## **Obituaries**

Beryl Lucy Gardner was born

March 2, 1912, in Great Bend

and died Aug. 28, 2011, at Prairie

Manor Good Samaritan Home

in Sharon Springs. Her life was

defined by love of faith, family

and friends, expressed through

homemaking, parenting, music,

Avery Gardner, her father,

was a dentist and her mother,

Blanche, taught piano. She and

her brother, George Gardner,

and sister, Gertrude Kennedy,

performed with her parents as an

ensemble during services of First

Methodist Church in Great Bend.

Beryl played cello and piano. She

remained a member of Methodist

Teachers College and graduated

from college at Hays with a

bachelor's degree in music

education. While completing her

education she started and wrote

arrangements for a vocal quartet

which performed on radio and at

to Argyle and Doris Wolbach in

As a young man, he followed in

the footsteps of his uncles to be a

truck driver. He drove for several

different truck lines for 48 years.

The lst six years of his life, he

was a security guard for Goodland

On April 29, 1961, Ned married

Energy, Goodland, Kan.

St. Francis, Kan.

events throughout Kansas.

She attended Emporia State

teaching and learning.

churches all her life.

### Martha Louise Emile Schirmer Zweygardt

March 2, 1916 - Aug. 22, 2011

Martha Louise Zweygardt was born March 2, 1916, on the farm grandfather Fred Wilkening had homesteaded. She was the oldest of Wilhelm and Marie Schirmer's five children.

Her childhood was filled with hard work on the farm and caring for her younger brothers and sisters. She started her schooling at Pleasant Hill school. It was at this school where she began to learn English. German was her parent's language and it was the language spoken in their home.

When Zion Lutheran parochial finished her schooling there. Schoolwork was taught in English at this school and the religious studies were taught in German. Martha's bilingual skills were outstanding and she was often asked to interpret German both orally and in writing her entire life. Many families in St. Francis appreciated her skills when they wanted German family letters or documents read.

Martha had a keen memory of her childhood. She loved to neighborhood children when they went to and from school.

Pastors Jungck, A.L. Hoemann, the H.T. Sawhill home and Rudy Rueb home prior to her marriage.

She was known for her cleanliness in housekeeping and for her excellent care of children. She remained a friend of these children all of her life and always was interested in their lives and their families.

On April 20, 1939, Martha married Gus Zweygardt and

on Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2011, in Goodland, Kan.

the Goodland Good Samaritan Nursing Home.

She grew up 2 miles north of St. married Bill Cranmer on April no longer allow her to do so. 5, 1944, at the Army Chapel in Macon, Ga.

with her folks until he returned in 1945.

was stillborn, and Robert.

Gackel, N.D., on Feb. 23, 1925, friends or business acquaintances of Texas, Danny and wife Martha and died at the Hill Top Nursing she always brought some of her of St. Francis; one sister-in-Home in Gothenburg, Neb., June baked goods for their enjoyment. law, Lavon Schlittenhardt of St. 30, 2011, at the age of 86.

In 1928, Irene moved from North Dakota by train with her father and mother, D. J. Lydia Francis, Kan., then known as "The Breaks."

Irene was united in marriage to

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St. Francis Public Library

Hannah's List

On the anniversary of his beloved

By Debbie Macomber

wife's death, Dr. Michael Everett

receives a letter Hannah had written

In it she reminds him of her

love and makes one final request.

An impossible request- I want you

proved to be important as she had she served in most of the offices loyal customers who valued her in the Jaqua community where her cream and eggs. For many years she faithfully delivered farm fresh eggs and cream weekly to many St. Francis families.

Gus and Martha started farming the Gottlied Rath farm northwest of St. Francis. Their children, Ruth and Glenn, were born while they were living on this farm. Following World War II and the death of Gus's brother, Oscar, they moved to the L.E. Zweygardt farm north of St. Francis. They lived on this farm for 27 years.

They had a diversified farming school was opened in 1922, she operation which included crops, cattle, pigs and chickens. Martha always raised chickens and an extensive garden. She loved flowers and had a lovely flower garden on the south side of their farmhouse. She was among the first in the area to grow a lawn along with her flowers. The Kansas "Balanced Farming and Family Living" award was presented to Martha and Gus in 1959.

Martha began quilting as a young girl and she continued to enjoy quilting all of her life. share stories about the horse and Since she kept an accurate count buggy rides and walking with the of the number of quilts she hand quilted, it is known she completed 126 quilts. Many families in St. Martha worked in the homes of Francis plus her children and grandchildren have quilts that and T. Kreuger. She also worked in were made by her. One of her quilts is displayed at the Cheyenne County Museum.

