

# ◆ Meadowlark Notes ◆

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Hospice serving Clay, Cloud, Marshall, Republic, Riley, Washington Counties

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## MEADOWLARK HOSPICE

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#### **Program Director:**

Dianne Michaud, R.N., BSN

#### **Patient Care Coordinator:**

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Sherry Wiese, RN

Deb Martin, RN, BSN

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Debbie Hedke, RN, BSN

Brenda Dvorak, RN, PRM

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#### **Social Workers:**

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## Meadowlark Hospice expands service in Cloud, Republic

Effective Jan. 1, Meadowlark Hospice, headquartered in Clay Center, began providing service for patients in all of Cloud and Republic counties.

"Hospice, Inc. of Wichita asked us to assume their responsibility for those areas," said Dianne Michaud, Meadowlark Hospice director.

Meadowlark previously had served patients in the eastern parts of those two counties, she said. But covering that entire territory, in addition to Clay, Marshall, Washington, and part of Riley County, adds considerably to staffing needs and to mileage.

Michaud said they currently are hiring nurses in the new area — PRNs, which means they work part-time as needed. Meadowlark's "help wanted" ads also list social workers.

"We want caring nurses like those we presently have."

Anita Droll, Marysville, and Debbie Hedke, Waterville, will now be able to work primarily in Marshall County, where the patient load has increased tremendously in the past year.

Detail work of the expansion is considerable, Michaud said. It includes working with hospitals, nursing homes and doctor's offices to explain hospice services and to get contracts in place. "It takes a lot of time. Establishing trust within the new territory also

will take time."

Michaud said Clay County Home Health Care is building in Clay Center, which means Meadowlark could expand into some of CCHHC's current adjacent office space to alleviate crowding.

In addition to hiring staff, she said volunteers must be trained in the new communities. The first volunteer training is scheduled Tuesday, Jan. 23, at the Concordia United Methodist Church from 10 to 12 a.m. and at the Belleville United Methodist Church from 2 to 4 p.m.

Since Clay and Washington county hospices merged to become Meadowlark in 1993, the service organization has become recognized for the quality of its care, its commitment to pain control and its efforts to make the end of life as comfortable as possible for both patients and family members, the director said.

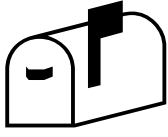
Also, Meadowlark Hospice social worker, Kay Lohmiller, is serving as president of the Association of Kansas Hospices, after six years on the state board.

"The biggest thing right now is to get staff hired," Michaud said, noting that the Wichita group had hoped to make the transfer earlier.

Applications to Meadowlark Hospice should be sent to P.O. Box 512, Clay Center, KS 67432.

Call Dianne Michaud at 785-632-2225 for more information.

## Mail Time at the Office



To all of you at Meadowlark Hospice,  
"Guardian Angels  
to our loved ones:

God bless each of you for your  
gentle loving care and dedication.  
May He grant you courage, strength  
and renewal each day!

Blessings to you and your families  
in the New Year

— —

Dear Hospice;

I don't know how to thank you for  
all your help during Dean's last  
hours. I don't think I realized he was  
dying. He seemed the same as always  
that morning. So in a way it was a  
shock, and I still can't realize he is  
gone.

There is so much to think about  
now. The family kept me busy last  
week, so I couldn't think straight.  
Still doesn't seem real, that he is  
gone.

The children want me to get an  
apartment in Belleville, so that will  
take some adjustment. I have never  
moved since coming here over 56  
years ago. So it will be hard to leave.

Since I don't see well, I don't  
drive; it would be more practical to  
get an apartment.

We have received the following  
memorial for Hospice — \$100.  
May it help someone else in need.

— —

I can't believe tomorrow will be a  
year since I lost my special brother  
Joe Bill. I miss him so, and since I  
couldn't be with him at the end, I  
thank you for being there.

— —

Our most heartfelt thanks for your  
help and support. Knowing there are  
people like you who care truly makes  
this difficult time easier to get  
through.

