

Bonnie Jean Hill

Sept. 12, 1944 - June 29, 2011

Bonnie Jean Hill died at her home on June 29, 2011, at the age of 66.

Bonnie was second child of Herbert and Viva Reichert, born on Sept. 12, 1944. She was raised on the farm and Bonnie and her siblings Dixie, Larry and Vicky attend Prairie Rose Country School.

Bonnie and Dixie boarded in town and attended high school. After graduating high school, both Bonnie and Dixie moved to Denver and attended Central Business College.

While there, she met and married Dwight McDuffee. They were blessed with three children: Dwayne Allen, Sherri Lynn and Lori Ann.

After moving back to her home town, she worked for a short time

at the hospital kitchen. In 1976 she started working at the St. Francis Community High School as a cook. In 1981 she became food service manager, she retired in 2004 after 28 years. She made many friends working for the schools.

In 1994 she married Dale Hill at Ye Old Country Church in St. Francis. They enjoyed building their home together, gardening and entertaining the grandchildren.

The most joy in her life came from her Lord and Savior. She loved memorizing the Word and praying for her family and friends. She was baptized as an infant but later wanted to be baptized like Jesus.

She loved her grandchildren and loved spending as much time as she could with them. Playing Old

Maid, Yahtzee or coloring in books even when they became teenagers. She was preceded in death by her parents, infant brother Herbert Jr., and sister, Dixie Fisher.

Bonnie will be greatly missed by her husband, Dale; children: Dwayne and wife, Rachel, Sherri and husband, Kelly, Lori and husband, Kahle, stepdaughters: Corky and husband, Greg Bellamy, Melissa Purinton and Amy Dunn; grandchildren: Christina and Shayla Hilt, Garth and Gunner Helton and Jared and Jacob McDuffee; stepgrandchildren: Jud and Tanner Corder, Hayden Bellamy, Travis and Meghan, Cole and Isabella and several other family and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Living Water Fellowship on July 2, with Pastor Terry Glasco as officiant.

Casket bearers were Garth Helton, Gunner Helton, Jud Corder, Tanner Corder, Harvey Zwegardt and Dave Robbins. Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home.

Irene Erna Andrist

Feb. 23, 1925 - June 30, 2011

Irene Andrist was born in Gackel, N.D., on Feb. 23, 1925, and died at Hill Top Nursing Home in Gothenburg, Neb., on June 30, 2011.

In 1928, Irene moved from North Dakota by train with her father and mother, D.J. and Lydia Wolff Schlittenhardt, to a farm which was northwest of St. Francis, Kan., then known as "The Breaks."

Irene was united in marriage to Harland Andrist. Irene and Harlan owned and operated Harlan's Grill in St. Francis for over 30 years. Irene was well known for her famous cinnamon rolls and pies she made each day as well as her chicken-fried steak and pan-fried chicken. Her love of baking was immense and when visiting with friends or business acquaintances she always brought some of her baked goods for their enjoyment.

In 2008, Irene moved to Gothenburg to be near her son, Bob and wife, Pat.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents, D.J. and Lydia Schlittenhardt and by three brothers, Edwin, Ervin and Bob.

She is survived by son, Bob and wife, Pat, of Gothenburg; grandson, Jai and wife, Lisa and family of Gibbon, Neb., and granddaughter, Tia of Kearney, Neb., also by son, Jerry and his wife, Pam of San Antonio, Texas, and grandson, Shane and family and John and family and granddaughter, Kendall of Hays, also by two brothers, Danny and family of St. Francis and Al and family of Texas.

She was a member of The Christian Church and the American Legion club.

Her wish to be cremated was honored, service and interment will be at a later date in St. Francis.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the St. Francis Senior Center or The Christian Church of St. Francis.



LEARNING TO USE CHOPSTICKS — Jenna Confer, right, helps Jesslynn Houtman.

