Emily Wishall earns scholarship

**THE MORNING SUN**

Best Buy Children's Foundation has awarded a scholarship to Emily Wishall, daughter of Mike and Beth Wishall.

A 2007 graduate of St. Mary's-Colgan High School, she plans to attend the University of Kansas in the fall.

Scholarship recipients were chosen based on community service and academic achievement, and must be entering an accredited U.S. university, college or technical school in the fall immediately following their high school graduation.

This year the Best Buy Children's Foundation awarded more than $2.7 million to graduating high school seniors across the country. More than 1,700 persons were selected to receive scholarships for $1,500 or $10,000.

**Scholarship Management Services**, a department of Scholarship America, serves as program administrator.
Still time to enjoy annual event

In case you didn’t get a chance to attend or participate in this year’s annual Juneteenth Celebration hosted by Stardusters, it’s not too late. Today is Juneteenth Free Day, and dads along with their families have an opportunity to participate as an added topping to their Father’s Day celebration.

Participate in the event by going to the Westlake Shelter House at Gage Park and getting a free wristband. Dads can round up the kids and family members to visit the zoo, ride the carousel, hop a ride on the mini train and cool off in the swimming pool. There are also pony rides and a carnival offering various rides, candy and a number of treats.

There’s no need to worry about missing out on your faith service. The event also offers church services at 10 a.m. in the Big Gage Shelter house. The service is bound to provide your spiritual enrichment and features the Voices of H.O.P.E., of Wichita; FOCUS, of Kansas City, Mo.; and Pastor Kenneth Perkins from We Care, of Topeka.

At noon join Deborah Dandridge, field archivist for the African-American collections and the Kansas Collection at The University of Kansas’ Spencer Research Library, as she speaks on the “Kansas Africa-American Community in the 20th Century.”

Throughout the all-day celebration, there’s live entertainment and music.

Live bands are featured along with an urban safari, dominoes, cards, horseshoe tournaments and a VIP and political speaking forum.

The event’s mixture of fun and civic engagement also will include an opportunity to register to vote.

Get caught up on the history and world-wide celebration of Juneteenth. The Web site Juneteenth.com indicates Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. “Today Juneteenth commemorates African-American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a day, a week and in some areas a month marked with celebrations, guest speakers, picnics and family gatherings. It is a time for reflection and rejoicing. It is also a time for assessment, self-improvement and for planning the future,” according to the Web site.

Juneteenth is an opportunity for all to be a part of a national celebration that embraces the efforts of many.

Take time out of your day to be a part of something meaningful. Just keeping it real. Happy Father’s Day.

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Government lessons

Boys', Girls' State a lasting service

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More than many other Americans, U.S. military veterans fully appreciate our democratic form of government.

With that in mind, the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary for more than six decades have sponsored the Boys State and Girls State programs to help young people understand and get engaged in the democratic process.

Boys State of Kansas is under way this week at Kansas State University, and Sunflower Girls State just completed its run at Kansas University. Every year, hundreds of high school seniors-to-be from all across the state participate in these programs sponsored by American Legion posts in Kansas. By the way, Boys State was held at KU until a building renovation in 1990 caused the program to be moved to K-State; it never returned to Mount Oread.

During a very full week of activity, they hear from public officials and get the feel for what it's like to be actively involved in local and state government. By running mock campaigns, they learn what it takes to form and convey a political message to other people. Once elected, they see all the details involved with running the three branches of state government and the bureaucracy that goes with them. It's a great exercise in teamwork and leadership.

Two Kansas teens from Boys State and two from Girls State will have the good fortune to represent the state at Boys Nation and Girls Nation in Washington, D.C.

Girls Nation was described as a Kansas American Legion official as a life-changing experience for those who participate. While the national event is a special honor, every participant in the Kansas Boys and Girls State events should go home with greater knowledge and appreciation for the democratic process in the state and nation. Even if they never run for office, what they learn about the process of campaigning and serving in public office will make them better voters and citizens.