Season's Greetings to all you fine  
folks! Think of you often and how  
kind you were to all of us. This is our  
7th holiday without Merlin. Maybe  
it will be easier one of these years!??  
Thank goodness for my family.

— —

Merry Christmas to all at Meadow-  
lark Hospice.

I had mother's original painting in  
a frame displayed among my holiday  
decorations, when it dawned on me  
what a wonderful Christmas card it  
would make.

Thank you for your notes through  
the last year; we all miss her so  
much.

— —

Just a quick note to again thank  
all of you at Hospice.

All you did during his last days  
and hours was, I'm sure, comforting  
to him and all of us too.

Your thoughtfulness will always  
be remembered.

Your services are very much  
needed, so keep up the good work.

— —

To the Staff at Meadowlark Hospice:

I would like to give you many  
thanks for all that you did for Dad in  
his last few weeks. You all certainly  
do good work in helping not only the  
dying but the family of the dying.

Thanks you for me and the rest of  
my family.

## Thank you, volunteers, for your time

Ann Ackerman ■ Mary Bertsch ■  
Maxine Brantfort ■ Christine  
Buchanan ■ Daisy Carlson ■  
Jerry Coleman ■ Irene Duitsman ■  
Ernie Foster ■ Delores Germann ■  
Gary Griffiths ■ Helen Meyerhoff  
■ Edna Hatfield ■ Lorna Heitman ■  
Janet Helmerichs ■ Gevine Hoesli  
■ Dennis Holst ■ Nancy Holst ■  
Mary Agnes Johnson ■ Carol  
Kirtley ■ Dan Kline ■ June Laha ■  
Roberta Lenhart ■ Eva Lewis ■  
Mildred Lull ■ Fay May ■ Marcene  
Wachslicht ■ Mary Alice Pacey ■  
Mattie Patterson ■ Marcia Prell ■  
Mina Purling ■ Marlene Quillin ■  
Bernita Reinert ■ Billie Rohde ■  
Barney Rohde ■ Pat Simmons ■  
Reba Smith ■ Lila Tiemeyer ■  
Marie Derausseau ■ Keyna  
Steinbrock ■ Francis VanWinkle ■  
Tracy Wallace ■ Dona Welborn ■  
Nelda Ungerer.

## Three members join Advisory Board

Three new members were  
named to the Advisory Board  
for three-year terms on Jan. 1:  
Deanna Rahe, Greenleaf; T. J.  
Bake, Marysville, and Nancy  
Nolte, Blue Rapids.

Outgoing members of the  
board are Sonia DeRusseau,  
Clyde; Pam White, Waterville;  
Jerry Coleman, Marysville, and  
Roger Terry, Waterville.

### Events Help Hospice

Memorials for the Tree of Light  
at Clay Center, Marysville and  
Washington was \$1,975.

Proceeds for a Silent Auction held  
during the Pique at Clay Center  
Sept. 30 was \$400.

The ice cream stand at the Wash-  
ington County Fair in July, spon-  
sored by Hospice and Lutheran  
Laymen's Assoc. was \$1,486.

## Add two new nurses to staff

Two staff members have been added to the nursing staff to help with the addition of Cloud and Republic counties.

Brenda Dvorak, Concordia, has worked at Republic County Hospital 12 years.

She received a bachelor of science in nursing from Marymount College, Salina.

She and her husband Gary, a truck driver, have two children, Brandon, 15, and Angela, 9.

Kirstin Jackson, Clifton, an LPN at Community Care in Clifton, is completing her nursing degree at Cloud County Community College

A hospice volunteer for two years, she lives with her parents, Dennis and Deanne Jackson

### ***Volunteer returns***

Keyna Jackson Steinbock, Clifton returned to the hospice volunteer team after completing a degree in family studies and human services at Kansas State University.

Recently married, Keyna first joined the hospice team about 18 months ago.

