

Six youth attend livestock show

Six Cheyenne County youth, Karly Bandel, Kyla Bandel, Mariah Beikman, Martin Beikman, Shakotah Blanka and Dallas Reed, will be taking a total of two steers, seven barrows and five meat goats, to the Kansas Junior Livestock Show at the Kansas Coliseum in Wichita Sept. 25-28.

A total of 83 Kansas counties will be represented by youth competing at the 77th annual show. The event will feature 738 contestants exhibiting 1,523 head of livestock.

The top two animals from each of the market divisions, steers, hogs, lambs and goats, will sell during the show's Auction of Champions at 7 p.m. on Sept. 28.

Prior to the premium sales the Kansas Junior Livestock Show will present a number of scholarships ranging from \$750 to \$2,500 to exhibitors who have excelled academically, in community service and in 4-H/FFA.

"Preparing for and participat-

ing in this event provides a great learning experience for our Kansas youth," said Kansas Junior Livestock Show president Mary Kane of Manhattan. "To help reward these young people for their hard work, we encourage individuals and businesses to participate in the sale or contribute to the scholarship fund."

A showman contest is also being held. The top showman in both the junior and senior divisions of each species will receive a silver belt buckle. Prizes also will be awarded to second through fifth place in each division.

Karly Bandel will be showing two market barrows and one meat goat; Karly Bandel will show two market barrows, Mariah Beikman will show two market steers; Martin Beikman will show two market barrows; Shakotah Blanka will show two meat goats and Dallas Reed will show one market barrow and two meat goats.



INDIANS TAKE THE FIELD — Trent Raile (36) and Matt Raile (14) lead the football team through the tunnel.

Herald staff photo by Leslie McCormick

Obituary

Ruby Lydia Allen Eggers

March 28, 1931 - Sept. 7, 2009

Ruby Lydia Allen was born on March 28, 1931, to Ed and Mary Viola Allen in Rawlins County, Kan., in the basement of the family home. She grew up with many siblings include a step-brother, Delbert ("Doc"), brothers and sisters Bill, Ruth, Everett, Dorothy, Betty Jean and step-sister, Mary Waldol. Ruby was born between Dorothy and Betty Jean.

As a child, her sisters remember that Ruby was great at making mud pies. She went to a country school for a few years before the family moved to town in 1938. Ruby was a spirited teenager. Childhood friends relate stories about catching the pully-wog train to visit their boyfriends in neighboring towns.

At 16, she eloped with Ed Downing in 1947. They had three children, Eddie, Fred and Tamra. They lived on the Downing farm south of McDonald for a few years then moved their family to Atwood.

Ruby always told her children that "If it's worth doing, it's worth doing well." Ruby made a big celebration for each of their birthdays and all their friends couldn't wait to come to the birthday parties. Ruby always decorated for each holiday showing her artistic ability and had beautiful flower beds each year. She made sure that Tammie's clothing colors matched each season. Every summer, they took a family vacation to Denver. One memorable trip included taking Eddie back to Pennsylvania where they did the family history on the Lilly side.

Ed flew airplanes and they took frequent trips to Denver to Merchandise Mart for Ruby's craft and floral business within the family business, Downing Electric. Ruby loved to paint abstracts and other art, including flowers.

The first time Ruby traveled by airplane by herself was to Chicago O'Hare airport to visit Tammie and Mark and her granddaughters. This was a big step for her becoming independent after losing her husband.

After her husband Ed died in 1983, Ruby opened up a new craft store in Atwood that she ran for a few years before moving the store to Colby, which she then closed in 1988. She was working at Wal-Mart and Sirloin Stockade when she met

Everett. Another big moment in Ruby's life is when she acquired her general education diploma.

Ruby married Everett Eggers on April 1, 1991. They lived on Everett's farm, where she learned more than she expected about irrigated crops and cattle.

Ruby kept the house decorated for each holiday and continued to enjoy her crafts. She raised flowers each year, making the yard a welcome sight to visitors. Everett and Ruby enjoyed traveling around the U.S., including regular visits to Las Vegas for their anniversary and visiting Ruby's children and grandchildren.

She enjoyed dancing, especially polkas, collecting antiques and going to craft fairs. She was very outgoing, a people person who made friends easily and enjoyed visiting with others. Ruby and Everett enjoyed a happy and loving marriage with Everett providing for her, which included visiting her on a regular basis in the nursing home during her difficult last years as her health declined. Ruby was a member of the United Methodist Church of Bird City.

Ruby was preceded in death by her parents, first husband, Ed, her sons, Eddie and Fred, her brothers, Everett and Doc.

