

OBITUARIES

L. Eugene Gishwiller

Feb. 27, 1919 - Aug. 16, 2007

L. Eugene "Gene" Gishwiller, 88, Manhattan, formerly of Almena, died Aug. 16 in the Meadowlark Hills/Honstead House, Manhattan.

Mr. Gishwiller was born Feb. 27, 1919, at Almena, the son of Louis Newcomb and Blanche Erdine (Wade) Gishwiller.

He was a 1936 graduate of Almena High School. He received his teaching certificate from Fort Hays State University. He taught school in Dresden and Tribune.

Before World War II, he worked for the Corps of Engineers and later as a ship fitter in the Kaiser Shipyards, Vancouver, Wash.

On April 9, 1939, he and Irva Ione Walker were married in Dresden.

Mr. Gishwiller was a veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Navy as an electronics technician. He was discharged in 1946 with the rank of Petty Officer, Second Class.

Following his discharge, Mr. Gishwiller attended Kansas State University and graduated in 1948 with a degree in business. He worked as a claims adjuster for Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co., Colby, from 1948 to 1952 and in Garden City from 1952 to 1959.

He came to Manhattan in 1959 to work as the assistant claims manager at Farm Bureau. He retired in 1984.

He was an active member of the First Congregational Church, Manhattan. Other memberships included the Pearce-Keller American

Legion Post No. 17, Sunflower Lions Club, Sertoma Club, Phi Kappa Phi, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Riley County Council on Aging, Kansas Farm Bureau Retirees, Homecare and Manhattan and American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). While working at Farm Bureau, he was active in the Kaw Valley Claims Association and the Professional Claims Association of America, Southwest Division.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Armida Smith, Winifred Hedges and Florence Smith.

In addition to his wife, Irva Gishwiller, he is survived by a son, Galen and Joan Gishwiller, Burnsville, Minn.; a daughter, Jeanne and Richard Urban, Wichita; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday in the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home, Manhattan, with the Rev. R. Kent Cormack officiating. Burial was in the Sunrise Cemetery, Manhattan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church, Sertoma Foundation or the Kansas State University Alumni Association and sent in care of the funeral home, 1317 Poyntz Ave, Manhattan, Kan. 66502.

On-line condolences may be sent to: www.irvinparkview.com.

Thelma F. Simmons

Aug. 26, 1907 - Aug. 15, 2007

Thelma F. Simmons, 99, Beaver City, died Wednesday, Aug. 15, at Beaver City Manor. It was just 11 days short of her 100th birthday.

Mrs. Simmons was born Aug. 26, 1907, at Kensington, the daughter of Harrison and Lena (Jensen) Cline.

She graduated from Almena High School in 1925. After high school she attended McClelland Business College in Topeka.

On April 6, 1926, she married Henry Simmons at Oronoque. They farmed in the Almena area for several years. They moved to Beaver City, farming in Furnas County, Neb. They lived in Denver for awhile before moving to Kensington in 1960 and to Franklin, Neb., in 1961. After her husband's death in 1978, she returned to Beaver City, moving to the Manor in 2006.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church at Franklin and of the Mary Circle Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; three brothers, Floyd Cline, Harold Cline and Raymond Cline; and two sisters, one in infancy and Flossie.

Survivors include: two sons, Johnny and Florence Simmons, Mesa, Ariz. and Phil and Susan Simmons, Kearney, Neb.; five grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at Wenburg Funeral Home, Beaver City, with her grandson, the Rev. Keith Simmons, officiating. Burial was in the Norton Cemetery.

On-line condolences may be left at: www.wenburgfuneralhome.com.

Young man honored by National Rifle Association

Dylan Seyler, Spearville, N.D., grandson of Lottie Wiltfong, Norton, recently received a Certificate of Achievement from the National Rifle Association during "Adventures Camp" held at Whittington Center in the mountains southwest of Raton, N.M.



Dylan Seyler

Dylan also completed New Mexico's Hunter Education and was ranked third out of 48 young campers in hunter skills.

He also participated in the filming of "On the Water and in the Woods" with Cody and Cody to be aired on the Sportsman Channel this fall.

Dylan is the son of Karen (Harman) Seyler, Spearville and Andy Seyler, Sioux Falls, S.D. His other grandparent is Larry Harman, Beaver City, Neb..

READERS

— STEAK and SEAFOOD night Thursday, 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests.

Kelsey, Lauren and Hayley Mordecai along with Cole, John and Peyton Renner, all of Norton, participated in the 2007 summer show choir production of "Music in the USA" held Aug. 3 in the Quinter High School Auditorium. The musicians were

part of a 69 member choir that rehearsed for five days in preparation for the performance. They are the children of Don and Cindy Mordecai and Craig and Cheri Renner.

— PART-TIME HOUSEKEEPER needed at Whispering Pines Retirement. Pick up application at 1001 W. H'wy 36, Norton. Call Cynthia at 1-785-874-5500.

BIRTH

Austin Lee Hardy

Austin Lee Hardy was born on June 15 at Hays Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce and was 21 inches long. Parents are Jason and Heather Hardy of Hays.

