

80th birthday honored

The Classy Classic Red Hatters of St. Francis held a birthday party for Queen Lou's 80th birthday at the Cheyenne Manor at 2 p.m. on Aug. 1.

The honored guest, Mary Lou Munn, and her daughter, Nancy Anderson of Nebraska, were welcomed by 25 Red Hatters and friend, Dorothy Gemoehlich.

After singing "Happy Birthday" the group listened to a CD of Mary Lou's anniversary party by Helene Landenberger.

A game "I Remember When" was played and then the group enjoyed refreshments of birthday cake and homemade black walnut ice cream. The ice cream was made and furnished by Laura Pugh.

Hostesses for the party were Darlene Ochsner, Madeliene Roberson and Neva DeGood.

Queen Lou was instrumental in organizing the St. Francis Red Hat chapter.



BIRTHDAY PARTY HELD — Mary Lou Munn (right) enjoys her birthday party with daughter, Nancy Anderson.

First annual photo contest to be held; deadline is Sept. 14

A picturesque farmstead. A combine threshing through a field. A young 4-H'er working with his livestock. Kansas agriculture is full of photo opportunities everyday.

Entries are now being accepted for the Kansas Farm Bureau Photo Contest, sponsored by Kansas Farm Bureau's Young Farmers and Ranchers.

"The Young Farmers and Ranchers of Kansas Farm Bureau are proud to hold our first photo contest, open to any Farm Bureau member of any age," said Chris Van Tyle, a farmer from LaCygne and chair of the Bureau's State Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee. "We think it's another great opportunity to tell agriculture's story through the pictures already being taken on Kansas farms."

The photo contest consists of two

categories: Life on the Farm and Kids and Critters, with one entry allowed per category. Photos must be 8- by 10-inches, unmatted and unframed. No digital alteration is allowed, and all photos must be accompanied by an entry form.

The top three winning entries in each category will be on display at the annual meeting on Nov. 9. Attendees of the meeting will vote on their favorite photo, naming the People's Choice Award. Photos will be judged on the use of angle, lighting, balance, color, contrast, viewpoint and technical ability. Photos in the contest cannot have been, and may not be, entered in any other contest.

For a complete list of rules and to print off entry forms, log on to www.kfb.org/photocontest. The deadline for all entries is Sept. 14.

Obituaries

Leonard Gordon Blume

May 5, 1919 - July 31, 2007
Leonard Gordon Blume was born May 5, 1919, at Ludell in Rawlins County, Kan., to Rexford and Elsie (Poland) Blume. He died July 31, 2007, in Red Bluff, Calif.



Blume

Leonard grew up on his grandparents' homestead in Rawlins County. In 1933, the family moved west of St. Francis in Cheyenne County.

Leonard served in the United States Marine Corps from 1940 to 1959. He was with Marine Fighter Squadron 221 and engaged in the fierce battles on Midway Island during World War II.

During his years of service, Leonard was awarded two Bronze Stars, a Presidential Unit Citation, a UN Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Medal.

Leonard married Mary Greely in 1946; she preceded him in death in

1994. His parents, Rexford and Elsie Blume, and a brother Arthur Blume also preceded him in death.

Survivors are his wife, Elizabeth (Betty) of the home, a brother, Maurice Blume of St. Francis; brother, Dean Blume and wife, Erna of Goodland, and many nieces and nephews.

Leslie C. Perry
May 31, 1919 - Aug. 4, 2007
Leslie C. Perry, 88, longtime Goodland resident died at Sherman County Good Samaritan Center on Saturday, Aug. 4, 2007. Les was born May 31, 1919, in Inman, Neb., to Fred and Mable Perry.

He married LaVina Lynch on June 28, 1940, in O'Neill, Neb. He served in the United States Navy from 1944 to 1946.

The Perry's moved to Goodland on June 6, 1967, where he worked as line foreman for the city of Goodland retiring in 1982.

Leslie enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting and traveling.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and American Legion.

Leslie is survived by his wife, LaVina, of the home, sons, Loyd C. (Johnny) of Dallas, Ore., and David of Scott City; daughters, Diana Nichols of Goodland and Carol Wetzler of Van Cleave, Miss.; brothers, Billy of North Platte, Neb., and Dale of O'Neill; 11 grandchildren, 18-great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Les was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Dean Perry and sister, June Calkins.