## Calendar of Events

### **JANUARY**

- Jan 10 Clay County Volunteer Inservice, 12 noon, Clay County Medical Center, Clay Center, Education Room
- Jan 17 Washington County Volunteer Inservice, 9:30 a.m., First National Bank Meeting Room
- Jan 17 Marshall County Volunteer Inservice, 12 noon, Community Memorial Healthcare Inc, Marysville, Room A
- Jan 23 New Volunteer Training, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, United Methodist Church, 740 W 11th St., Concordia
- Jan 23 New Volunteer Training, 2 to 4 p.m., United Methodist Church, 3013 M St., Belleville.

### **FEBRUARY**

- Feb 14 Clay County Volunteer Inservice, 12 noon, Clay County Medical Center, Clay Center, Education Room
- Feb 20 Washington County Volunteer Inservice, 9:30 a.m, Extension Meeting Room, Courthouse, Washington
- Feb 20 Marshall County Volunteer Inservice, 12 noon, Community Memorial Healthcare, Marysville, Room A.

### **MARCH**

- Mar 1 *A Time To Live; A Time To Die*—Presenter Barbara Karnes RN. Barbara is the author of the booklets, *Gone from My Sight, My Friend, I Care*, and *A Time To Live*. Presentation will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Catholic Parish Center, Clay Center (*See story on page 7.*)
- Mar 14 Clay County Volunteer Inservice, 12 noon, Clay County Medical Center, Clay Center, Education Room
- Mar 20 Washington County Volunteer Inservice, 9:30 a.m, Extension Meeting Room, Courthouse, Washington
- Mar 20 Marshall County Volunteer Inservice, 12 noon, Community Memorial Healthcare, Marysville, Room A.

### ***Our thoughts are with these families***

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|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| ■ John Hanke        | ■ Earl Durham     | ■ Andrew Grybko            |
| ■ Dean Moore        | ■ Loretta Kirkham | ■ Robert Woodyard          |
| ■ Linda Black       | ■ Ivan Steffen    | ■ Mereille (Mimi) Rundberg |
| ■ Dean Willard      | ■ Wayne Fairchild | ■ Thelma Baker             |
| ■ Homer Klein       | ■ Melvin Rogers   | ■ Harriet Winquist         |
| ■ Lucille Rasmussen | ■ Hilda Merrill   | ■ Geneva Oetinger          |
| ■ Mildred Vestal    | ■ Edna Howell     | ■ Charles Young            |

# Introducing . . .

## Mark Droll helps his wife with hauling, setting up equipment for patients

Hospice didn't know they were getting two for the price of one when Anita Droll hired on as a nurse a year ago.

Mark Droll, a Wichita native who "retired" in Marysville, hooks the trailer up to his pickup and together, he and his wife load whatever her new patient needs: wheel chair, hospital bed, walker, egg crate mattress, commode or other essentials.

"It takes two of us to do it," the former public relations man for the Veterans Administration said. He finds his standard size pickup ideal for the task.

This unlisted and unheralded volunteer also goes with Anita to

unload and set up, protesting when asked: "I don't do anything.

"We're both very fortunate," Mark explained. He was only 46 years old when he took early retirement in Wyoming in 1994 and Anita was only 47 when she retired from her work with the state of Wyoming.

Because Anita, who grew up in Blue Rapids, wanted to return home, the couple settled in Marysville, where they garden and still enjoy traveling. Mark also works part-time as Marshall County recycling coordinator.

The couple has one daughter, Amy, who works at Kansas City International Airport.

## Volunteer Eva Lewis organizes dozens of volunteers for Fair ice cream stand

Trained as a hospice volunteer "since the beginning," Eva Lewis of Washington handles a special responsibility. Each year, she lines up volunteers to run hospice's ice cream stand at the Washington County Fair.

Her efforts pay off. Last summer the Lutheran Layman's Assoc., which co-sponsors the stand, presented Lewis the largest check yet, for \$1,486, which she promptly handed over to Meadowlark staff.

Eva moved to Washington in 1961 when she and her husband Ervyl built and operated the Park Hill Motel. Before that, they ran a motel at Manitou Springs, Colo., which they also built.

She grew up on a farm north of Belleville, attending a country school. Graduating from Belleville High School, she went to work at a Hebron, Neb., hospital.

