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Benjamin Hornung, son of Dr. Joel and Jeanette Hornung, will be among the undergraduate students recognized as recipients of the University of Kansas' most prestigious scholarships during halftime of KU’s football game this Saturday against Texas. He is a Summerfield Scholar majoring in biology.

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Solon E. Summerfield scholarships are awarded to top male students graduating from Kansas high schools, in recognition of outstanding academic achievements, community service and leadership. The scholarships are funded through an endowment established in 1929.

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Street photographer to give lecture, judge 5-state exhibition

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The Hays Arts Council, 112 E. 11th, will host a solo exhibition by Lawrence artist Gary Mark Smith until Dec. 6.

The display, titled "Sleeping in the City: Dreamscapes and Other Episodes From Inside The Wire (1978-2008)" opened Wednesday.

Smith will highlight his career with an artist's lecture at 7 p.m. Nov. 20 at Fort Hays State University's Rarick Hall, room 114. The event will be free and open to the public.

In addition to exhibiting his own artwork, Smith will serve as the juror for the HAC's 25th annual Five State Photography Competition and Exhibition.

A graduate of the University of Kansas, Smith has become one of the most highly regarded global street photographers. Since 1982, he has executed several extensive street photography field expeditions annually on the streets of more than 60 countries on six continents.

He is the author of three street photography books and has garnered numerous awards, including recognition from the American Photo Magazine.

For more information about Smith, visit his Web site at www.streetphoto.com.

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World War II pilot—
Aviator Lt. Beyer lives his dream

Randall Braden
For The Republican

GRIDLEY — Willis Beyer said from the time he was a little kid growing up on the farm, he had always wanted to learn to fly. Then when war broke out in 1941, his childhood dream began to slowly take shape.

Beyer, now 86, and a native of Gridley, was just 19 years old when President Franklin Delano Roosevelt issued the declaration of war at the outset of World War II. At the time, Willis was a recent graduate of Gridley High School.

With his sights set on a higher education, the young Beyer enrolled at Coffeyville Junior College. There he had an opportunity to enroll in the school’s flight training program.

“During my freshman and sophomore year, I took flying lessons in one of those little yellow Piper Cubs,” Willis said with a chuckle.

Student at KU

After earning a diploma from Coffeyville Junior College, Beyer enrolled at University of Kansas, taking with him fond memories of his flight experience from junior college.

“I was a junior at KU about to be drafted, so I enlisted in the Army Air Corps,” he said.

Military Flight Training

Willis began his military flight training at Macalester College in New Brighton, Minn., in April 1943. He initially trained in a single-engine Aeronca model TL. The following are some entries made by his flight instructor in his pilot logbook:

“Student responds well to instruction and is very cooperative.”

“Student working hard. Really interested in making a good job of flying.”

“Takeoff and landing in stiff cross-wind were really OK. Student has keen judgment on altitude and in analyzing and correcting errors.”

Commissioned as a second lieutenant, the young aviator’s next phase of flight training was in the Wichita-built Boeing Stearman, “a two-winger,” Beyer remembers. It was then on to the “heavy iron” aircraft, as described in aviation terms. He initially trained on single-engine fighters (P-39s and P-40s), then moved up to the P-38 Lightning, a two-engine pursuit aircraft built by the Lockheed Aircraft Company.

Beyer graduated from the Army Air Corps Pilot School (Advanced Two Engine) at Williams Field, Chandler, Ariz., in March 1944. His aircraft was the P-38.

“The P-38 was the deadliest weapon that had ever been invented at that time,” he noted. “It had four 50-caliber machine guns and a 35mm cannon. You could turn ‘em all loose at once. When you did that, something happened out in front.”

Throughout the time he served as a pilot in the military, the P-38 Lightning was Lt. Beyer’s all-time favorite combat aircraft.

Chosen for Gunnery School

“When I was a kid, we did a lot of hunting, and I was always a good shot,” Willis recalls. “I could shoot a piece of gravel off of a fence post, although I never was able to shoot well enough to drive a nail. At gunnery school, they had contests, and I always won the contests. So they made me a gunnery school flight instructor. Being a good shot with an airplane (however), was not nearly as good as being able to fly right.”

