

Spuds for Cares



Joyce Garrison shares a laugh with Norton Cares board member Jaynell Matzek, un- seen, as Garrison unwraps her potato at the organization's fundraiser last Friday. Her husband Jerry Garrison also is pictured.

—Telegram photo by Judy Sherard

Goodland woman has been named circulation manager for newspapers

Sheila Smith of Goodland has been named group circulation manager for Nor'West Newspapers, with responsibility for circulation operations and promotions for the entire eight-publication group.

Nor'West, based in Oberlin, publishes newspapers in Goodland, Colby, St. Francis, Bird City, Oberlin and Norton, plus free regional shoppers based in Goodland and Norton.

Mrs. Smith will continue to work out of the Goodland office, where she has been office manager for The Goodland Star-News and Nor'West Press.

While she will be handling groupwide circulation, readers should continue to call the Norton Telegram office to start or stop a subscription, lodge a complaint or report a problem. Sherry Hickman is the circulation manager.

"Sheila has taken on more responsibility as the years go by," said Steve Haynes, president and co-owner of the firm. "With the switch to a consolidated circulation database last year, she has been handling the subscription lists for all our newspapers."

"This promotion recognizes that, but she will have authority over transportation and distribution, working with office managers in the other towns, and an increasing role in circulation promotion and audience develop-



Sheila Smith

Rusty Robinson of Goodland and Ryan and Jared Robinson of Anchorage, Alaska. Great-grandson Jordin Alekzandir Robinson lives in Goodland.

Daughter Rachel Marie Smith was born in April 1979; she lives and works in Colby.

Sheila Smith had seasonal jobs at the former Kemp Sugar factory and helped run a bar in Goodland before joining the old Goodland Daily News in February 1991 as an inserter.

She became circulation manager in September 1993, keeping the subscription list and supervising a dozen or more carriers.

Steve and Cynthia Haynes bought the paper in January 1997, and in September 1998, Mrs. Smith became office manager, adding bookkeeping to her duties.

In June 2008, she took over circulation records of the Colby Free Press, then in May 2009 she added the circulation records of the St. Francis, Bird City, Norton and Oberlin papers. Bookkeeping was transferred to Oberlin.

"I am working on some promotions to help the newspapers gain readership," she said. "By gaining readership, we are keeping the communities better informed."

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A total of \$1,500 in script will be given away with a \$500 winner, one \$300 winner, and one \$200 winner, and ten \$50 instant winners.

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