

Obituaries

Ruby Gilliland

Oct. 9, 1908 - March 27, 2003
 Ruby Benerdine (Holmes) Gilliland died March 27, 2003, at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis, Kan., at the age of 94 years.

Ruby was born Oct. 9, 1908, to Fred and Emma (Benson) Holmes at Elm Creek, Neb. She attended country school and spent her early years working with her family on the farm. Later she moved to Lincoln, Neb., and worked as a nanny for several years.

Ruby was united in marriage to Gale Rebeck Gilliland on Aug. 16, 1935, in Lexington, Neb. They made their home southwest of Bird City, where they farmed and raised their family.

Ruby loved farm life and was a wonderful cook and avid gardener. She spent many hours doing beautiful handwork (knitting, crocheting and tatting) which she shared with children, grandchildren and many friends.

A loving wife, mother and grandmother, Ruby enjoyed nothing more than entertaining her grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband Gale in 1996; son Eugene and brother Weldon Holmes.

Those left to cherish her memory are two sons, Bob of Sun City, Calif., and Don and wife, Sherry of Bird City; daughter, Judy Kay May of Goodland; 12 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren; a brother, Virgil Holmes and wife, Thelma of Elm Creek and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were held March 31 at Knodel Funeral Home in St. Francis. Officiating was Doyle Copeland; organist was Ethyl Harper.

Casket bearers were Darin Gilliland, Dustin Gilliland, Rodney May, Krandal May, Don Holmes and Jon Holmes.

Interment was in the Bird City Cemetery, Bird City.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Memorials will be given to Cheyenne County emergency medical technicians.

Andrea Rae Powers

Jan. 11, 1977 - March 14, 2003
 Andrea "Andi" Powers, 26, died Friday, March 14, 2003, at Columbia Medical Center, New York.

She was born Jan. 11, 1977, in Wichita, Kan., to Leland and Sheran Powers. She graduated from Hays High School and Fort Hays State University. She received a master's degree in art history from Temple University, Philadelphia, in May 2002.

She participated in archeological excavations in Chrysokamino, Crete, and Jarvols, France, during her graduate studies. She interned at the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the Phoenix Art Museum in Arizona.

Andrea was a curatorial assistant in contemporary and American art at the American Federation of Arts in New York. Her latest work was for the exhibition "Debating American Modernism," at the Georgia O'Keefe Museum in Santa Fe, N.M. It will travel to Chicago in the fall of 2003.

Survivors include her parents, Hays; two sisters, Ashley Powers, Phoenix, and Mia Wooldridge, Overland Park, and her fiancé, Maurice Piergrossi, Weehawken, N.J. Ray and Rachel Huffman of St. Francis are her uncle and aunt.

Memorial services were held Sunday, March 30, in the Fort Hays State University Memorial Union Black and Gold Room.

A fund has been established in her name for renal cell cancer research. Contributions may be made to the Andrea Powers Memorial in care of Hays Memorial Chapel, 20th and Pine.

Donald E. Light

Feb. 14, 1917 - Feb. 25, 2003
 Donald E. Light died Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2003, in Vancouver, Wash. He was 86. Mr. Light was a business manager for the Vancouver School District from 1959 to 1984.

He was born Feb. 14, 1917, in Haigler, Neb., and lived in Clark County, Wash., the past 64 years.

Survivors include his wife, Estelle, of the home; one daughter, Cheryl Malkmus of Lacey, Wash.; one son, Gregory M. of Burion, Wash.; one brother, Glenn Light of Seattle; four granddaughters, and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Light was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. An Army and Air Force veteran, he enjoyed gardening and the beach.

A graveside service was held at Park Hill Cemetery. Vancouver Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangement. Memorial contributions may be made to the scholarship fund at Trinity Lutheran Church, 309 W. 39th St., Vancouver, WA 98660, or to Pomerey Living History Farm, 20902 N.E. Lucia Falls Road, Yacolt, WA 98675.