Fostering students' involvement in and enthusiasm for government and the election process has been part of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary mission since these programs were founded in the 1930s. It's a great gift to the individual students involved and a wonderful contribution to the future of Kansas.
Recalling the night of Quantrill’s raid

(EDITOR’S NOTE: Leading up to Gardner’s 150th birthday celebration, The Gardner News will publish guest columns reflecting on the community’s history. The articles will be furnished by the Gardner Sesquicentennial Committee featuring historical perspectives from local authors living and deceased.)

When A.B. McDonald used to write feature articles for the Kansas City Star, he came out to Gardner in 1930 to interview citizens about the old trails, he was told that years ago Ezra Meeker had returned from Oregon and located the spot at Washington and Center streets where he had first seen the crude sign post with the words scrawled and a hand pointing toward Oregon.

Arthur Bigelow, great grandfather of Jim Bigelow, drew for McDonald a map, which agreed exactly with Meeker’s. Gus Hayden, grandfather of Leonard Sebring, related to him how he once hauled produce into Westport over the old trail to sell to the steamboats.

George Moore, father of Amy Moore, Nelson Moore, Lena Davis and Gertrude Goodey, showed him where the old Oregon trail, 20 feet wide, passed through a field even though he had for years plowed, harrowed, and dragged soil trying to fill it; J.D. and Luverne Frazier farm today just north of Gardner.

It was over this trail that Quantrill’s band moved toward Lawrence at the foot of Devil’s Backbone, which we today call Mound Oread, the old trail which was in a way responsible for the location of Lawrence. It is fitting that the name of a fiend has not been retained, that the height on which tower the structures of the great University of Kansas was soon to bear the name of a hill the east where stood another college.

It is strange that Quantrill’s raiders could have made the ride of 40 miles through Kansas settlements without a word of warning reaching Lawrence, but such was the case. When they halted within pistol shot of town to plan the attack, the people suspected no danger. All firearms were locked in the arsenal. Just before sunrise, the inhuman raisers fired upon a boy and his pony when the lad bravely declined to give them any information. Leaving the pony dead and the boy wounded, they attacked and killed about 20 unarmed recruits in camp nearby before entering Lawrence to kill all men not in the army due to age or disability. Four hours later, the butchery and brutality, the looting and the burning finished, Quantrill and his men, all but the single casualty they had sustained, retreated toward Missouri, mounted upon stolen horses and heavily laden with plunder. Among the dead was the first schoolmaster of Lawrence who when Quantrill lived there had loaned him books and befriended him.

Their route through the countryside could be seen from afar as the destruction continued; spirals of smoke from burning buildings were seen from Baldwin as well as elsewhere.

S.P. Ramey and his family had a closer and more terrifying view, for the half-drunk, plunder-laden Quantrill and his men straggled by the little Ramey farm on the slopes of Blue Mound a few miles south of Lawrence in Douglas County.

They had heard the commotion and seen the flames of the destruction.

Sarah Ramey and her children drove their stock back into the woods and hid nearby while Sam who had remained near the house was forced to hide in a well.

After that experience they removed to the Antioch neighborhood south of Gardner to make their home. Descendants are Ariel DeNoon Ellis, Naomi, Linda and Lois Kincaide; and Vida Nelson Hill. Vida’s mother Mattie Ramey Nelson was a child at the time of the raid and Ariel’s mother Mae Ramey DeNoon was born after the arrival at Antioch.
CAMERON MCGUIRE, a junior at GEHS, performed on trumpet with the KUKC Youth Wind Symphony at Yardley Hall - JCCC.

The Kansas University Kansas City Wind Symphony is a select group of high school musicians in the Kansas City Metro area and surrounding school districts in Kansas and Missouri, conducted by Dr. John Lynch, Director of Bands at KU.

McGuire is a member of the GEHS Band and Jazz Band.

