

Obituaries

Henry Fredrick Schirmer

March 15, 1918 - Jan. 19, 2009

Henry Fredrick Schirmer was born on March 15, 1918, at the family home west of St. Francis, Kan., in Jaqua Township. He was the second child and the only son of William and Marie Wilkening Schirmer. He died on Jan. 19, 2009, at the age of 90 years, 10 months and 4 days. Henry was baptized into the Christian faith at Zion Lutheran Church on April 2, 1918, and was confirmed at this same church on March 2032. Henry attended the rural schools of Cheyenne County and the Zion Lutheran Church Parochial School. He graduated from the eighth grade and then, as was the custom for many families during that time, he helped his parents on the family farm. Henry also worked for various neighbors.

In 1942, Henry was drafted into World War II. He served his country proudly. Henry was assigned to the 12th corps of General George Patton's Third Army and served as a communications lineman. He was awarded the Bronze Star and received several other commendations for his service. Following the war, Henry served an additional six months for the U.S. Military Forces as a German language interpreter and translator. He received an honorable discharge as a Staff Sergeant and returned to the family farm in November 1945 where he was a very diligent and ardent laborer.

Henry was united in marriage to Deloris Hilda Neitzel in Goodland on June 3, 1962. To this union was born one daughter, Relda Marie, who brought him much joy.

Henry enjoyed farming the land and he especially enjoyed raising and caring for his herd of Shorthorn cattle. He was happiest when there was work to be done. After Henry and Deloris retired from farming and moved into St. Francis, Henry worked at the Wheeler Elevator and volunteered at the St. Francis Sale Barn. The sale barn was a source of great joy to him as he enjoyed help-

ing the staff and being around the livestock.

Henry was a kind, loving person, husband and father, and he enjoyed being with people. He was always ready to lend a helpful hand to anyone who needed help. The Christian faith was a central part of Henry's life. He had a strong faith in God throughout his entire life and enjoyed attending Bible study and worship services. He served on various church boards and committees over the years and he taught Sunday school for over 30 years. Henry enjoyed teaching children's Sunday School in his younger years and had many of his pupils return as adults to thank him for teaching.

Henry's hobbies were reading and visiting with friends. He had a remarkable memory and enjoyed sharing the history of Cheyenne County and telling stories about the "old days."

When he could no longer live on his own, Henry became a resident of the Good Samaritan Village in October 2006 where he enjoyed the care provided by the staff and the company of the other residents.

Henry was preceded in death by his wife, Deloris; sisters, Vanieda Eichstadt and Anna Klemm.

He leaves to mourn his daughter and son-in-law, Relda and Tracey Galli, Gem; sisters, Martha (Gus) Zweygardt, St. Francis; and Erna (Dean) Blume, Goodland; brother-in-law, Paul Eichstadt, Wolsey, S.D., nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Christian burial for Henry will be held on Jan. 23 at Peace Lutheran Church. Pastor Kenneth Hart is the officiant.

Pall bearers include Roger Blume, Steve Nolan, Pete Raile, Tim Stimbert, Randy Rueb and John Lampe.

Interment will be in the St. Francis Cemetery with the Fort Riley Honor Guard providing the military graveside service.

Wade Donald Hardwick

April 2, 1920 - Jan. 13, 2009

Wade Donald Hardwick was born on the farm in Dundy County, Neb., on April 2, 1920, to Thomas Mandeville Hardwick and Myrtle Rowena (Quimby) Hardwick. He died on Jan. 13, 2009, at his home in Benkelman, Neb. Wade was the sixth child born to his parents and one of six boys. He would have reached his 89th birthday on April 2 of this year.

Wade grew to manhood on the farm in Dundy County and retained his love of animals and the soil all his life. He went to Los Angeles in 1940, where his brother Wilford was and worked as a welder during World War II in the shipyards at Los Angeles. It was during this time that he met the love of his life, Susan Eleanor Ravenhill, and they were married in the Methodist Episcopal Church on Nov. 26, 1940, in Eugene, Ore., with Wade's oldest sister, Opal, and her husband, Charles (Red) Perkins, as their attendants.

After they were married, Wade and Eleanor moved back to the Benkelman area where they lived on different farms. Wade did the chores the "old-fashioned" way, by hand. During this time, their four children were born at the Morehouse hospital, April (who died in infancy), Mark, Randy and Robyn.

Wade at one time owned and operated Barger's Hardware, and also was part-owner and manager of Knoly's Café, both in Benkelman. He left the café to pursue a career in radio and television.

After schooling in Dallas, Texas, and Louisville, Ky, in the latter 50s, Wade pioneered the TV show in Goodland, he called "Uncle Wade's Back Porch." On his early-morning radio program, he was known as "The Old Sandhillier." That is where he first heard the Johnny Mathis song "The Twelfth Of Never" which he asked his nephew, Steve Stroup, to sing at his service.