Grandparents are Don and Cheryl Kaus and Lee and Kathy Hardy, Norton; and

George and Cheri Griffith, Almena. Great-grandparents are Verl and Noreen Crabill and Bernie and JoAnn Bowen, Norton; Carol Hrabe, Almena; and Lloyd and JoAnn Fruhling, Franklin, Neb.

The baby's great-great-grandfather is Harlan Snuggerud, Daytona Beach, Fla.

Couple plans Sept. wedding

Tonja Vallin, daughter of Dwight and Emily Vallin, Long Island, is engaged to be married to Doug Pfannenstiel, son of Alberta Pfannenstiel, Hays.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Northern Valley High School and Wichita State University. She earned a master's degree from Fort Hays State University and is the marketing director for EMC2, Las Vegas, Nev.

The prospective groom graduated from Thomas More Prep High School and Fort Hays State University. He earned a master's



Tonja Vallin and Doug Pfannenstiel degree in social work from the University of Kansas. He is a professional voice impressionist and social worker in Las Vegas.

A Sept. 1 wedding is planned at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Henderson, Nev.

Schick family reunion held at Huck Boyd Center

The 12th Schick family reunion was held July 20-22 at the Huck Boyd Center in Phillipsburg.

The event began with an informal supper at The Brandin' Iron II Friday evening. Forty-seven family members were present.

Saturday morning, Max Schick guided family members through visitations to St. Peter and Logan Cemeteries.

Chairman, Myron Bietz, conducted the business meeting, prior to the catered lunch at the center. Group photos were followed by Bill Clarke's train show. There were 78 in attendance Saturday.

Church services on Sunday were conducted by the Rev. Dick Hamit. Lunch followed with 51 present.

Representing the Albert Schick family: Myron and Sherland Bietz, LaVergne Bietz, Norton; Zack, Andres and Sam Shepard, Phoenix, Ariz.; Larry and Shirley Shepard, Lenora; Dalbert and Karen Bruning, Kim Weishap, Oberlin; Paula, Kale and Brandon Keffeler, Holdrege, Neb.; Donna Weeks, Cawker City; and Rick and Dan Schick, Naugatuck, Conn.

Representing the Pauline (Schick) Hickman family: Edwin Hickman, Littleton, Colo.; Eulalia and Charles Scherer, Hutchinson; Deloris and Lloyd Becker,

Rainell Voss, Darren, Dorothy, Katie and Renee Becker, Logan; Linette Smith, Wilsonville, Neb.; Jeanine White, Austin Carr, Sherri, Cal and Rachael Smith, Salina.

From the Fred Schick family were: Dane Schick, Miramar Beach, Fla.; Becky Bean, McPherson; Ira and Carol Dodols, Hunter, Jackson, Ashton, Camden Spencer, Ed, Dixie and Michelle Geary, Rob and Judy Schick and George and Lachelle Spencer, Lebo; Todd Kruger, Gridley, Ill.; Pat Kruger, Minonk, Ill.; Tim Kruger, Flanagan, Ill.; Dallas and Kacey Schick, Emporia; ; Ron, Jean and Frances Delany, Topeka; Lila Dick, Rick, Kristy, Brenden and Harris Hamit, Overbrook; Mike and Lynsey Schick, Dakota and Taylor Schick, Leavenworth; Cindy and Karl Williams, Athens, Tenn.; Nancy, Trevor, Trista, Tori and Toni Jenner, Ransom; Lynn and Ken Calhoun, Bartlesville, Okla.; Norma, Max, William, Steve and Merlyn Schick and Darlene Merrill, Phillipsburg.

Representing the Richard Schick family: Dorothy, Richard, Rick and Harold Hill, Wheatridge, Colo.

From the Carl Schick family were: Judy, Chris and Amy McLean, Roseville, Minn.; and Edith Schick, Densmore.

The next reunion will be held July 18, 19 and 20, 2008..

HANSEN MUSEUM

By SHIRLEY HENRICKSON

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum will host the exhibit, "Impossible To Forget: The Nazi Camps Fifty Years After" toured by Curatorial Assistance Traveling Exhibitions, Los Angeles. English photographer Michael Kenna will be exhibiting his 12-year project documenting over 30 Nazi concentration camps in a comprehensive exhibition. Mr. Kenna photographed concentration camps during repeat visits from 1988 through 2000 and the exhibition consists of 88 images selected from several thousand images produced. He was initially inspired by a haunting photograph of a mountain of shaving brushes from Auschwitz produced by a fellow student while still attending the Banbury School of Art in England. This image resonated deeply with him and he found it "impossible to forget." This exhibit will run from Aug. 16 to Sept. 30.

The "Local Joy of Painting Artists Exhibit" came down on Monday. We had the pleasure of exhibiting artwork of 27 artists for a total of 59 paintings. The students represented were: Geneva Gingles, Betty Berney, Myrna Townley, Ann Reif, Valerie Babcock, Katie Becker, Deborah Anderson, Michael Lemon, Carol Bales, Beveline Bevins, Carol Anderson, Orvina Tidball, Ken Tidball, Laurie Babcock, Leo Tuxhorn, Becky Carter, Don Van Roekel, Sophia Long, Janet Felton, Lea Zillinger, Cheryl Morphew, Delores Keiswetter, Martha Roberts, Rainell Voss, Lucille Hofaker, Dee Ann Ward and Wanda Jandera.