Martha was baptized, confirmed and married at the Zion Evangelical Missouri Synod Lutheran Church in the Jacqua community. After her marriage she became a member of Salem Lutheran Church. She was a charter member of the Salem Women's Missionary Society which started in 1941. She was became a farm wife. Once again, very proud of her many years of her high standards of cleanliness membership. Through the years,

### Violet Cranmer

Sept. 30, 1924 - Aug. 23, 2011

Violet Cranmer was born became janitor and activity bus on Sept. 30, 1924, and died driver for the high school. During this time, Violet also worked as janitor at the high school for She was born in Cheyenne 7 years. At the same time, she County and lived her entire worked at Ideal Super Market life there with the exception of and cleaned houses. In 1973, she 10 months which she lived in began cooking hamburgers at the sale barn and continued to do so until she retired in 2004.

Violet was baptized and Francis with her parents, Andrew confirmed in the Salem Lutheran and Elizabeth (Raile) Schauer. Church, which her father helped She attended all eight grades of build. Later, she and Bill became Church, St. Francis, with Rev. school at the Cox School District members of the United Methodist Joe Cico officiating. Honorary 4, 3.5 miles west of the home Church. She served the church pallbearers place. She lived there until she faithfully until her health would Cranmer Jr., Roger Wieser, Dean

her parents, her husband, Bill, While Bill served his tour of her brothers, William, Andrew duty in Europe during World (in infancy), Clyde, Elmer, Dave War II, she returned home to live and Bill; her daughter, Beverly, and son-in-law, Glenn Younts.

They farmed 5 miles west daughter, Shirley Younts of of St. Francis and had three Merriam, Kan.; son, Robert children – Shirley, Beverly, who Cranmer, address unknown; grandson, Greg Younts and When Bill had a heart attack in Amelia of Prairie Village, Kan., February 1956, they moved to St. and Drew Robinson and Jill of Francis. When Bill recovered, he Colorado Springs, Colo.; great-

## Irene Erna Andrist

Feb. 23, 1925 - June 30, 2011

Gothenburg to be near her son, Bob and his wife, Pat.

Irene was preceded in death by Wolff Schlittenhardt, to a farm her husband Harland, her parents, which was northwest of St. Dave and Lydia Schlittenhardt, and three brothers Edwin, Ervin, American Legion.

Harland Andrist and they owned sons: Bob and wife Pat of to be held Saturday, Sept. 3 at 2 and operated Harland's Grill in Gothenburg, Neb.; Jerry and his St. Francis for over 30 years. wife Pam of San Antonio, Texas. Irene was well known for her Grandchildren: Jai Andrist and famous cinnamon rolls and pies wife Lisa of Gibbon, Neb.; Tia she made each day as well as Andrist of Kearney, Neb.; Shane her chicken-fried steak and pan- and family, John and family and Senior Center or the Christian fried chicken. Her love of baking Kendall, all of Hays, Kan.; two Church of St. Francis.

and was sending cards and letters to the ill and homebound for this group until she entered the nursing home. Martha taught Sunday School at Salem for 33 years.

She was a member of the Farmeretts Extension Unit and served on the Extension Board. Martha and Gus were active Plum Creek 4-H parents. In 1959, Gus and Martha were host parents to an exchange student from Nepal for 6 weeks.

Martha and Gus enjoyed many friends and neighbors in Chevenne County over the years. Special events such as birthdays and anniversaries were always filled with many cards and letters from these friends.

Martha was preceded in death by her husband, Gus, her parents, two sisters, Vanida Eichstadt and Anne Klemm, a brother Henry Schirmer, and granddaughter, Charise Zweygardt.

Survivors include her children Ruth and Jack Britton of Mission, Kan.; Glenn Zweygardt of Alfred, N.Y.; grandchildren, Susan and John Britton, Rena Mack and Shane Zweygardt; five greatgrandchildren and a sister, Erna Blume of Goodland.

Funeral services were held at Salem Lutheran Church on August 26. Casket bearers were John Britton, Tracey Galli, Royce Gienger, Chris McQuigg, Roger Orth, Keith Zweygardt, Kim Underwood and Roger Blume. Burial was in the Salem Lutheran Cemetery. Memorials may be given to Salem Lutheran Church or to the charity of your choice.

