Grace and Rachel Hnizdil and Kyle Kenhart.

**Sharon Springs**: Joni Andrews, Jami Eder, Kevin Heyl, Kalie Smith and Angela Van Allen.

**Weskan**: Kale Cox and Janie Herschberger.

# Area students listed on Fort Hays honor roll

Twenty area students were on the spring-semester dean's honor roll at Fort Hays State University, earning a grade average of 3.6 or better on a 4.0 scale for full-time studies.

From **Goodland** were Peggy S. Blake, Mark Alexander Collado, Nathan R. Elliott, Trista D. Lalicker and Lacy L. Stephens.

**Brewster**: Jill Leeann Beiser and Travis Roy Dixon.

**Bird City**: Brittany N. Kehlbeck.  
**St. Francis**: Lori B. Faulkender, Amber D. Dunn, Tara B. Neitzel, Heath J. Owens, Cale David Rieger and Jonathan L. Roelfs.

**Sharon Springs**: Mandi Kay Bellamy, Corinna R. Bussen and Joanna M. Klinge.

**Wallace**: Kaler K. Bretz.  
**Tribune**: Aaron Myers and Felisha J. Nolan.

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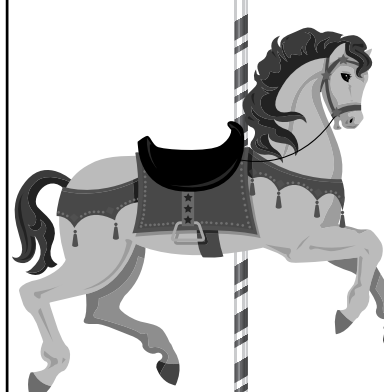
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