"I felt comfortable doing it," she said. "It didn't bother me." The young aide soon found herself helping with operations and holding the hands of dying patients.

Wanting a bigger challenge, she moved to Kansas City's Menorah Hospital. When her father needed surgery, she was with him through the surgery and cared for him afterward. He died in 1944.

Eva, who is active in the Methodist Church, PEO, Fidelity federated club and bridge groups, is no stranger to tragedy. In 1970, the Lewis's 18-year-old son John died two days after a traffic accident that occurred when the car he was meeting on a road south of Odell, Neb., crossed the center line.

Her husband Ervyl died in 1986. Their daughter Ruth Ann Lewis works with Small Business Loans in Plano, Texas.

## Dejmal responded to request for hospice volunteers in church bulletin

Don Dejmal of Munden responded to a request for hospice volunteers, which Meadowlark Hospice made in the Narka church bulletin several years ago.

He trained in Concordia through Hospice, Inc, of Wichita.

Dejmal had stayed with terminally ill patients prior to receiving hospice training and found it to be very helpful.

A bout with cancer six years ago made him even more motivated to volunteer.

"I now know that position," the semi-retired farmer said. "I feel hospice work is very worthwhile, both for the patient and for the volunteer."

A man who loves the out-doors, Dejmal hunts with a long bow, "a passion I've never tired of," he said. "Although I don't bring game home very often, every day spent bow-hunting is a success."

Dejmal also enjoys all forms of art. He does some work in water-color and ink.

An avid reader, the semi-retired farmer is on the board of the Central Kansas Library Association, which assists the libraries of North Central Kansas.

He and his wife Ines have seven adult children, who are spread between Kansas City and Colorado Springs, "close enough for us to get together for a weekend or holiday."

**The little things?  
The little moments?  
They aren't little.**

## *Tree of Light gifts honor loved ones in holiday ceremonies*

In special services, Trees of Light in Clay Center, Marysville and Washington memorialized loved ones.