Beyer excelled in teaching pilots how to shoot. During his three years of service, he taught at several Army Air Corps bases in Arizona and California.

“I had two duties,” the military veteran said. “One was to patrol the west coast and the other was to teach pilots.”

With a smile, Beyer added, “Like all kids, we liked speed. It didn’t take long at 300 miles an hour to fly from Seattle to San Diego (while patrolling along the west coast for Japanese submarines).”

“I got chewed out once because I had a piece of cactus lodged in my fuselage,” Beyer grinned.

The job came with risk, he went on to say. “We lost a pilot every week or so (due to training accidents). Sometimes when they had an engine failure, they would bail out and then slam into the (boom) tail section of the aircraft.”

Because he was extremely valuable to the Army Air Corps as an outstanding gunnery instructor, he was never assigned to combat duty overseas.

“The P-38 was a deadly machine, but I never had to kill a man,” Willis said with an expression of relief. He added philosophically, “I wish people could get along without fighting all the time.”

Prayer and Christian Values

“One thought I would have to bail out,” Beyer remembers. “Thanks to my Christian upbringing, I prayed after my engines quit. So, something then tapped me on the shoulder and a voice said, ‘Start those engines. And they came back to life.’”

He credits his parents and grandparents for setting good values to live by.

Beyond the Military
Willis returned to University of Kansas following his tour of duty and graduated in 1948. He is married to the former Betty Jones, whom he met while they were both students at Coffeyville Junior College. The couple have a daughter, Dianne Hays, who lives in Arkansas; sons Philip and Rod, who reside in Coffey County; a son, Bill, who lives in Emporia; and son, Kim, who is a resident of Gridley.

Motor Company Purchased

Willis purchased the Jones Motor Co. auto dealership in Gridley in 1949 from Fred Jones and renamed it Beyer Motor Company. His sons, Kim and Danny, bought into the business in 1978. Following Danny's death in 1989, Kim and his wife, Sharon (the former Sharon Williams), joined by Kim's parents, continued to operate the family business. Now Kim and Sharon operate the firm and are joined by their son-in-law, Cameron Miller, who is service manager; Beyer Motor Company will celebrate its 60th anniversary next year as a family business.

Kim and Sharon Beyer have five children: Nathan, of Lyndon; Tara (Miller), of Gridley; John, a junior at Southern Coffey County High School; Mary, a freshman at Southern Coffey County High School; and James, in the sixth-grade at Southern Coffey County Middle School.
The P-38 Lightning was Willis Beyer's all-time favorite combat aircraft to fly while in the Army Air Corps.

Second Lieutenant Willis Beyer and his wife, Betty, pose for a photograph following his graduation from the Army Air Force Pilot School at Williams Field, Chandler, Ariz., in March 1944.
KU Students Honored at Saturday’s game

On Saturday, Nov. 15, the University of Kansas will honor recipients of its most prestigious scholarships during halftime of the KU vs. Texas game in Memorial Stadium.

More than 680 undergraduates are recipients of one of six top scholarships offered at KU.

Local students who will be honored that day include Matthew Wayne Dunlap, son of Teresa and Greg Sanderson of Horton. He is a junior who is majoring in economics and is a National Hispanic Scholar.

Robert William Jackson, son of Nancy and William Jackson of Robinson is a pre-medicine sophomore and will be named a Summerfield Scholar. He is a graduate of Hiawatha High School.

Jareb Tyler Stallbaumer, son of Kenneth and Joyce Stallbaumer of Wetmore, is a pre-pharmacy sophomore and is also a Summerfield Scholar.
Two local students to receive honors at KU

On Saturday, Nov. 15, the University of Kansas will honor recipients of its most prestigious scholarships during halftime of the KU v Texas game in Memorial Stadium.

The scholars and their parents are invited to attend the Scholars Day on the Field recognition program. The students and their parents receive complimentary tickets. In addition, they meet with the chancellor and other university officials during a pre-game buffet at the Kansas Union.

