

# Family

## Deaths

### Adeline M. Sharp

Adeline M. Sharp, 82, of Ellinwood, died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2003 at Great Bend Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend.

She was born on March 28, 1921 at Odin to Carl and Josephine (Frenzel) Jenisch. Mrs. Sharp was a long-time Ellinwood resident and housewife who belonged to St. Joseph's Catholic Church Altar Society and the Daughters of Isabella.

She married Charles W. Sharp in October of 1937. She is survived by her husband and one son, Glenn C. Sharp, along with four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Mrs. Sharp was preceded in death by her parents; and brothers, Joe,

Ed, Bill, Martin and Elmer, along with sisters, Minnie Herrmann and Leona Dressel.

Services were held today at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood with Fr. John Maes officiating. An Altar Society Rosary was held at 3 p.m. following by the Daughter of Isabella Rosary, both at the funeral home.

A vigil service was held Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. and burial will be at the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood.

Memorials can be made to St. Joseph's School Endowment, Ellinwood, with donations sent in care of Kimple Funeral Home, Inc., 113 North Main, Ellinwood, Kan. 67526.

### Gerald "Jerry" Ayers

Gerald "Jerry" Ayers, 57, of Page City, died Monday, Sept. 15, 2003 at Hays Medical Center in Hays.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 18 at Winona Methodist Church in Winona with Pastor John Gerry officiating.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Winona United Methodist Church in Winona and from 9 a.m. until the service Thursday at the church.

Mr. Ayers is survived by his wife, Linda of Page City, four sons, Kevin Ayers of Jetmore, Brett Ayers of Page City, Derek Ayers of Wichita, Darrin Ayers of Oklahoma City, Okla., one daughter, Tricia Taylor of Winona; mother Thelma Jarrett

of Hill City; two brothers, Ken Ayers of Logan and Jay Ayers of Zurich; three sisters, Shirley Griggs of Colby, Linda Billinger of Hope, Brenda Billinger of Great Bend and five grandchildren.

He was born May 17, 1946 in Harrison, Ark. to William C. Ayers and Thelma Rose Ayers Jarrett.

He moved to Page City in 1975 and was a farmer and bulk fuel agent.

He was a member of Bethesda Lutheran Church in Page City, the Winona Lions Club and the S&T Phone Company board of directors.

Memorials are suggested to Bethesda Lutheran Church in Page City or Winona Emergency Medical Services.

## Turtle races



Pre-kindergarten students at Colby Sacred Heart School recently held an international turtle race and were amazed at how fast those little guys really were, said Sharon Shirley, teacher. In the lead was Watermelon with Lightning and Thunder at a close first and second. Cheering on their favorite turtle were left to right: Rex Branum, Madison Wiens, Travis Finley, Morgan Morris, Joshua Koon, Andrea Zerr (second grader), Jenna Zimmerman and Gus Hutfles.

## Art club learns about life of sculptor

The life of Dr. Richard Bergen, sculptor of "Ad Astra," the bronze Indian statue atop the Capitol dome in Topeka, was the month's program during the High Plains Art Club's regular meeting.

This was the first fall meeting held on Tuesday, Sept. 9, at Southwind Plaza. President Marlene Carpenter opened a brief business meeting with six members present. A treasurer's report was given and dues of \$10 a year were paid by six members. A discussion of the art show was held and results of the "Peoples Choice" voting taken during the art show were given. Marlene Carpenter won two art brushes for her oil painting of a large barn. Voting was as diversified as the subjects of the paintings. Meeting was adjourned. Carrot cake and coffee were served by hostess Jo Bricker.

The program, given by Fritz Ostmeyer, was about Dr. Bergen, who began his career in 1937 when at age 12 he formed his first whole figure of concrete, that of a boy, complete with plumbing, which became a fountain. The idea was sparked by his mother who sent Richard postcards of fountains from Paris. Needless to say, Mom was impressed.

Richard graduated from high school in New Jersey and entered the military to serve in World War II. After the war, many returning servicemen took advantage of the GI Bill to attend college. Colleges

soon filled and Richard found no room on the east coast for a budding artist. Through his mother's prodding, Fern being a Kansas native, attending Bethany in Lindsborg. He intended to stay only one year, but did stay to receive his degree. After graduation he taught art in Great Bend, Salina and 13 years at Marymount College.