### CLAY CENTER

**Luke Adams**  
Bill & Barb Lenhart & Family

**Deanne Purling Adler**  
Mina Purling

**Howard Bertsh**  
Mary Bertsch

**Donald Bertsch**  
Duane & LaDonna Lippe

**Russell "Bud" Bigler**  
Ned & Darlene Bloom

**Joe Bill**  
Alice Munsterman  
Triona Wohler

**Linda Black**  
Harold & Fay May

**Marvel Blackwood**  
Kenneth Blackwood

**Wilbur Blake**  
Violet Blake & Family

**Jeff Blattner**  
Betty Jo Mall & Family

**Oliver Blomberg**  
George & Karen Blomberg

**Wesley Blomberg**  
George & Karen Blomberg

**Mr. & Mrs LeRoy Bloom**  
Ned & Darlene Bloom

**Phil Bojarski**  
Dorothy Bojarski

**Ellen & Louis Boling**  
Eldon Boling Family

**James "Jim" Brannan**  
Betty Jo Mall & Family

**Blanche Brannan**  
Betty Jo Mall & Family

**James Breen**  
Bill & Barb Lenhart and Family

**Robert L. Buck**  
Waleta Buck

**Joyce Marie Buck**  
Waleta Buck

**Warren James Buck**  
Waleta Buck

**Alma Buck**  
Waleta Buck

**James R. Buck**  
Waleta Buck

**Bill Buseman**  
Howard & Marcene Wachslicht

**Tanner Gail Cales**  
The Cales Family

**Bonnie F. Carlson**  
Gene Carlson  
Eric, Geri & A.J. Carlson  
Melvin & Charron Cales

**Iva Carlson**  
Janice & Bob Bruckmeier

**Floyd Carlson**  
Janice & Bob Bruckmeier

**Fred Carlson**  
Janice & Bob Bruckmeier

**Jack Carlson**  
Janice & Bob Bruckmeier

**Virgil Chaput**  
Lela Chaput  
Larry & Judy Chaput & Family  
Gary & Brenda Chaput & Family  
Richard & Judy Duggan

**Warren W. Clark**  
Rose Marie Clark  
Mr and Mrs Bill Clark & Girls  
Duane & LaDonna Lippe

**Richard C. Cooper**  
Mary J. Cooper

**Winnie DeMarteau**  
Janice & Bob Bruckmeier

**Phil Donley**  
Betty Jo Mall & Family

**Delberta "Bert" Erickson**  
June Willhof  
Tanya Erickson  
Scey Dee & Shayler Erickson

**Donald W. Evans**  
Bev & Ken Shivers

**Ronald Evans**  
Ronna Urban & Family

**Emma Faidley**  
Waleta Buck

**Warren Faidley**  
Waleta Buck

**Alicia Foreman-Fehlman**  
Annetta M. Hayes, Family

**Warren Fouse**  
John & Irene Jensen

**Larry Fox**  
Larry Fox Family

**Don Gennett**  
Eldon Boling Family

**Doris Gennett**  
Mike & Pixie Knepper & Sons

**Ronda Gibbs**  
Sam & Linda Gibbs & Family

**Dorsey & Vera Gibbs**  
Sam & Linda Gibbs  
Fred & Jan Gibbs

**Marie Gonser**  
Fred & Darlene Bloom

**Marie Gorzkiewicz**  
Shirley Hager  
Robert & Deborah Hager  
Scott & Trudy Hedberg  
Ashten & Patrick Hedberg

**Arnold Grater**  
Reva Grater

**Chris Grubaugh**  
The Grubaugh Family

**Loyde W. Hager**  
Shirley Hager  
Robert & Deborah Hager  
Scott & Trudy Hedberg  
Ashten & Patrick Hedberg

**Eva Hammel**  
Shirley & Loren Riek

**James Hatfield**  
Edna Hatfield

**Kenneth Hatfield**  
Edna Hatfield

**Ted Hayes, Sr.**  
Annette M. Hayes & Family

**Norman Hedberg**  
Scott & Trudy Hedberg  
Ashten & Patrick Hedberg

**Don Hitsman**  
Sharon Brown

**LaRoy Hoesli**  
Gevine Hoesli  
Dan & Annette Tucker

**Douglas Holtz**  
Olive Holtz

**Harold Holtz**  
Olive Holtz

**Olive Houser**  
Neil Richter Family

**Nonie & Pierce Jackson**  
Buzz & Kay Lohmiller

**K.C. Jones**  
Janice & Bob Bruckmeier

**Shane Karmann**  
Annette M. Hayes & Family

**T.E. Kidwell**  
Paul & Donna Kidwell

**Tom Kidwell**  
Paul & Donna Kidwell

**Thomas Kidwell**  
Paul & Donna Kidwell

**Norman Klataske**  
Lou Klataske

**Dale Knepper**  
Mike & Pixie Knepper & Sons

**Millard Dale Knepper**  
Mike & Pixie Knepper & Sons

**Martin Koch**  
Dianne Michaud

**Mike Kuck**  
June Laha

**Clarlyn Kuck**  
June Laha

**Mr & Mrs Henry Kuck**  
June Laha

**Grandma Beverly Laflen**  
Danielle Laflen

**Regis L'Ecuyer**  
Rita L'Ecuyer

**Bill & Ione Lohmiller**  
Buzz & Kay Lohmiller

**Chuck Long**  
Leland, Janell, Alison & Alex Wohler

**Grace Loomis**  
Janice & Bob Bruckmeier

**Memorial to Loved Ones**  
Carol Kirtley

**Memorial to Loved Ones**  
Catholic Daughters of the Americas

**Mike Mall**  
Betty Jo Mall & Family

**Porter & Tena Marshall**  
Virginia & Lloyd Starkweather

**J.W. "Wayne" McNish**  
Ruth McNish

**Bob Mounts**  
Bonnie Mounts

**Robert Mounts**  
Bonnie Mounts

## *Tree of Light gifts honor loved ones in holiday ceremonies*

<b>Steven Mulroney</b> Lucille Mulroney	<b>Dick Rupe</b> Ned & Darlene Bloom	Paul & Donna Kidwell	Buzz & Kay Lohmiller