Martha's life was one of hard work, endurance and faithfulness. Truly, God will proclaim "Well thy good and faithful

granddaughter, Sylvie Robinson of Colorado Springs; a brotherin-law, Jack Wieser and Jill of Safford, Ariz., and sisters-inlaw, Lois Sutherland of Des Moines, Iowa, and Viola Jones of Sharon Springs, Kan. She also leaves behind a great number of nephews, nieces, cousins and many extended family and

The funeral service was held on Aug. 27 at the United Methodist were Wieser, Gaylen Schauer, Harold up 35 teams from across the Preceding her in death were Madson and Lanny DeGood. Casket bearers were Stan Orth, Steve Orth, Tom Bandel, Justin Gardner, Chester Wieser Jr. and Verlin Schauer.

Burial was in the St. Francis Leaving to mourn are her Cemetery. Memorials can be sent to the St. Francis United Methodist Church or the St. Francis Senior Citizens Center. Condolences may be sent to the family in care of Knodel Funeral Home, Box 606, St. Francis,

Irene Andrist was born in was immense and visiting with brothers, Elroy and wife Linda In 2008, Irene moved to Francis. She is also survived by nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews too numerous to mention.

She was a member of the Christian Church and the

Her wish to be cremated was She is survived by two honored with graveside services p.m. at the St. Francis Cemetery. Devin Rohweder, a great-nephew, will officiate at the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the St. Francis

## **Beryl Lucy Smull**

March 2, 1912 - Aug. 28, 2011

Neb., where Ralph was working on a construction project, to get married.

Their first home was a converted chicken coop on a farm south of St. Francis now owned by Keith McCall. They soon purchased property from George Schmidt, a mile west and north of the Lawn Ridge Church. Beryl became involved in church activities at Lawn Ridge and later, after the congregation moved, in St. Francis. She played piano for services, taught Sunday school and vacation Bible school and was also active in Home Demonstration Unit and 4-H. She occasionally performed with local string ensembles and gave private piano lessons.

Ralph died in 1973. Of her five children, one survives; Willits (Bill) of Tacoma, Wash. Also surviving are six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Predeceasing her were a son, Donald, daughters Carolyn, Elizabeth (Betty) and Judy, and a great-grandson, Talon Smull.

She taught at an elementary school in Pawnee before accepting Soon after Judy died at birth in 1951, Beryl resumed a position in St. Francis, teaching elementary music. There she teaching, first at a rural school in than 60 years, will play selections north Sherman County, then in of music that Beryl loved. Burial met Ralph Smull and after a Chevenne County at Sunnyside, will be in St. Francis Cemetery. whirlwind courtship rode in an open-cockpit biplane to Oglalla, Lawn Ridge and Wheeler.

Ned A. Wolbach, 71, died blessed with three step-children, Debbie Mathews of Goodland, Saturday, Aug. 27, 2011, at the Jerry, Debbie and Joanie Hukill. Swedish Hospital in Denver,

Colo. He was born Nov. 17, 1939, and Kevin Hanum.

> camping, horseshoes and spit-shinning his truck. He also loved being "Papa" to 13 grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.

Lois; children, Kevin Wolbach of Anne Hukill in Denver. They Otis, Colo., and Annetta Rieber had two children, Kevin Ned and Skip of Burlington, Colo.; and Annetta Marie. He was also stepchildren, Jerry Hukill and St. Francis Cemetery.

She retired from public school teaching when the Wheeler school closed, but remained active in church education and also taught Weight Watchers classes. She helped raise grandsons Ben, Ralph and Donnie, and continued to live by herself on the farmstead into her 80s before reluctantly moving to an apartment in town.

After being disabled by a stroke and broken hip she lived in nursing facilities in Colby and St. Francis before her transfer to Sharon Springs following a fire at the Good Samaritan Village. Despite increasing dementia and painful physical ailments, she remained gracious, pleasant and kind. Renowned for her radiant smile, "Old Blue Eyes" was a well-loved favorite of the nursing home staffs.

The funeral will be 10:30 a.m. on Friday at St. Francis Methodist Church with the Rev. Warren Cico officiating and arrangements by Knodel Funeral Home. Pallbearers are Gabe, Gavin, Ben, Ralph and Donnie Smull, and Andy Pixel. Joan Wellman, friend of Beryl for more

### Ned A. Wolbach Nov. 17, 1939 - Aug. 27, 2011

step-children, Laura Richardson In his spare time, he enjoyed

Ned is survived by his wife,

Laura Richardson and Jeff and On Nov. 29, 1974, Ned married Kevin Hanum and Amy of Greeley, Lois Weber. He welcomed two Colo; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, who he loved dearly; mother and stepfather, Doris and Norris Anderson of St. Francis, and sister, Sherry Weeks and Dale of St. Francis as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his stepdaughter, Joanie Hukill.