(Many in the Haigler area will remember the Light family when Donald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Light, were Haigler residents many years ago, living on a farm northwest of town.)



DAN SIEGFRIED AND grandson Steven, both of St. Francis, have plenty to see at the Cheyenne County Wildlife, Inc. Annual Meeting in Bird City. Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Wildlife supper raises local hunting support and interest

By Casey McCormick

Bird City hosted one of Cheyenne County Wildlife organization's biggest events of the year. Members gathered to raise funds and awareness of the importance of wildlife preservation and the ability of residents to hunt.

Many attended the festivities at the American Legion hall as they bid on many items which focused on the outdoor theme. Prints by local artist Marilyn Frisbie, rifles and bird calls, as well as other sporting goods, and actual live certificates for pheasant chicks were eagerly spoken for by the participant.

This event used to be a part of larger groups which would take local funds out of the area. Organizations such as Ducks Unlimited and Quails Unlimited would do similar fund raisers. However the money produced would either go to places

out of this community, be it out of county, out of state, or even out of country like Canada for Ducks Unlimited.

Now the money made by the evening's activities will go to Cheyenne County to aid in wildlife awareness.

"We are one of the first to break away [from these larger organizations] using these funds for hunter education for the youth and trees for wildlife habitat for this area," said Local hunter and business man Ken Krien.

Mr. Krien shares the view of many of the local population when he said "we want our children and grandchildren to grow up with the outdoor life that we have experienced."

Not only did Cheyenne County folks participate but people from Colorado, Nebraska, and as far

away as Alabama, were there. Jim Baxter, Mobile, Ala., attended the event with his brother Tim of St. Francis.

Some of the night's fun came from a live auction, prize drawings and a great deal of happy individuals. Many men were there with several generations being represented.

Prizes were distributed by area young ladies: Samantha Jensen, Joy Zumbahlen, Amanda Poore and Ashley Holzwarth. The prime rib supper was prepared by Kerby and Kody Krien and served by Deanna Nelsen and Avis Hazuka.

The evening concluded with the final drawing for a unique gun safe. All held tickets in anticipation to find that Aaron Linner of Bird City had the lucky number. Congratulations to him and all who appreciate the ability to hunt and preserve our local habitat.

Eighth graders enjoy pizza and talk about movie issues

St. Francis eighth grade students and parents held the "Pizza/Movie Critic Night" on Thursday. The 32 students signed in with their parents and after the pizza had disappeared, they watched the movie "Pay It Forward" which brought out thoughtful conversation and discussion for both students and parents.

The movie was to help youth in recognizing the negative effects of violence, drugs, alcohol and smoking. The discussion was to create an opportunity for the parents and children to discuss these issues together.

The students and parents will have a final challenge of writing a critique about the movie and what they thought about the subject. The paper will be a class assignment required by an eighth grade teacher.

Group leaders were Kary Zweygardt, Connie Jenkins, Ryan Shay, Sharon Feikert, Kelly Gienger and Ron Wieck. Panel leaders were Mark Davidson, law enforcement; Tammi Pettijohn, High Plains Mental Health; and Susan Roelfs, healthcare provider.

Door prize winners were \$25 gift certificates: Janae Glidewell, Diamond R; Andy Waite, Windmill Restaurant; Jordan Gienger, Captain Hook's; Sarah Geise, K-Store; Amy Hilt, Park Hill; and Mindy Cooper, Pizza Hut.



Middle school students ate and discussed issues from the movie "Pay it Forward." Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

All the students received coupon packages containing two student passes and one adult pass to the Cheyenne Theater, and movie rental coupons from Video Kingdom and Video Connection.

The evening's entertainment was provided through a Juvenile Justice Association mini-grant. In

October, the Kids Making a Connection Committee had submitted an application and the grant was received. The same program was held in Cheylin on March 24.

Anyone interested in learning more can contact Mrs. Roelfs at 785-332-2381.

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