Grass range school set for Aug. 23-25

The 2011 Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition's (KGLC) mid-/short-grass range school will be held August 23-25 at Camp Lakeside, Scott County State Lake, and The Nature Conservancy's Smoky Valley Ranch.

Why do some native grasses and forbs prefer shallow soils? Why do the plants in low-lying areas or along stream sides look different from upland plants? Why don't all native grasses and forbs respond to grazing pressure the same? What can I do to keep invasive plants out of my pastures? The speakers hope to help students answer these and other questions.

To start each school, all students are asked to state their interests in attending the school and what they hope to learn to take home and use on their ranch. In other words, the critical beginning session in the producer-oriented schools is to

find out what students have come to find out, then we tailor materials and presentations to get at answers for them, said Tim Christian, state coordinator for the Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition (KGLC). And, David Kraft, Natural Resources Conservation Service state grazing lands specialist, added that each person attending the school has come with the idea of learning and sharing ranching and grazing experiences with others who are challenged with managing Kansas grassland resources while earning a living.

"This is the third time to hold the school at Camp Lakeside and we are pleased to be able to spend a day on the TNC ranch which should provide students a unique learning experience," Christian said.

There is a registration fee per person and scholarships will be

available to eligible ranchers, students, and agency staffs. Mr. Christian explained that scholarships range from \$150 for ranchers and students to \$100 for agency personnel. Registration and scholarship application deadline is July 22. Forms are available online at www.kglc.org, under the 2011 Range School heading in the navigation bar, or by contacting Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition staff. We encourage anyone interested in attending to get their paperwork completed and in to us as the cut-off dates will get here quickly, he said. The school is limited to 35 students.

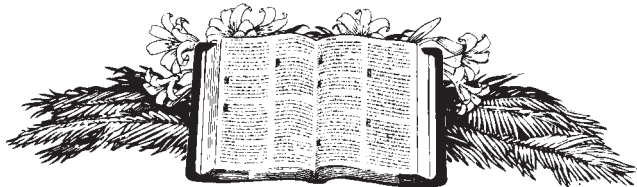
Mr. Kraft said that each instructor tries to tailor their remarks to meet the needs expressed by individuals through the entire course. The set of instructors varies by location but will include ranchers, federal agency staffs, organizational staffs,

and university and Extension specialists.

Co-sponsors of the schools are the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Kansas State University Extension, Fort Hays University, The Nature Conservancy, Playa Lakes Joint Venture,

Kansas Rural Center, Kansas Native Plant Society, US Fish and Wildlife Service Partners For Wildlife Program, and the Kansas Section of the Society for Range Management.

More information on the schools can be obtained by contacting Tim Christian, Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition state coordinator, at 620-241-3636, e-mail tdchristian@cox.net, Ken Sherraden, assistant, at 785-922-7061, e-mail kennethsherraden@sbcglobal.net.



ANNOUNCING — The winners of the 2011 Harvest Countdown

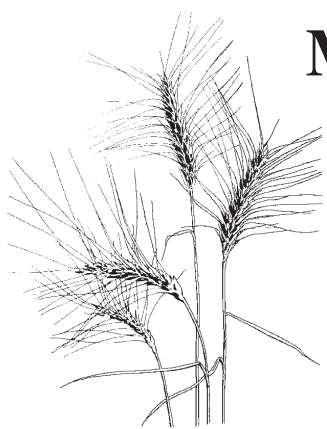
Wilma Lampe - First Place \$50

Deb Patton - Second Place \$35

Mary Merklin - Third Place \$15

First load of wheat

is brought in on June 29 at 8:12 a.m. from the Harvey Neitzel farm. Pictured, left to right, are Harvey Neitzel and Adam Arensdorf.



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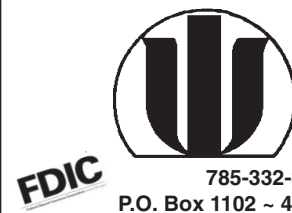


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