

birthdays

Clara Marie Fixsen will be celebrating her 85th birthday on Tuesday, Oct. 2. The family is requesting a card shower at Box 142, Stamford, Neb. 68977.

cards

Carmelita Clark is recovering from heart surgery and would like to hear from you at Hays Medical Center, 2220 Canterbury Dr., Hays 67601.

activities

Tours of the 1907 Victorian House at 202 W. 13th are from 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Monday.

The High Plains Museum, 1717 Cherry Ave., is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. A temporary exhibit of military uniforms from World War I and the Korean War is on display.

The Carnegie Arts Center is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday at 120 W. 12th. On display at the present time until Sunday, Sept. 30, is the annual Flatlanders Photography Contest pictures. Visitors will be able to vote on their favorite photograph in adult and youth divisions. A People's Choice Award will be given to the winners. There is no admission charge.

The Goodland Public Library is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Story Hour will start Wednesday, Sept. 12 to Friday, Sept. 14. On Wednesdays there will be a group at 10 to 11 a.m. and one at 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday group will meet at 10 to 11 a.m. These groups are for children ages three to five. On Friday's we will have Born to Read for infants and toddlers ages zero to three, accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Activities will include a variety of stories, music, games and art activities. Sign-up has started at the Goodland Public Library. For questions call Marcy Melia at 899-5461.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Sherman County is seeking mentors and children to mentor. Call 890-3665.

Goodland Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month at the First Christian Church, Eighth and Arcade.

Diabetes Support Group meets at 4 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the large board room at Goodland Regional Medical Center. Patients, family and friends meet each month for a speaker and educational program. Call Sarah Linton at 890-6044.

Breast Cancer Support Group meets at 5 p.m. the first Monday of the month. Any woman with cancer is welcome. Call Cheryl at 890-5528 for more information.

Emotions Anonymous meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Goodland Regional Medical Center board room.

Aerobics Classes - 5:30 a.m. aerobics classes are offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Goodland Activities Center. Call 890-7242.

TOPS Meetings - Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at North Elementary School. Weigh-in is at 5 p.m. A new group may be started and meet at a different time. Call Norma Mullen, area captain, at (785) 689-4362.

Alcoholics Anonymous S.O.S. Group holds open meetings at 7 p.m. Monday at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Seventh and Senter, Burlington. Call Pamela at 719-346-7711 or Dave at 890-2858.

Goodland Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Monday, closed meeting, Wednesday, the book meeting, and Saturday, an open meeting, at 1013 Center. For Alcoholics Anonymous, call Rob at 890-3023 or Linda at 399-2353.

Goodland Al-Anon Serenity Seekers group meets at 5:30 on Wednesdays at 1013 Center. For information call Cheryl at 890-3023. The "Freedom Today" group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and 7 p.m. Saturdays at the Goodland Elks Lodge. Call 890-8369.

Fibromyalgia and Chronic Myofascial Pain Support Group

the calendar

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A blood drive for the Red Cross will be Wednesday at the Elks Lodge, 1523 Arcade from noon to 6 p.m. Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE to schedule appointments. Walk-in donors are welcome.

The Calvary Gospel Church will have a garage sale on Saturday from 7 a.m. to noon at the Rock House, 6th and Caldwell. Money will be used for youth camp and Mexico missions trip.

The Goodland Library, Goodland Arts Council and Moonlight Entertainment are holding an outdoor movie at Eighth and Main on the side of the Veterans of Foreign Wars building with seating between the Goodland Activities Center and the VFW beginning at sundown. "Space Balls" will show during the Flatlander Fall Festival. There is no admission charge, but bring a lawn chair or blanket to spread out and enjoy the movies under the stars.

The Goodland American Legion Post 117 will host a meeting on Veterans benefits for veterans and their families at 9 a.m. on

Tuesday, Oct. 2, at the Veteran of Foreign Wars Hall, 824 Main.

Prairie Land Food sign up will be until Monday, Oct. 8, at the Sherman County Health Department, 1622 Broadway, and pick up will be from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Goodland Elks Lodge for the October distribution. Anyone who wants to see what is in the packages can stop at the lodge on distribution day.

The Hunter Education Course will be 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18 and 8 a.m. to finish Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Kansas National Guard Armory, 720 E. Armory Road. Attendance is required on all four days. Students must be no younger than 11 years old. There must be at least 10 students for the course. For information contact Troy Mannis at (785) 890-3380 or Mike Hopper at (785) 899-5199.

The First Baptist Church will have children's and adults' services at 9:30 and regular church services at 10:30 a.m. Sundays at Bateman Funeral Home,

11th and Broadway, while moving from Fifth and Center to 12th and Main.

school calendar

Monday: Board of Education meeting. 5 p.m., junior varsity football at Scott City. 3:30 p.m., C team volleyball at Colby Volleyball C Triangular. 5 p.m., Goodland Activities Center Flag Football at North Elementary.

school menu

Friday: Pizza, lettuce salad, corn, pudding and milk. Monday: Cream chicken over rice, California blend vegetables, whole wheat biscuit, spiced pears and milk. Tuesday: sloppy joes, tator tots, pickle spear, 1/2 orange and milk.

senior center menu

Friday: lasagna, tossed salad, green beans, garlic bread and frozen fruit dessert. Monday: Sloppy joes, tater tots, carrots, bun and peaches. Tuesday: Turkey and noodles, cucumber and onions, pineapple tidbits, bread and cherry cobbler.

meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month in the Emergency Medical Services building, 257 15th St., in Burlington. Call Debbie at 719-346-4612.

area events

Registration for the annual Oberlin Holiday Arts and Crafts Show is Monday, Oct. 1 with the show being from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 24, at The Gateway. It is sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission. For information call Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel (785) 470-0218.