<b>Alfred Murphy</b> Duane & LaDonna Lippe	<b>Doris Salter</b> George & Karen Blomberg	<b>Jeannette Webb</b> Paul & Donna Kidwell	<b>Loretta Kirkham</b> Meadowlark Hospice
<b>Beau Nelson</b> Eldon Boling Family Tom & Brenda Nelson Shirley & Loren Riek	<b>Jack Sanberg</b> Janice & Bob Bruckmeier	<b>Maria Weller</b> Dorothy Bojarski	<b>Martin Koch</b> Dianne Michaud
<b>Warren G. Norris</b> Pauline Norris	<b>Clara Schiltz</b> Geri & Eric Carlson	<b>George Wichman</b> Leona Wichman	<b>Arlyn Kraemer</b> Jean Kraemer
<b>Monty Packer</b> Sally Packer	<b>Lula Mae Schreefer</b> Mick & Lana Stoddard & Family June Laha	<b>Iver Wickstrum</b> Alice Wickstrum & Family	<b>Bob Legoff</b> Mark & Anita Droll
<b>Roy Packer</b> Sally Packer	<b>Jean Schuette</b> Bonnie Mounts	<b>Robert Wickstrum</b> Alice Wickstrum & Family	<b>Bill &amp; Ione Lohmiller</b> Buzz & Kay Lohmiller
<b>George Patterson</b> Mattie Patterson Jim Patterson	<b>Dolores Sherbert</b> Ned & Darlene Bloom Bill & Barb Lenhart & Family	<b>Jim Wilder</b> Velma E. Wilder	<b>The Murlin Family</b> Mike & Jocile Fisher
<b>Walter L. Peter</b> Phil & Jean Frigon	<b>Marvin Siebold</b> Derrick, Susan, Ryan Tiers Rita Siebold	<b>Doug Wilder</b> Tom & Brenda Nelson	<b>Dorothy Murphy</b> Mark & Anita Droll
<b>Lyle Peterson</b> Alene Peterson	<b>Lanny Siebold</b> Derrick, Susan, Ryan Tiers Rita Siebold	<b>Eva Wohler</b> Reva Grater	<b>Mary Ong</b> Mark & Anita Droll
<b>Grandpa "Pete" Peterson</b> Emily, Jake & Scott Peterson	<b>Luella Smith</b> Janice & Bob Bruckmeier	<b>Virgil Wohler</b> Reva Grater	<b>William Pinkham</b> Ted, Becky, Wade Pinkham Eric & Candice Dreda Lee Meadowlark Hospice
<b>Lyle Peterson</b> Robert & Kolleen Peterson	<b>Cleo Smith</b> Janice & Bob Bruckmeier	<b>Mr and Mrs Duane Wynn</b> Ned & Darlene Bloom	<b>Lucille Rasmussen</b> Meadowlark Hospice
<b>Lyle Pierce</b> Donnis Pierce Nancy, Dave, Tony, & Carie Dugas Mike & Janell Ross Courtney, Blake & Caitlin Ross	<b>Ernest &amp; Grace Stark- weather</b> Mr & Mrs Lloyd Stark- weather	<b>Mr &amp; Mrs George Young</b> Ned & Darlene Bloom	<b>Clara Reiter</b> Meadowlark Hospice
<b>Ruth Pomeranz</b> John & Irene Jensen	<b>Elmo Steffen</b> Edmere Steffen	<b>MARYSVILLE</b>	<b>Ambrose Rueger</b> Meadowlark Hospice
<b>Harry Reed</b> Karen Reed Larry Reed	<b>Harold Sterling</b> Earlene Sterling Greg & Shanna Sterling	<b>Leonard Ackerman</b> Dale & Ann Ackerman	<b>Gilbert Schramm</b> Meadowlark Hospice
<b>Rosemary "Rosie" Reed</b> Larry Reed Buck & Arlene Reed	<b>Elden Toburen</b> Pearl Toburen	<b>Harry Blaske</b> Ruby Blaske	<b>Gilbert Schramm</b> Meadowlark Hospice
<b>Thressia Evans Reed</b> Ronna Urban & Family	<b>Rose Todd</b> Dianne Michaud	<b>Viola "Blondie" Breeding</b> Nelda Ungerer	<b>Sharon Schwartz</b> Meadowlark Hospice
<b>Elmer Richter</b> Neil Richter Family	<b>Jim Townsdin</b> Tom & Brenda Nelson	<b>Joel Cutting</b> Dale & Ann Ackerman	<b>Helen Sejkora</b> Meadowlark Hospice
<b>Pat Rickley</b> Tom & Brenda Nelson	<b>James Townsdin</b> Shirley & Loren Riek	<b>Hazel Cutting</b> Dale & Ann Ackerman	<b>Lester Shirck</b> Meadowlark Hospice
<b>Fred Rieger</b> Bernice Rieger	<b>David Wachsnight</b> Howard & Marcene Wachsnight	<b>Helen Day</b> Meadowlark Hospice	<b>Connie Sides</b> Meadowlark Hospice
<b>Michael Rieger</b> Bernice Rieger	<b>Dessie Wachsnight</b> Howard & Marcene Wachsnight	<b>Marion Diehl</b> Mark & Anita Droll	<b>Oscar Swanson</b> Meadowlark Hospice
<b>Harold &amp; Arvella Riemann</b> Cecil & Esther Cromwell	<b>Jack Webb</b> Paul & Donna Kidwell	<b>Joseph E. Droll</b> Mark & Anita Droll	<b>Rose Todd</b> Dianne Michaud
<b>Florence Robinson</b> Duane & LaDonna Lippe	<b>H.A. Webb</b>	<b>Earl Durham</b> Meadowlark Hospice	<b>James L. Ungerer</b> Nelda Ungerer
		<b>Frances Dusch</b> Meadowlark Hospice	<b>Shirley Zabokrtsky</b> Meadowlark Hospice
		<b>Cameron Edwards</b> Meadowlark Hospice	
		<b>Ramona Flower</b> Verna Foley	<b>WASHINGTON</b>
		<b>John Hanke</b> Meadowlark Hospice	<b>Neil Bartley</b> Tom & Chris Buchanan
		<b>Pauline Hughes</b> Meadowlark Hospice	<b>Leone Decker</b> Tom & Chris Buchanan
		<b>Nonie &amp; Pierce Jackson</b>	<b>Lyle Dewey</b> Jim & Donna Nutsch