In 1960, Wade left the radio and television station in Goodland and moved his family to the San Fernando valley area of Los Angeles. He went to work for Litton Industries, a company which built a lot of electronic equipment for the government. The family resided in Granada Hills, Calif., area until 1971 and lived through a large earthquake. It was during this time that the children grew up and left home. Eleanor had begun her career as a flower designer in Goodland and continued while living in California.

Wade's father-in-law, Harry Duker, who resided in Vancou-

ver, B. C., Canada, asked Wade and Eleanor to come and live with him after Mrs. Duker had suddenly passed away. They agreed and moved to Vancouver in the early 70's. They purchased a flower store and built it into a successful business in the 10 years they operated it. Wade kept the books and delivered all of Eleanor's flower arrangements.

When Mr. Duker died, they sold the store and wintered in Mesa, Ariz., and spent the summers in St. Francis. They eventually bought and remodeled an older home in St. Francis and lived there until moving to Benkelman in 2008.

In the late 90s, Wade underwent quadruple bypass surgery and was given seven years to live.

Playing baseball and softball was something he loved and participated in as long as he was able. And of course he was a big fan of the Colorado Rockies and the Denver Broncos.

Wade was a kind and loving husband, father, grandfather and friend.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, April Marie; brothers Percy, Omar, Wilford, Merle (Pete) and four sisters, Opal, Marcella, Fairy and Betty and their respective spouses; and grandsons, Brian Bower and Ty Hardwick. Wade's younger brother, Bill, is the only surviving member of the Thomas Hardwick family.

Survivors include Eleanor, his loving wife of 68 years; two sons, Mark in Santa Rosa, Calif., and Randy and fiancée, Linda in Linn Valley, daughter, Robyn of Benkelman and Randy's former wife, Paula Lieker. Other survivors are granddaughter, Lisa Michelle Bower, husband, John of Quartz Hill, Calif., and their children, Christopher and Brittany; grandson, Donald Hardwick and wife, Donna of Littleton, Colo., and their children, Maggie and Donald, Jr.; grandson, Ellison Weeks of Sherman Oaks, Calif.; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Memorials may be given in Wade's name to the Dundy County Museum, P.O. Box 634, Benkelman, NE 69021.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009, at the Forch Funeral Chapel in Benkelman with Larry Forch, Jr., as celebrant.

Casket bearers were Dave Samler, Ellison Weeks, Don Hardwick, Eldon Hardwick, Doug Schrader, Zach Stroup, JC Stroup, Nate Stroup and Jordan Stroup.

Interment was in the Benkelman Cemetery, Benkelman.

Restoring old jail in planning stage

By Karen Krien

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Taser guns and restoring the old jail were on the agenda when the Cheyenne County Commissioners met Monday morning. The guns were approved and more information will be needed before the jail is restored.

A great deal of discussion was held concerning the new equipment in the sheriff's office. Craig Van Allen, sheriff, said taser guns are needed. The guns, he said, are much safer and less injuries for both the officer and the person in pursuit. It is an actual weapon and training for the officers is required. Officer Cody Beeson is a training officer which will save the county money.

The guns cost \$900 each and, to save money for the county, Officer Beeson is purchasing his own gun. Sheriff Van Allen will purchase the other three needed (one for himself and two for the other officers).

The county can't afford to buy the guns, said Sheriff Van Allen, but we feel we need them for our own safety.

At first, Dale Patton, commissioner, and Mrs. Gilliland, county attorney, expressed concern in the liability and accountability of the officers owning their own guns. Sheriff Van Allen said he was not worried about these problems and Officer Beeson said the weapon had a very good warranty.

Sheriff Van Allen said he has a responsibility for the en-

tire department and all liability comes back on him. The commissioners agreed to the sheriff's proposal.

Restoring the jail

Sheriff Van Allen said he would like to restore the county's jail on the top floor of the courthouse so they could hold prisoners for a short period of time. He said that now, when a prisoner is arrested in the night, an officer has to take the prisoner to Goodland, come back to St. Francis, then, the next day, go get the prisoner for trial. Sometimes, the prisoner makes bail and almost beats the officer back to St. Francis.

Regulations have lifted and it would take little to fix up the facility. Although the sheriff didn't have the exact costs, he said it would take new plumbing and lighting, make sure the locks were working and a camera system. Right now, the jail is being used for evidence storage but, the officers can clean that out. There is 24-hour surveillance from the 911 office.

At \$40 a day to keep a prisoner in the Goodland Bastile, the commissioners agreed that it would save the county money and keep the officers in the county. There will be the cost of \$40 plus mileage and lodging sending officer, Jon Lanz, to school.

Sheriff Van Allen will bring back estimates of what it will cost to restore the jail. Mr. Patton asked that he also find out if there will be insurance coverage.

Jerrold Wayne Kuhns

May 3, 1926 - Jan. 12, 2009

Jerrold Wayne Kuhns died Monday, Jan. 12, 2009, at Hester Memorial Home in Benkelman, Neb., at the age of 82.