Admission to the Prairie Museum of Art and History will be free from noon to 4 p.m. Mountain Time Sundays at 1905 S. Franklin in Colby. The museum is also open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time Monday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Hunter Safety Education Course will be held 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Saturday, Oct. 27, and noon - 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 28, in Cheylin High School Library. Free lunch provided on Saturday. Must be at least 10 years old to participate. For information call Laurie at (785) 734-2502.

Thomas County Faith Partners will present "Get Smart" at a brown bag lunch with Dr. Prevention to learn about brain development and medical marijuana at 11 a.m. (Mountain Time) Wednesday at First Presbyterian Church, 515 W. 4th, Colby or 6 p.m. at Colby United Methodist Church, 950 S. Franklin, when Carol Spiker will talk about current drug trends. Call Regional Prevention Center for information at (785) 460-8177.

health department

The Sherman County Health Department at 1622 Broadway is open from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Friday: Scheduled appointments. Monday: Scheduled appointments. Tuesday: Scheduled appointments. 1:30 p.m. "Taking Care of Yourself" public meeting at Sparks Towers.

Benefits for Seniors, including Medicare and application for Patients Assistance Drug Program. Blood pressures; infants', children's and adult's immunizations; health assessments for Kan Be Healthy, daycare and school entry; fasting blood sugar and hemoglobin; family planning; and toenail clipping available by appointment. Sharps containers are available free. Call 890-4888.

If you have questions, concerns or complaints about child care, call the health department.

Water Testing - The Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group does well evaluations, including testing for bacteria and nitrates. To schedule an evaluation or discuss environmental concerns, call the Health Department at 890-4888.

hospital volunteers

Gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to noon

and 1 to 4 p.m.; a.m. and p.m. volunteers are in the gift shop.

Friday: Fern Hawks a.m. and Mazie Sutton courtesy. Monday: Fern Heckman a.m. and Sutton courtesy. Tuesday: Avis Alcorn a.m., Faye Paxton p.m. and Emma Van Vleet courtesy.

cell phone drive

Save a Life-Give a Phone collects used cell phones and refurbishes them to provide 911 access for domestic violence victims locally and nationwide, including all YWCA Domestic Violence Shelters. Phones are also provided to the elderly and others in need of an emergency cell phone. The group has a drop-off point at American Communications, 726 W. Business U.S. 24. Call Jeannie Topliff at 899-2426 or Candice at 866-448-2366.

thrift store

Anyone wanting to donate to the Goodland Churches Thrift Shop should call 899-2007 to arrange to meet by the door in the alley and take donations directly from the car to the warehouse.

The store needs zippered bags like those bedding and curtains are sold in, seal-a-meal bags or any bags that can be heat-sealed, and jewelry gift boxes.

alateen

A former Alateen member and an Al-Anon member have formed an Alateen support group that will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. on Mondays at 1275 W. Sixth in Colby. The group is for relatives and friends of alcoholics and is open to anyone 19 years old or under. Call 785-462-8152 or 462-6101.

obituary

Ellen Blanche Dechant

Ellen Blanche (Rains) Dechant, 91, Wallace, a former post office clerk in Wallace, died Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007, at the Greeley County Hospital in Tribune.

She was born May 5, 1916, to Orion Jr. and Hattie Jane (Steljes) Rains on a farm 12 miles northeast of Oakley. She attended school in Menlo through the seventh grade, then went for three years in Winona and graduated from Wallace High School in 1934.

In 1935, she married John Francis Allaman. She started working part time at the Wallace post office in 1959 and retired after 30 years in 1989. After her husband's death in 1972, she lived on the farm but helped at the Fort Wallace Museum, and at the restaurant and grocery in Wallace.

In 1980, she married Herman

Dechant and the couple moved to Wallace.

Preceding her in death were her two husbands; two sons, Jack and Darrel Dechant; a sister, Ethel Ludlow; and four brothers, Edward, Emmett, Elden and Earl Rains.

Survivors include a son, Rick Allaman of Hays; a sister, Waneta Goff of Cheraw, Colo.; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007, at the Wallace Cemetery with the Rev. Paul McNall officiating. Visitation was Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007, at the Koons Funeral Home in Sharon Springs.

Memorials for the Fort Wallace Museum may be sent to the Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

obituaries

Jerrold Cochran

Jerrold A. Cochran, 73, WaKeeney, father of Tammy (Tom) Colby of Kanorado and Tonya (Rick) Williams of Goodland, died Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007, at the home.