## Tree of Light gifts honor loved ones

*A Time To Live; A Time To Die*

<b>Oma Dewey</b> Jim & Donna Nutsch	<b>Mr &amp; Mrs Lloyd Kingston</b> Philip Kingston	<b>Tillie Parry</b> Dr Tom & Alberta Parry
<b>Kay Ditmars</b> Edith Ditmars	<b>Harold Kling</b> Metz Family	<b>Charlotte Mae Paxton</b> Bonnie Whitesell
<b>Matthew Donohue</b> LaDeane Crimmins	<b>Martin Koch</b> Dianne Michaud	<b>Ben Penner</b> Edith Ditmars
<b>W.C. Durrant</b> Dr Tom & Alberta Parry	<b>Terry Lehman</b> Betty Long	<b>Mr &amp; Mrs W.D. Richardson</b> Don & Elvera Richardson
<b>Irene Durant</b> Dr Tom & Alberta Parry	<b>John &amp; Eryvl Lewis</b> Eva Lewis	<b>Roy Rollman</b> Bob & Jana Rollman
<b>Hazel Elliott</b> Glen Elliott	<b>Lobaugh Family</b> Mary Alice Pacey	<b>Virginia Rollman</b> Bob & Jana Rollman
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<b>Delbert Finlayson</b> Edith Ditmars Mary Finlayson	<b>Dot Long</b> Rick, Anita & Kevin Weiche	<b>Garold Saint</b> Philip Kingston
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## B. Karnes workshop offers credit for pro's, volunteers

A daylong workshop on dealing with death will be presented Thursday, March 1, at the Catholic Parish Center in Clay Center.