We had a three-way tie for the winner of "Your Favorite Painting." The three-way tie was Betty Berney - "Old Barn"; Myrna Townley - "Tropical Waterfall"; and Carol Anderson - "Up The Garden Path."

The Arleta Pech Watercolor Workshop was held Aug. 9 - 12. Recognized as a leading painter of realism, Arleta Pech captures her favorite subjects with a careful blending of high technical skill and a deep aesthetic appreciation for their inherent beauty. We had a total of 10 students in attendance.

Our August Artist of the Month is Leah Hesting from Burr Oak. Ms. Hesting has several mosaics on display. She is a former Loganite and we are very pleased to display her work in the museum.

The 31st Annual Labor Day Celebration will be held Sunday, Sept. 2. We will have posters on display for activities and starting times. One of the new events this year will be a Riding Lawn Mower Race. This will start at 1 p.m. We will have registration forms that may be picked up. We need as many advance registrations as possible. The \$10 entry fee will be donated to Greensburg. Please watch for the posters and registration forms!

Museum hours are Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m.; Sunday and holidays, 1 to 5 p.m. The museum is handicapped accessible and there is never an admission fee. For more information about this and other exhibits, contact the director at 785-689-4846 or check out our website at: www.hansenmuseum.org.

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Third grade opens a brave new world

"There," Mama says as she ties my sash, "that should hold you for a day."

"Do I look like a third grader?" I ask anxiously.

"Top to toe, you're brand new and shiny, too!" Which is what Mama says when she wants to make me feel good.

Today is my first day in third grade. I have my lunch in a little bag, new pencils and crayons in a cigar box, a fat Big Chief tablet and my bundle of books. The books are second-hand but nice. We buy them from Doreen who is one year ahead of me in school. She doesn't study much, so her books are just like new. I got them a week ago and have read them through already.

Mama made me a red plaid dress from actual "store bought" material. She copied it from the Sears catalog and it has everything — puffed sleeves and a sash that ties in the back, a ruffle on the skirt and white eyelet embroidery on a little white collar. Ann sent red barrettes and hair ribbons to match. Dad called me his little red bird when he left for work and Mama has braided my hair so tight my eyebrows slant upward. I'm ready!

Our teacher is Mrs. Bowen. She is plump and has grey hair like a grandma but she is not nearly as nice as anybody's grandma. Our assigned seats put me 'way over on the far side from the windows and, as usual, I have to sit by Richard because we are alphabetical. He pulls my hair. My friend Christine has it worse than I do. She has to sit back in the far corner with the twins because they are W's.

The day begins with the Lord's Prayer and the flag salute just like second grade but then we have English and I find out words aren't just words. Mrs. Bowen calls them "parts of speech" and talks about nouns and verbs and subjects. Oh dear. Next we have science and learn that tomorrow we must bring in a leaf and a seed pod and a flower. That's easy. Recess comes at last. There are some new girls and boys in our class. Gwen and I meet Betty and Jeanette and Joye and we all have a good time until Harold teases me about my pigtail. I knock him down and sit on him. Mrs. Bowen drags us apart and says I am not a lady but I bet he won't make fun of ME again.

Back inside we have music class and it is

Child of the 40s

Liza Deines



nice, just singing out of a book. I like "The Carousel" that goes "um bloop, bloop, um bloopbloop" in the chorus. We take turns reading aloud until lunchtime. Some of the boys read just awful. I wish I could read to them like Mama reads to me, with syllables and explaining how words come apart in pieces. I'm sure it would help so I tell Mrs. Bowen. She says to hush and sit down. I don't think she likes me. I thought teachers always liked kids. Hmmm.

We eat lunch sitting on the concrete steps of the gymnasium. Everyone trades food. I swap homemade oatmeal cookies to Sharon Ann for Oreos and half my homemade bread PBJ sandwich for half a white bread boloney lettuce sandwich from Betty. The bell rings and back we troop to stuffy classrooms for a full afternoon of history and arithmetic and hygiene. It is so hard to stay awake. Afternoon recess revives us and then Mrs. Bowen reads aloud from "On the Banks of Plum Creek". I know the ending but decide I'd better not say so.

"And, how was third grade?" asks Mama when I return home. My braids are frowzy, a shoe is untied, a sock sneaking down.

"Hot," I say, "may I have a drink?" She produces some lemonade and we sit and talk a bit.

"Oh, Mama," I say, "we have to learn some awful, awful thing called multicashun or something and it sounds so hard."

"Why, you know multiplication," Mama says, surprised at my distress.

"I do?"

"Certainly. That's just the flash cards we do every morning when I braid your hair."

I am awestruck. "It's just times tables?"

"Yes," says Mama, "Just times tables."

We laugh, she amused and I relieved.

Maybe third grade won't be so bad after all.

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