Area students to be honored are:
- Ella Medora Fund-Reznicek, Goff, daughter of Mary Fund and Edward Reznicek Linguistics BA, Junior, Watkins-Berger Scholar.
- Jareb Tyler Stallbaumer, Wetmore, son of Kenneth and Joyce Stallbaumer, Pre-Pharmacy, Sophomore, Summerfield Scholar.

Both are Wetmore High School graduates.
University Of Kansas Honors Top Scholars

The University of Kansas will honor recipients of its most prestigious scholarships during halftime of the KU vs. Texas game in Memorial Stadium Saturday, Nov. 15.

Several students from Mulvane will be among those honored including Gavin Snider, son of Tim and Rita Snider. He is a senior majoring in architecture and a National Merit Scholar. Another National merit Scholar is TJ McDaniel, son of Jennifer McDaniel. He is a freshman and in pre-medicine.

The National Merit scholarship is widely recognized as the most prestigious national award bestowed on high school seniors. Fewer than 10,000 students of the 1.2 million who compete for the scholarship receive it.

Elizabeth M. Watkins-Emily Berger scholarships for women are awarded to top students graduating from Kansas high schools in recognition of outstanding academic achievements, community service and leadership.

Recipients of the Watkins-Berger scholarship are Ronnie Blackburn, Jordan Cox and Kara Schippers. Blackburn is the daughter of Dennis and Rhonda Blackburn. She is a freshman in pre-medicine.

Cox is the daughter of Brent and Karen Iverson. She is a freshman in pre-education, secondary. Schippers, the daughter of Robert and Becky Schippers, is a sophomore working on a professional master of architecture degree.
Law grad wins awards

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A recent graduate of the University of Kansas School of Law has won two prizes for legal writing and will have articles published in an environmental law journal.

Justin Waggoner, a Glen Elder native, won first place in the State Bar of Texas International Law Section's Law School Writing Contest and second place in the Seventh Annual Environmental Law Essay Contest, sponsored by the Environmental Law Section of the Michigan State Bar.

First-place honors in the Texas contest came with $1,000, consideration for publication in the Texas Transnational Law Quarterly and an invitation to the International Law Section's 21st Annual International Law Institute in 2009. Waggoner also picked up a $1,000 prize in the Michigan competition, as well as future publication in the Michigan Environmental Law Journal and an invitation to dinner with members of the Council of the Environmental Law Section.

"It is such an honor to have won these awards," said Waggoner, who graduated in May and now works for Case, Moses, Zimmerman & Wilson PA in Wichita. "I believe international law is a fascinating area of practice, so it is particularly rewarding for my papers to have been recognized. Due to the significant of environmental matters, I am also very excited to have my views and analyses published in the Michigan Environmental Law Journal."

In the Texas competition, Waggoner won first place with a paper titled "The World Trade Organization: A Vacant Playground?" The piece analyzes the multitude of bilateral trade agreements that have arisen, while multilateral trade negotiations under the WTO have stalled. In particular, the paper focuses on how the United States and the European Union have detracted from multilateral trade negotiations by "racing" each other to sign bilateral trade agreements with other countries.

The paper that won second place in the Michigan contest is titled "Developing a Better America Rather Than Perpetuating the American Dream: Why Transit Oriented Development Has Merit." In the paper, Waggoner describes the benefits of transit oriented development, especially in comparison with urban sprawl development.


This isn't the first time Waggoner has been recognized for his legal writing. Last year he won first place in the Andrew P. Vance Memorial Writing Competition, sponsored by the Customs and International Trade Bar Association and the Brooklyn Law School. His paper was published in the Brooklyn Journal of International Law and will be reprinted later this year in a book titled Geographical Indications.

Waggoner is the son of Frank and Becky Waggoner of Glen Elder. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration at Kansas State University in 2005. He graduated in May 2008 from the KU School of Law, where he also completed a Certificate in International Trade and Finance. He is the son-in-law of Susan Balman, of El Dorado, and Kirk Wagner, of Wichita. His wife is Laura Waggoner.