The funeral service will be held on Thursday, Sept. 1, at the First Baptist Church in St. Francis. Burial will be at a later date in the

# 4-H state livestock judging contest held in Manhattan

The Kansas State Livestock Judging Contest was held in Manhattan on Aug. 20 and 21. The Cheyenne County 4-H team made the trip to Manhattan to Everett compete in the state contest.

There were 165 kids that ma state competing. The contest was made up of eight classes: four cattle, two sheep and two hog classes. Participants then gave four sets of reasons to defend their placings.

The Cheyenne County team placed fourth in the sheep division, 11th in reasons and 15th overall in the contest.

Individually, Laura Brunk was fourth high individual in the sheep division and Taylor Archibald was 13th overall in reasons. Members of the 2011 team

Taylor Archibald, include: Shakotah Blanka, Laura Brunk, Garrett Brunk, Emily Elfers, Allison Grice, Ivan Kemp, Bailey Merklin and Valerie Wurm.

The judging team will take some time off then continue workouts this winter to prepare for the Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic held in Kearney, NE in late February.

Please contact the Cheyenne County Extension office at 332-3171 if interested in becoming involved with the 2012 4-H Livestock Judging Team.



LAURA BRUNK judges livestock at the state competition.

## **Club Clip**

## **Red Hat Mamas**

Aug. 16 was the day the Red Hat Mamas of Bird City and McDonald caravanned to Colby for a morning of touring the Prairie Museum of Art and History. The many quilts on display featured the talent of Theresa Aschenbrenner. Thomas County Historical Society volunteer, Ray Imhof, showed an educational museum.

The professionally displayed exhibits were mainly from the world-class Kuska family that lived in Colby for over 50 years. Nellie Kuska had a radio show on KXXX called "The Hobby Lady."

The Prairie Living Site of the museum features The Cooper Barn, presented Vernetta Haack with a

of Kansas Architecture. This barn was formerly known as the Foster Farm barn and is the largest barn in Kansas, measuring 66-feet wide, 114-feet long and 48-foot high. The barn built in 1936, was moved 16 miles in one piece, in 1992 to become part of the museum.

To complete the hamlet are: 1930s farmstead of the Eller house, Vacin barn, Nicol School, sod home and Lone Star Church.

A relaxing lunch was enjoyed at Village Inn. The humorous reading chairwoman, Phyllis Wingfield, read the story "A few of our favorite things."

Acting Queen, Beverly Higgins,

which is one of the Eight Wonders red hat framed music box in honor of her being selected the 2011 Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show queen. Attendingwere:FlorenceAntholz,

> Bonnie Burr, Linda Carroll, Vernetta Haack, Bev Higgins, Iris McIntosh, Carol Mears, Lois Morelock, Edna Roesener, Connie Rooney, LaVina Waters, Phyllis Wingfield and guest Betty Weaver. On Saturday, Bonnie, Vernetta,

> Bev, Iris, Carol, LaVina and Phyllis accepted the invitation to attend the annual ladies brunch at Bird City Wesley Community Church. Kim Zweygardt movingly

narrated "The Woman at the Well." Bonnie and Connie will announce

September meeting plans.

to marry again. She tells him he shouldn't spent the years he has left grieving her. And to that end she's chosen three women she asks him to consider.

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chef who owns a cafe on Seattle's strays, human and animal. Macy Blossom Street. The second is is energetic, artistic, eccentric-and Leanne oncology nurse. Michael knows Michael. them both. But the third name is one he's not familiar with-Macy Roth.

**Book Review** 

has her own heartache, her own about each of them...and about private grief. More than a year earlier, Winter broke of her already knew. He's a man who relationship with another chef. needs the completeness only love Leanne is divorced from a man can offer. And Hannah's list leads who defrauded the hospital for him to the woman who can help which she works. And Macy lacks him find it.

First on Hannah's list is her family of her own, the family cousin, Winter Adams, a trained she craves, but she's a rescue of Lancaster, Hannah's couldn't be more different from During the months that follow,

he spends time with Winter, Each of these three women Leanne and Macy, learning more himself. Learning what Hannah

video highlighting the history of the

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