Services were held on Aug. 8 at Bateman Funeral Home in Goodland with inurnment and military honors following at Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to the Bateman Funeral Home, P.O. Box 878, Goodland, KS 67735, to be designated by the family later.

Warren D. Underwood
Aug. 22, 1932 - Aug. 5, 2007

Warren D. Underwood, 74, McPherson, Kan., died Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007, at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born Aug. 22, 1932, in Bird City to Irvin E. and Dorothy G. McTaggart Underwood.

Mr. Underwood was the former owner and president of Alliance Agency. He retired in 1998.

He moved to McPherson in 1958

having lived in Dallas, Texas, prior to that.

On Oct. 29, 1960, he married Janice E. "Jan" Payeur at Clyde.

Memberships include First United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge 172, Isis Shrine, McPherson Shrine Club, Royal Order of Jesters (Court 94), Sons of the American Legion Squadron 24, past president of the Rotary Club, past president of Sunflower Chapter of the American Red Cross, past president of McPherson Chamber of Commerce, past president of McPherson Industrial Development Co.; past president of Kansas Mutual Insurance Agents; served on the board of trustees of First United Methodist Church, served on the board of directors of McPherson Bank and Trust, International Order of Odd Fellows and Independent Insurance Agents of Kansas.

Mr. Underwood is survived by his wife, Jan of the home; sons, Brad Underwood of Manhattan and T.J. Underwood of McPherson; daughter, Shari Potts of Pensacola, Fla.; brother, Wallace Underwood of Bird City; sister, Shirley Smith of Hays; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Aug. 9, at the First United Methodist Church with Reverend Karen Rice Ratzlaff officiating. A private inurnment of the cremains took place at McPherson Cemetery prior to the memorial service.

Memorial donations may be made to the McPherson Shrine Club Children's Fund or First United Methodist Church in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home at 205 N. Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

Personal condolences may be sent to the family via www.stockhamfamily.com

Bonnie V. Wurm

July 11, 1930 - Aug. 5, 2007
Bonnie V. Wurm, 77, died Aug. 5, 2007, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin, Kan. She was born July 11, 1930, in Prairie View to Bert and Nellie DeYoung VandeWege.

Being raised on a Prairie View farm, she attended Prairie View country schools, Almona High School and received a bachelor of arts in elementary education from Fort Hays State University.

She married Arlo Wurm on Dec. 27, 1961, in Prairie View and they resided on a farm southwest of Oberlin.

Mrs. Wurm was a school teacher and had memberships in St. John Lutheran Church and the Calico Gals.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bert and Nellie (DeYoung), VanDeWege; in laws, John and Lydia (Unger) Wurm; two brothers-in-law, Jimmy McKay and Raymond Wurm and one great-niece, Jillian Epard.

She is survived by her spouse, Arlo Wurm of rural Oberlin, sons, Kevin and Kayla of Dresden, Keane of Hays, Shane and Christy of St. Francis and Stanton and Rochelle of Lebo; daughter, Shawna Lea and Mike Karl of Brighton, Colo.; brothers, Harlan VanDeWege of Prairie View; sister, Neva and Rich Epard of Colby; two sisters-in-law, Phyllis (Wurm) McKay of Jenks, Okla., and Mary Wurm of Loveland, Colo.; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Aug. 9, at St. John Lutheran Church, Oberlin, with burial in the Oberlin Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the National Kidney Foundation, American Cancer Society, Golden Plains School District, Decatur Community Health Systems - Family Suite and the church.



THIS LITTLE boy is tying the ribbon on the goat's tail during the Kids Ranch Rodeo.

Herald photo by Chase Barnhart

Book Review

Book review from St. Francis Public Library

He Chose The Nails

By Max Lucado

Much has been said about the gift of the cross itself, but what of the other gifts? What of the nails, the crown of thorns? What about the garment taken? What about the garments given? Have you taken the time to open these gifts.

He didn't have to give them. You know. The only required act for our salvation was the shedding of blood. Yet He did much more. So much more. Search the cross, and what do you find?

A wine-soaked sponge. A sign. Two crosses beside Christ.

Let's examine them, shall we? Let's unwrap these gifts of grace as if...or perhaps, indeed...for the first time. And as you touch them...as you feel the timber of the cross and trace the braid of the crown and finger the point of the spike...pause and listen. Perchance you will hear Him whisper.

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