He was born May 3, 1926, the first child born to Samuel and Mildred (Lytle) Kuhns, south of Imperial in Chase County, Neb. Jerrold moved with his family at an early age to their farm north of Parks, Neb. It was here he attended school and spent his childhood. After completing the seventh grade, Jerrold helped his father with the family farm.

On April 17, 1959, Jerrold was married to Darleen Schrader. This union was blessed with four children: Cindy, Karen, Kathleen and Kenny.

Jerrold devoted his life to farming and worked as a farmhand for many years for numerous area farmers. He also drove trucks for Wayne Putman for several years.

In his spare time, Jerrold enjoyed going to farm and estate auctions and visiting with friends and neighbors. His greatest passion, however, was gardening. Each year he'd grow a huge garden filled with vegetables of every type. He loved his garden and sharing the produce with family

and friends.

Jerrold lived in southwest Nebraska and northwest Kansas his entire life, including St. Francis and Bird City. In recent years, he lived in Parks. After his health began to fail, he moved to Benkelman, where he resided for several years at the Rainbow Fountain Park. He moved to Hester Home in November of 2008.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Samuel and Mildred Kuhns; and his wife, Darleen Kuhns who died in 1975.

Survivors include his children, Cindy, Karen, Kathleen and Kenny; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sisters, Nina Oakley of Max, Neb., Barbara Hanes of Benkelman, Doris Biggs of Killeen, Texas, Betty Campbell and husband, Bob of Hill Rose, Colo.; brothers, Sam Kuhns and wife, Eva of Sterling, Colo, Dale Kuhns and wife, Judy of Yelm, Wash., and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Memorial services have not been scheduled and will be announced at a later time. There will be no visitation or viewing.



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2008 CITY OF ST FRANCIS BUDGET

	2007 BALANCE	EXPENDITURES	RECEIPTS	2008 BALANCE
CASH	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
PETTY CASH	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$32,969.27	\$0.00	\$607.26	\$33,576.53
FIRST NATIONAL BANK COLLECTIONS	\$105,316.95	\$50,000.00	\$3,071.85	\$58,388.80
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BANDSHELL	\$57,422.57	\$0.00	\$857.62	\$58,280.19
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BANDSHELL PRESERVATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,758.90	\$1,758.90
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,001.91	\$4,001.91
BANKWEST	\$249,764.39	\$2,931,517.91	\$2,879,847.14	\$198,093.62
BANKWEST	\$6,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT	\$617,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$617,000.00
TOTAL	\$1,069,573.18			\$974,199.95
GENERAL	\$232,155.10	\$816,880.51	\$832,230.92	\$247,505.51
LIBRARY	\$1,070.09	\$29,626.29	\$31,402.74	\$2,846.54
BANDSHELL	\$57,422.57	\$0.00	\$857.62	\$58,280.19
BANDSHELL PRESERVATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,758.90	\$1,758.90
SPECIAL HIGHWAY	\$9,653.03	\$15,849.91	\$38,390.25	\$32,193.37
SPECIAL PARKS	\$2,523.30	\$860.87	\$1,051.09	\$2,713.52
REFUSE	\$16,086.27	\$136,882.23	\$139,353.97	\$18,558.01
SALES TAX	\$3,232.22	\$42,839.48	\$42,890.11	\$3,282.85
WATER USE FEE	\$517.47	\$4,031.73	\$3,944.34	\$430.08
TENANT DEPOSIT	\$56,027.07	\$11,265.57	\$12,000.00	\$56,761.50
UTILITIES	\$251,935.59	\$1,503,495.87	\$1,486,875.78	\$235,315.50
TRANSIENT GUEST TAX	\$6,526.77	\$2,908.63	\$5,251.75	\$8,869.89
NOW ACCOUNTS	\$18,535.36	\$19,652.31	\$7,483.29	\$6,366.34
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$49,939.23	\$54,900.00	\$53,982.62	\$49,021.85
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$303,877.92	\$173,552.33	\$49,092.76	\$179,418.35
SEWER	\$60,065.22	\$128,170.00	\$138,971.60	\$70,866.82
THEATER	\$5.97	\$12,415.92	\$12,415.92	\$5.97
HOUSING AUTHORITY	\$0.00	\$21.69	\$26.45	\$4.76
TOTALS	\$1,069,573.18	\$2,953,353.34	\$2,857,980.11	\$974,199.95

I, JENNIFER HOFFMAN, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS CORRECT.

SIGNED, Jennifer Hoffman, CITY TREASURER, CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, STATE OF KANSAS, CHEYENNE COUNTY, BE IT HERE REMEMBERED THAT ON THE 16th DAY OF JANUARY, 2008 BEFORE ME, A NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE ABOVE MENTIONED STATE AND COUNTY, CAME JENNIFER HOFFMAN, TREASURER OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, KS, WHO IS PERSONALLY KNOWN TO BE THE SAME PERSON WHO EXECUTED THE ABOVE INSTRUMENT OF WRITING THEREFORE IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE SAME, I HEREBY SET MY SEAL.

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