Dr. Bergen opened a gallery in Salina called Gallery M. When a sculptor hired by Salina to build a sculpture for the reflecting pool at the city-county building decided the city wasn't paying enough and didn't do the work, Richard made a presentation and was given the commission. He had never done a bronze statue and answered many of the city's questions with guesses. Dr. Bergen went to Kansas City and studied the construction of a bias relief bronze at the Nelson Art Gallery. He came home and built a metal armature, covered it with cardboard and poured it full of liquid poly foam which, when hardened, was trimmed to his design. He then used a sand filled box to cast the bronze. It took him three years to complete the work named "Trifinity." The work represented the past, presence and future.

After this project Dr. Bergen gave up teaching. His project "Ad Astra" required 14 years to complete. The idea of an Indian came from suggestions of school children. A casting of a smaller "Ad Astra" was also made and many copies sold.

Dr. Bergen and his son, Rich, are

## Fairview Estates gets big surprise

Everyone here at Fairview thanks Harold and Jean Herbel who brought several big cantaloupes to us this week. They tasted so good.

Elma Tubbs moved from the Fairview Estates to the Prairie Senior Living Complex last week. We will miss her here.

Karen Hodson had a busy weekend at her home. Her son was married Saturday morning in a yard ceremony and several family members were guests.

Recent guests of Irene Kehlbeck during the week were Royce and Darcy Kehlbeck and Kirby and Genna Krine all from Bird City.

Florence Schertz returned back to Fairview Tuesday after spending several days in the Citizens Medical Center.

Good to have her back.

Ken and Diana Depperschmidt from Smith Center spent the weekend with his mother, Tillie Depperschmidt. They also visited Marilyn and Duane Heble, his sister. On Sunday Lloyd and Linda Zirbin from Kensington stopped to visit Tillie and she enjoyed their visit very much.

My daughter, Marjorie Paddock



### Lula Thieler

- Fairview Estates

went home Tuesday after spending over a week visiting me and her sister JoAnn Miller. She came for my birthday on Sept. 1 then helped other family members sell the furnishing from my home in Rexford on Friday and Saturday. We had a busy week.

I want to thank everyone for all the cards and blessings I received for my birthday. Getting old has many rewards.

### Thank You

We want to thank all our relatives and friends for their cards, flowers, gifts and all that wished us well in person.

We want to especially thank our children and grandchildren for the dinner we had together and all that went with it.

Thanks again everyone - you all made it a wonderful 50th Anniversary.

Ross and Anna Dean Rodenbeck

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## Clubs

### VFW Auxiliary meets

VFW Auxiliary met Sept. 11 at the Post home with President Doris Voisin presiding.

Roll call was read and the meeting opened with prayer. Patriotic instructions were read and followed with the flag salute.

POW-MIA prayer was offered and candle lit. Minutes were read and approved and treasurer's report heard. General orders and President's message were read. Thank-yous were received from John Lee and Marge Bencher.

Youth chairman will be contacting area schools with information for the Patriotic Pen contest.

Community service chairman noted that greeting cards sent to non-family members can be re-reported for community service work.

Oct. 25 will be "Make a Difference Day" and Auxiliary will collect food for Genesis at the Oct. 10 meeting. Auxiliary is asking everyone to share the opening tabs from pop cans for a project.

Rehabilitation chairman gave current information about Operation Uplink phone cards.

Plans are underway to make cookies for VA hospitals and homes in September.

A monetary donation was allowed for the Endowment fund that is issued for youth scholarships.

A monetary donation to Cancer Aid and Research was allowed for memorial for Shayleen Brown.

Bills were presented and allowed for payment.

District President Linda Marshall was present and addressed the group. She noted that no mailing notice would be sent from national headquarters this year so members please cooperate and see that your dues are paid in time to keep your membership standing.

She also asked us to have a fund-raiser for Cancer Aid and Research. With the increase of cancer the Cancer Aid and Research funds are quickly being diminished. The funds are used for cancer grants to cancer patients who are Auxiliary members. Plans for a fund-raiser will be forthcoming.

Other information and activity plans were relayed to the group.

President Doris Voisin present District President with a buddy poppy and money corsage in appreciation of her visit.

National home prayer was offered and meeting closed per ritual with closing prayer.

Next meeting will be Oct. 10 at the Post home at 2 p.m.



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