He was born on Aug. 31, 1934, in Graham County to Arthur and Lois (Kaufman) Cochran. He served in the Army from April 23, 1953 to April 12, 1955.

On Nov. 8, 1956, he married Wilma Paul Deines. He married Patricia A. Hands on Dec. 9, 2000.

Mr. Cochran was a truck driver for most of his life. He retired from PSI in 1998 and then drove for Northwest Kansas Transportation.

He was a member of the Church of God, Randall Reid Veterans of Foreign Wars post, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, all in WaKeeney. He loved to hunt, fish, buy and sell antiques, attend auctions and stock car races.

He was preceded in death by his

first wife, Wilma, in 1998; his parents; a brother Howard Cochran; and a sister, Verna Lee Loomis.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; a son, Tony (Melissa) Cochran of Imperial, Neb.; two brothers, Leon (Rita) Cochran of Broomfield, N.M., and Ron (Sandy) Cochran of Aztec, N.M.; two sisters, Royaln Erikson of WaKeeney, and Betty Jo Pennington of Farmington, N.M.; seven grandchildren; a great-grandson; a stepson, Scott Spena of WaKeeney; a stepdaughter, Brenda (Steve) Newcomer of WaKeeney; and five step grandchildren.

Graveside services will be 9 a.m. (Mountain Time), Saturday, Sept. 21, 2007, at the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at WaKeeney with Pastor Troy Miller officiating.

Memorial to Southwind Hospice in Pratt or Walk-A-Thon for Health in WaKeeney can be sent to the Schmitt Funeral Home, 336 N. 12, WaKeeney 67672.

Jesus Garza

Jesus Castillo Garza, 61, Tulsa, Okla., former Goodland resident, died on Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007, at his home.

He was born June 3, 1946, to Maximo and Maria (Castillo) Garza at Richmond, Texas. He married Martina Rios on Sept. 10, 1962, in Tulia, Texas.

Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, John David (Debbie) Garza of Tulsa and Ector Roman Garza of Kansas City, Mo.; a daughter, Rachael Garza of Tulsa; three brothers, Joe Garza of Dellano, Calif., Roy (Maria) Garza of Tulia, Texas, and Manuel (Eva)

Garza of Kansas City, Mo.; two sisters, Mary Lou (Santiago) Luna and Janie (Andy) Garcia of Tulsa; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be 1 a.m. (Mountain Time) on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007, at the Red Fork Assembly of God Church in Tulsa with the Rev. Tony Penn officiating.

A funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland with the Rev. Norbert Dlabal officiating and inurnment in the Goodland Cemetery.

Thomas P. Parke

Thomas P. Parke, 87, WaKeeney, father of Nancy (Scott) Gilmer of Goodland, died Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007, at St. John's Health Care Center in Hays.

He was born Oct. 8, 1919, to Peter and Rose (Kvasnicka) Parke on the family farm south of Collyer and attended the Hackbeer rural school. As he was the oldest son, he helped on the farm after eighth grade.

Mr. Parke joined the Army on Feb. 11, 1941. He was assigned to the 11th Evacuation Hospital and trained in Denver at Fitzsimmons Hospital. His mobile unit traveled through North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany during World War II. He was discharged Oct. 6, 1945.

He married Ann Louise Riedel on Oct. 20, 1947, in Collyer and farmed a few miles from his parents' land. Mr. Parke loved the land, growing wheat and milo and caring for his livestock.

On May 24, 1991, he married Vera (Bollig) Havlas. The couple moved to Hays in 1992 but he continued to help his sons farm by running the tractor or driving the trucks and combine during harvest.

He was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church of Hays, the Knights of Columbus in

WaKeeney, the Sunflower Polka Club of Hays, the Randall Reid Veterans of Foreign Wars post and the American Legion post in WaKeeney. Mr. Parke was a former board member of the Western Cooperative Electric Co. in WaKeeney.

Preceding him in death was his first wife, Louise, in 1984, and two brothers Robert and Leo Parke.

Survivors include his wife, Vera, of the home; two daughters, Kathleen (Tom) Rohr of Blue Springs, Mo., and Peggy (Jerry) White of WaKeeney; two sons, Larry (Mary) Parke of Ellis and Richard (Diana) Parke of Collyer; a sister, Helen Molinaro of Kansas City, Mo.; a brother, Curtis (Pauline) Parke of Collyer; and a sister-in-law, Barbara Parke of WaKeeney; 15 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were Monday, Sept. 17, 2007, at Christ the King Catholic Church in WaKeeney with the Revs. Donald F. Pfannenstiel and Kevin Weber officiating and burial in the church cemetery.

Memorial to the Veterans of Foreign Wars post, Hospice of Hays or for masses can be sent to Schmitt Funeral Home, 336 N. 12th, WaKeeney, Kan. 67672

Dorothy Louise Heiny

Dorothy Louise (Dye) Heiny, 96, of Goodland, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2007, at Hays Medical Center.

A memorial service will be 10 a.m. today, Friday, Oct. 12, 2007,

at Wheat Ridge Acres Retirement Community in Goodland. There will be private family inurnment in the Goodland Cemetery.

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