

OBITUARIES

Imogene McDougal

Aug. 13, 1952 - Oct. 12, 2013



She is survived by her husband, Doyle, and daughter, Sheila (Jeff) Newland, all of North Platte, Neb.; a son, Marshall (Samantha) Siruta, of Goodland; her mother, Lorraine Long, of Hays; three grandchildren, Megan and Jordan Siruta and Nicholas Newland; four sisters, Rita (Bill) Barker, of Hays, Rhonda (Dennis) Johnson, of Assaria, Irene Schiefer-ecke, of McPherson, and Gerry (Mark) Baalman, of Grinnell; nine brothers, Kenneth (Dorothy) Long, of Nixa, Mo., Roger (JoAnn) Long, of New Almelo,

Joe (RoseAnn) Long, of Climax Springs, Mo., Tom (Jan) Long, of Woodruff, Floyd (Karen) Long, of Kimball, Neb., Frank (Leticia) Long, of St. Elizabeth, Mo., Fred (Mardie) Long, of Independence, Mo., Gary (Carolyn) Long, of Hill City, and Leonard (Joan) Long, of Logan; many nieces and great-nieces, nephews and great-nephews and other family.

She was preceded in death by her father, Marion; and an infant brother, Lawrence Joseph Long.

Visitation was Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Odean Colonial Chapel at C & Sycamore.

A Rosary Service was held on Wednesday, Oct. 16, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Patrick's Catholic Church with Father Neal Hock as celebrant.

Burial followed in Fort McPherson National Cemetery. Condolences may be shared at odeanchapel.com.

Odean Colonial Chapel at C & Sycamore is in charge of arrangements.

Grada (Geregje) Jansonius

Jan. 21, 1915 - Oct. 6, 2013

Grada (Geregje) Jansonius, daughter of Christian and Hannah (Hogan) Van Kooten, was born Jan. 21, 1915 at Long Island, Kansas. She was the second oldest of six children. She died Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013 at the Logan Manor, Logan, Kansas at the age of 98 years and eight months.

Grada grew up on the family farm southeast of Long Island and attended a one-room school at Jackson Grade School which was located one mile south of their home. She was a member of the Luctor Christian Reformed Church all her life and also belonged to the Ladies Aid Golden Hour Circle. As a young girl she worked as a maid in the

following cities: Midland Park, N.J.; Denver, Colo.; and Bellflower, Calif.

Grada married William (Bill) Jansonius April 2, 1940 at her parents' home southeast of Long Island. To this union, three children were born: Evalée Joyce, Willard Gale, and Cleo James. They lived south of Prairie View on a farm most of their married life, moving to Prairie View in 1997. She enjoyed living on the farm being a homemaker, cooking and raising a family. After an illness, she moved into the Logan Manor on May 2004.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill; her parents, brothers Bastian, Jerome, and Alfred Van Kooten; sisters Juel

Van Kooten and Opal Day.

Mourning her departure are: daughter Evalée Hall and husband Dick of Pine, Ariz.; sons Willard Jansonius of Prairie View, and Cleo Jansonius of Logan; grandson Clint Schulze and wife Monica of Buckeye, Ariz.; great-grandchildren: Jordan, Sierra and Shaylynn Schulze of Buckeye, Ariz.; four sisters-in-law: Hazel Jansonius of Prairie View; Anne Jansonius of Logan; Henrietta Van Kooten of Long Island; and Genevieve Van Kooten of Sanborn, Iowa; along with many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Grada's memory shall long be cherished by all of her family and friends.

Enrollment open for Medicare Part D

Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas (SHICK), a free program administered by the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS), wants Kansans who are enrolled or who are eligible to enroll in Medicare Part D to know it has specially trained counselors available to answer questions and help guide Kansans through the process.

Open enrollment for Medicare Part D (Medicare prescription drug coverage), is Oct. 15 - Dec. 7, 2013. SHICK counselors can assist in comparing the 30 plans available and help determine if eligible participants qualify for extra help with prescription costs.

"SHICK counselors are trained to help older Kansans cut through the confusion that sometimes keeps them from understanding their Medicare Part D options," KDADS Secretary Shawn Sullivan said. "During this open enrollment period, we're here to help you find the prescription drug plan that best meets your needs."

Medicare covers both generic and brand name prescriptions through private companies and also will provide extra help if you have income less than 150 percent of the Federal Poverty level and/or limited resources. If you qualify for extra help, Medicare will pay for 75 percent or more of your prescription drug costs and you will automatically receive help paying premiums, deductibles and co-pays, and there is no coverage gap.

Income and resource limits change each year, so contact your SHICK counselor for the current year amounts. It is important to make sure that the plan you choose for the coming year offers you the best coverage for the medicines you take.

"We encourage all Medicare recipients to go online or schedule a meeting with a SHICK counselor annually to compare Medicare prescription drug plans," said Craig Kaberline, KDADS Commissioner on Aging. "Each year Medicare Part D premiums change as well as co-pays and medications covered

by the prescription drug plans. It's always good to review your plan and make sure it's still the best plan for meeting your needs."

SHICK counseling is free, unbiased, confidential, and available to anyone with questions about Medicare. To find a SHICK counselor in your area and to schedule a free, confidential counseling session with a trained, unbiased counselor in your area call 1-800-860-5260. Information can also be found online at www.Medicare.gov or by calling Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

Congress created State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIPs). There is a SHIP in every state as well as Guam, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia. Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas (SHICK) is the SHIP for Kansas. An important role of the SHICK program is to provide outreach and education to people with Medicare and others regarding health insurance options, benefits and choices.