The workshop from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. offers 6 CEUs for both professionals and volunteers.

Nurse/author/death educator Barbara Karnes intends to "neutralize some of the fear of death through understanding."

Professionals, such as doctors, nurses, social workers, clergy and funeral directors, as well as volunteers, will hear ways to talk about death with patients, clients or family and friends, as well as many other subjects that will help.

Karnes is former director of the Hospice and Home Health Departments at Olathe Medical Center.

Her booklets, *Gone from My Sight*, the dying experience; *My Friend, I Care*, the grief experience; and *A Time To Live*, living with a life-threatening illness, have been used in the Hospice office.

Karnes also will give a presentation for the public at 7 p.m.

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## Introducing . . . . .

### *Dan Kline ministers to hospice patients on request*

The Rev. Dan Kline is pastor to more than First Baptist Church members, who called him 9 1/2 years ago to come from the church he served in West Virginia to their church in Clay Center, Kansas.

At least six years ago, Meadowlark Hospice staff asked if he would be willing to do volunteer work with their patients who didn't have a church home.

Since then, the New Jersey native has helped some 30 hospice patients and their families through the dying process.

Normally, Kline doesn't visit a family under hospice care until one of the staff asks him.

Recently, however, one of his church deacons asked for prayer for a patient in the community.

"I called and asked if I could come by." Kline quickly established rapport with the critically ill woman and her husband.

"Since she died, he has been coming to our church," the pastor said. "I knew it was meant to be."

Kline said hospice work is an extension of his ministry "as a kind of spiritual overseer of the community."

"I look at it as an opportunity to be with families spiritually and to introduce them to a relationship with the Lord."

"I can't say enough good things about hospice," Kline said. Families discover true caring from the staff. Their expertise in helping to deal with pain is outstanding."

First Baptist Church also has a Divorce Care Ministry to help people heal, a Mom's Ministry for young mothers, and volunteers for Meals on Wheels and Hospice.

Highly articulate, the young pastor believes that while many rural churches are struggling, our culture changes but our basic need does not change.

"We need an understanding of how people can be reached," he said. "You cannot reach today's young people using a 1950's mentality."

Kline is involved with the Clay County Ministerial Alliance, area Baptist churches, local community events and the Salvation Army's Service Extension Unit.

He and his wife Cheryl have two children, Alicia, almost 15 and Joshua, almost 13. Both have birthdays in March.

*Don't Take My Grief Away* is a scant 130-page book, packed with suggestions for bereaved families.

Doug Manning, longtime counselor, speaker, writer and minister, gently offers insight into the funeral, understanding death, grief, changes and the dawning of a new day.

Once he learned to listen to those in pain, the author discovered the fallacy of some traditional thinking.

A timely gift during grief, the book can be checked out at Meadowlark Hospice. *"Don't Take My Grief Away," Doug Manning, Harper & Row, 1984.*

## About your newsletter—

Producing your newsletter is a constant eye-opener into the countless details required to operate a hospice.

Did you know, for example, that the staff rents storage sheds in Washington and Marysville so hospital beds and other equipment are nearer our patients? For a brief look at the logistics, read on page 4 about Mark Droll, who helps Anita Droll, his wife and a hospice nurse, with the heavy lifting.

Also on page 4, meet Don Dejmal of Munden, who represents both Hospice Inc of Wichita and now Meadowlark oversight of Republic and Cloud counties, which is this month's primary emphasis.

Do you have any idea what expanding Meadowlark's territory does to an already busy staff? Hospice Director Dianne Michaud doesn't complain, but on questioning, she hints at the extra work for our cover story.

So often we see only our own small part of an enterprise!

Perhaps your newsletter's most important function is to show you the big picture—which surely must then make you even more excited about the value of the work hospice performs. —CLB

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