He is the son of Mike and Robyn McGuire, Gardner.
Lynn receives Juris Doctorate

Wendy Lynn, daughter of Bill and Linda Lynn of Bartlett, received her Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Kansas during May's commencement exercises. While in law school, Lynn was active in the Legal Aid and Judicial Clerkship Clinics and Moot Court. She also was an Associate Editor for the Kansas Journal of Law and Public Policy and served as a teaching assistant for research and writing classes.

She has accepted a position as a judicial clerk for the Honorable K. Gary Sebelius, United States Magistrate Judge, in Topeka.

Before entering the University of Kansas as a Law student, Ms. Lynn graduated from Field Kindley Memorial High School in 1999, Butler County Community College in 2001 and Kansas State University in 2003.
New University of Kansas students and their parents from Ellis, Graham, Norton, Osborne, Phillips, Rooks, Russell, Smith and Trego counties will be welcomed into the KU family at the Jayhawk Generations Welcome Picnic at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, in Hays.

The KU Alumni Association and its North chapter will greet the next generation of Jayhawks at the southeast parking lot shelter of the Hays Medical Center, 2220 Canterbury. Area alumni, new students, students interested in learning more about KU and parents are invited to attend and enjoy complimentary food and beverages. Each new Jayhawk will also receive a free T-shirt.

Chapter members coordinating the event are John Jeter of Hays, president; Thomas Baumann II of Norton, vice president; Ross Wichman of Hays, secretary; Gary Shorman of Hays, communications chair; Erin Hill of Norton, student recruitment; Daniel Krug of Russell, legislative chair; and Lyle Billips of Bogue, entertainment chair. Alumni association staff will arrive with the signature KU trailer full of grills, burgers and brats for the festivities. Current KU students, alumni and university representatives will mix and mingle with students to answer questions and offer advice.

Alumni association representatives and guests planning to attend are Sarah Blaney, Kansas Honors Program coordinator; Mike Davis, senior vice president for alumni programs; Heath Peterson, director of Kansas programs; and Jamie Winkelman, alumni programs coordinator.

For more information or to make reservations, visit www.kualumni.org, call the KU Alumni Association at (800) 584-2957 or e-mail kualumni@kualumni.org.
KU’s Class of 2007 numbered more than 6,400, including 2,125 who completed degree work in summer and fall 2006. Commencement was held on Sunday, May 20, for the university's 135th commencement procession into Memorial Stadium. Graduates from Gray County included Amy Winsor, Montezuma, Bachelor of Science in Education, Elementary Education, BSE, daughter of Doug and Carol Winsor. Amy attended South Gray High School. Others from Gray County graduating included: from Cimarron, Sheryl Marie Doubek; from Ingalls, Kelsey Lynn Gerber; from Copeland, Sarah Beth Leonard.
New University of Kansas students and their parents from Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas and Wallace counties will be welcomed into the KU family at the Jayhawk Generations Welcome Picnic at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 18, in Oakley.

The KU Alumni Association and its Northwest chapter will greet the next generation of Jayhawks at Annie Oakley Park, Fifth and Price streets. Area alumni, new students, students interested in learning more about KU and parents are invited to attend and enjoy complimentary food and beverages. Each new Jayhawk will also receive a free T-shirt.

Chapter members coordinating the event are: Jeff Mason and Travis Daise, both of Goodland, president and vice president, respectively; Paul Steele of Colby, secretary; and Kurt Vollersten of Oberlin and Mike Day of St. Francis, co-chairs of student recruitment. Alumni association staff will arrive with the signature KU trailer full of grills, burgers and brats for the festivities. Current KU students, alumni and uni-

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Boden graduates from KU

Ross Boden, son of Lavern and Madonna Boden of Chappell, NE, and grandson of Ed and Hazel Boden, Osborne, graduated from Kansas University on May 20. Boden earned a bachelor of science in finance with distinction and was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society.

Boden plans to attend Kansas University Law School in the fall. He is a 2003 graduate of Holyoke High School.