CLUB NEWS

By Julie Thompson
The meeting of the Beta Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International was held on Oct. 7, 2013 at the home of Pam Menagh. Co-hostesses were Trudy Stockham and Julie Thompson. Nineteen members were present.

The program preceded the meeting and consisted of a tour of the Heaton Building. Gloria Nelson and Linus Schamber showed all of the structural improvements completed during the first phase of the historic restoration. Norton is one of only two towns in Kansas that have store fronts that open to two streets. Mr. Schamber ex-

plained that the first phase was quite complicated due to the amount of roof, foundation, and water damage to the structures. He explained the buildings are now stronger than when built due to infrastructure. He told the group that sixty-five percent of the square footage in the three buildings has already been reserved. An events area is also included in the plan.

It was evident that Gloria and Len and Linus Schamber have a passion for historic preservation and consider this a "Labor of Love."

Following the tour, the co-hostesses served lunch. President Joyce Morel has moved

from the Norton area, so the meeting was called to order by Vice-President Verlaine Schooler. The minutes and treasurer's report were given. Money the Fun Way prize was won by Brenda Mann.

An installation ceremony was held to install the new officers with Verlaine Schooler accepting the duties of President, and Brenda Mann accepting those of Vice-President. An initiation ceremony followed to welcome new members Heather Dubois and Kim Fiscus. Linda Burge was unable to attend.

The meeting was adjourned with the recitation of the club collect.

Church Bazaar



The St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Parish Bazaar took place last Sunday. A meal of turkey and dressing and all the fixings was served before the auctioning of hand-crafts, fancywork and baked goods. Pictured are Allan Miller and Jim Pfannenstiel holding up a baby quilt to be auctioned off. Alvin Mapes looks out for bidders as Lance Kinderknecht does the auctioneering.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Preserving history and hospitality

By Ron Wilson
Huck Boyd Institute

The overnight guest wrote a note in the guest book. That's not so unusual, but this note was written in Spanish. Of course, that is understandable, since this guest came from Argentina. Today we'll meet a woman who is marketing her community and operating a bed and breakfast which is attracting guests from all over.

Lori Lennen and her mother Larue Lennen are the owners of the Trail City Bed and Breakfast in Coolidge, Kan. Coolidge is located in western Kansas - in fact, two miles from the Colorado border.

Lori's grandparents on both sides homesteaded near Coolidge. Her family moved to a ranch near Russell but eventually came back to Coolidge where her dad was an auctioneer. He purchased several of the old buildings there. Lori's career took her to Arizona for 20 years, but when her father passed away, she moved back to help her mother.

They scheduled an auction to disperse the old buildings, but when Lori heard people talking about what it would cost to tear down those historic limestone buildings, they cancelled the auction. "Dad bought those old buildings to save them," Lori said.

One of the buildings was a historic opera house. They got it listed on the Kansas Register of Historic Places and are working on a renovation. The Lennens also own a limestone mercantile building which houses a visitors' center.

Then a home next to the opera house came up for sale. "The realtor threw me the keys and said, 'Take a look. This would make a great bed and breakfast,'" Lori said.

Lori was busy at the time, but when she did take a look, she decided the realtor was right. They were needing a place for their building contractors to stay anyway. Lori and her mother Larue bought this historic home,

remodelled it and now operate it as a five-bedroom, five-bath b and b.

The home has a fascinating history. It was once a saloon in the now non-existent town of Trail City just west of Coolidge.

In the 1880s, Kansas cattlemen were trying to get the Texas cattle drives out of their state, and Colorado cattlemen were doing the same thing across the state line. However, due to a surveying error, there was a three-mile gap between where Kansas ended and Colorado began. That gap with no official jurisdiction made it possible for the trail drives to continue up to Wyoming. It became known as No Man's Land or Hell's Half Acre. Here sprung up the town of Trail City, which became a haven for rowdies and outlaws.

Trail City was wild and woolly. For example, times were so crazy that Coolidge passed a city ordinance which banned women from riding horses naked. Wow. Eventually, the cattle drives ended. Trail City withered away, and nothing is left but crumbling foundations. The territory was given to Colorado and the saloon was moved to Coolidge where it became a home. That home is now the Trail City Bed and Breakfast.

The Arkansas River flows

gently nearby. Silt from development in Denver has washed downriver and created a soft, sandy riverbed which meanders through the cottonwood. Deer, turtles, and two-foot-long catfish can be found here in this scenic setting. Geocaching and wildlife viewing are popular pursuits.

"It is magnificent," Lori said. She is now organizing horseback rides (fully clothed) along the riverbed.

The Trail City Bed and Breakfast has hosted guests from all over, across the country and from as far away as England and Argentina. That's pretty impressive for a rural community like Coolidge, population 86 people. Now, that's rural.

"It's lots of fun," Lori said. "People enjoy the authentic experience. The potential for rural America can't be beat."

For more information, go to www.trailcitybb.com.

The overnight guest left his message in Spanish - which is understandable when one learns that he is originally from Argentina. We salute Lori Lennen and Larue Lennen for making a difference by preserving and sharing this history and hospitality. To them we say "Muchas Gracias" - and make sure your guests keep their clothes on while riding.

MY KIDZ STUFF

Children's Consignment Sale

Friday, Oct. 25 **Saturday, Oct. 26**

9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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