She is survived by her husband, Everett, daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Mark Siruta, Farmington, N. M., step-daughter, Trista Eggers, Tucson, Ariz., granddaughters Holly Nordoff (Washington state), Shalee Siruta and her husband Nick (Kentucky), Tara Siruta (New Mexico), grandsons Shaun Downing and Cole Downing (Nebraska), great-grandson, Gabriell (Kentucky), sisters Ruth Havel (Oberlin), Dorothy Brown (Atwood), Betty Jean Wicke (Ludell), and a host of extended family and friends.

Funeral services were held Friday, Sept. 11, at the Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City with Pastor Becky Davison and Reverend Dustin Petz officiating.

Casket bearers were Sean Downing, Cole Downing, Mark Siruta, Danny Wicke, Jon Wicke and Gerald Wright.

Interment was in the Bird City Cemetery.

Couple exchanges wedding vows

Ashlea Vap and Scott Stickane were married June 13, 2009, in Wichita by Reverend Gary Johnson and Daniel Keller, uncle of the bride.

Parents of the couple are Jeff and Jan Vap, La Crosse, and Carl and Sandy Stickane, Trophy Club, Texas.

Grandparents of the bride are Irene Vap, Atwood, and Elton and Ella Mae Keller, St. Francis. Grandfather of the groom is Ralph Stickane, Endicott, N.Y.

Honor attendants were Andrea Vap, twin sister of the bride, and Anna Beth Marintzer, sister of the bride. Attendants were Traci Werner, Jenna Wann, Abby Brownback and Hannah Anderson. Flower girl was Kate Born.

Best man was Daniel Stickane, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Cole Vap, brother of the bride, Sam Brady, Steve Heron,

Josh Born and Blake Avery. Ring-bearer was Grady Vap, cousin of the bride, and honorary ringbearer was Mason Cole Marintzer, nephew of the bride.

Candle lighters were Elizabeth Gienger and Holly Keller, cousins of the bride.

Special music was by Derek Christophel and Jenna Huston.

The bride is a graduate of Kansas State University and Washburn University. Ashlea is presently employed as a registered nurse at St. Lukes Hospital, Kansas City, Mo.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Texas A&M University and will graduate in May from The University of Kansas. Scott is employed at Kansas University as an instructor in the Architecture Department.

Following a wedding trip to Costa Rica, the newlyweds are at home in Mission.



Ashlea and Scott Stickane

Service available to those with illness

Hospice Services are available to persons with an incurable illness. The service personnel gives comfort, compassion and quality end-of-life care to patients in northwest and north-central Kansas. Below is information in helping patients choose advance care planning.

For additional information about advance directives call 1-800-315-5122 or Sandy Kuhlman in Phillipsburg office at (785) 543-2900.

Advance Care Planning
Advance Care Planning is about making a patient's choices known and having the necessary tools to share those wishes.

Research has shown that discussions with personal physicians/health care providers results in higher quality of life for the person and his/her caregiver

Discussing advance care planning before a medical crisis will help ensure the person gets the care that he or she wants

The 1991 Patient Self-Determination Act, passed 18 years ago, allows for advance care planning and stresses the importance of the person's wishes.

This provision exists to ensure Americans have the tools to make their wishes known and to assist health care providers in honoring these wishes.

Advance care planning does involve
Understanding your possible future healthcare choices.

Thinking about your choices in light of what is important to you and your values.

Talking about your decisions with loved ones and your doctors.

Writing down your plans in Advance Directives so they will be ready if needed.

It is important to remember
Your plans and advance directives can be changed as your situation or wishes change.

Advance care planning is done over time and not a single conversation.

Decisions like these are best considered before there is a health crisis, and changes to your plans

can be made at any time
Planning ahead for your healthcare, now, while you are able to, is a gift you can give to yourself and to those you love.

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BEECHER ISLAND 110th Reunion

Saturday, Sept. 19th

6:30 a.m. ♦ Breakfast available from the Idalia FCE Bicentennial Club
9 a.m. ♦ Black Powder Shoot sponsored by Idalia Gun Club
♦ Quilt show presented by Beecher Island Helping Hand Club
10 a.m. ♦ Pedal Tractor Pull
♦ Food Service from the Wray Lions Club. The Lions will be cooking throughout the weekend
1 p.m. ♦ Games & races for all ages culminating with the word famous Dry Land Turtle Race. Bring your turtles early for registration. Prizes will be awarded. Musical entertainment provided by the Swinging Seniors.
7 p.m. ♦ In the Beecher Island Auditorium: The Stanleytones, a first class bluegrass band from around Denver.

Sunday, Sept. 20th

6:30 a.m. ♦ Pancake Breakfast with the Idalia Lions Club
9:45 a.m. ♦ Flag raising ceremony by area Boy Scouts.
10 a.m. ♦ Sunday Service with speaker Phil Mitchell.
1 p.m. ♦ Crooked Creek: A group of old friends united to create a unique blend of cowboy, western, gospel and country music.
Our traditional song Arikaree sung by Merry Lu Simmons. History presentation by Mike Baughn.
Drawing for baskets and quilt made by BIHHC.