Technology helps

Albertice Lucille Kemp Anderson

Oct. 11, 1911 - Jan. 20, 2007 Albertice Lucille Kemp was born on Oct. 11, 1911, to James Leroy (Roy) and Lucy Marie Kemp in Lebanon, Kan. When she was 3, Roy traded his meat market in Lebanon for land in northwest Kansas near Bird City. They moved by train.

Albertice spent the next years on a farm and had three sisters join the family. She attended Glendale school, a one-room schoolhouse. She rode her pony, Fanny, and took her lunch in a tin bucket. When she was a sixth grader, the family moved to town where Roy opened another meat market. She had perfect attendance from the time they moved until she graduated from

She was in music groups, pep club, and on the girl's basketball team. The pep club and basketball team made it to the National Finals in Wichita in 1929. The pep club took first place in the nation and the basketball team was invited to play a demonstration match with a professional women's team. Albertice guarded Babe Didricksen Zaharias, who became the US Woman Athlete of the Year, an Olympian, and a pro golfer. She said it was like guarding "greased lightning!"

Albertice took normal training her senior year to become a teacher and taught in several one-room schools around Bird City.

She and her friends attended summer school in Hays and Spearfish, S.D., and had a wonder-

In 1940, she married her childhood sweetheart, Farrell Anderson. They lived in Bird City and Albertice continued to teach school.

They had two daughters, Karen Kay and Marla Gayle. The family continued to live in Bird City. In 1957, Farrell died after a short illness. Albertice provided great strength and character for her daughters. She attended summer school every summer and finished

She started the Special Education program in northeast Kansas and continued to teach special education until she retired in 1981. She taught for a total of 42 years and always said she should be paying to teach because she loved it so.

In 1962, representatives from Portland, Ore, schools came to recruit teachers and hired her on the spot. It was an enormous decision to make. While in Portland, she completed her master's degree at the University of Oregon in Salem.

She taught special education in Portland until 1966, when the birth of a grandson brought her to Redding. She taught for Shasta

lola and Marvel; two daughters, Karen and Marla; a son-in-law, David Tracy; four grandchildren, Lance, Kevin, Todd and Erin; five great-grandchildren, Alyson, Ashley, Ella, Tessa and Cole; numerous nieces and nephews and their families; and dear friends throughout the country.

Funeral services were held Jan. 27, at the Immanuuel United Methodist Church in Bird City with Reverend Glenn Krebs officiating.

Casket bearers were Kevin Hafenstein and Lance Hafenstein, grandsons; David Tracy, son-inlaw; Quentin Wray and Steven Carpenter, nephews, and Robin Magley and Rick Magley, great nephews.

Interment was in the Bird City Cemetery, Bird City. Arrangements were by Knodel

Funeral Home.

Student News —

Johnson County Community College

Brooke Lucas, St. Francis, has been named to the president's honor roll list at Johnson County Community College for the fall 2006 semes-

This is the college's highest academic honor, awarded to only 2 percent of the students. Students must be enrolled in at least 12 hours and earn a 4.0 grade point average.

University of Kansas

Sheryl Miller, St. Francis, and Crystal Mears, McDonald, have been named to the fall 2006 semester honor roll at the University of

Miller, a sophomore, is a liberal arts undergraduate while Mears is in the pharmacy professional pro-

Honor roll criteria varies among the university's academic units with some being the top 10 percent of students enrolled and some establishing a minimum grade-point average. Students must complete a minimum number of credit hours.

Hazel Lucile K. Long

Aug. 11, 1906 - Jan. 27, 2007 Mrs. Long, who was 100 years old, was born Hazel Lucile Kilmer on Aug. 11, 1906, in Western, Neb. She graduated from Bird City Rural High School in 1925. Lucile earned her bachelor of science degree in education from Black Hills Teachers College in Spearfish, S.D. She taught second grade in the Bird City School system for 43 years.

She was a lifetime member of the Kansas National Education Association (KNEA) and a member of the Immanuel Methodist Church in Bird City.

In 1936, she was married to Guy J. Long. She lived in Bird City until 2002 when she moved to Colby to live in Fairview Estates. In 2005, she moved to Prairie Senior Living Com-

She was preceded in death by her husband, Guy in 1968; her brothers, Gordon Kilmer and Francis Kilmer; and daughter-in-law, Mary Schultz.

Survivors include daughter, Leanna L. Schultz and husband, Gwen of Selden; grandchildren, Eric Schultz and wife, Pam of Eudora and Dr. Melanie Ruoff and husband, Dr. Carl Ruoff of Corpus Christi, Texas; great-grandchildren, Andrew and Matthew Schultz and Jared and Lauren Ruoff.

The funeral was held on Feb. 2 at the Bird City Immanuel Methodist

Casket bearers were Martin Rinehart, Gary Leach, Sam Beeson, Stan Dorsch, Hal Sager and Doug Interment was in the Bird City

Cemetery, Bird City.

Memorials may be made to Bird City Public Library, Children's De-

Kevin Allen Brown

Jan. 6, 1985 - Jan. 28, 2007

Kevin Allen Brown was born Jan. 6, 1985, at Jackson County Memorial Hospital in Altus, Okla., to Mark and Barbara (Draper) Brown. Kevin died on Jan. 28, 2007, at Cheyenne County Hospital in St. Francis, Kan., as the result of an

Kevin moved with his parents and older sister, April, to St. Francis in July of 1990. He started kindergarten that August and attended St. Francis schools through graduation in May of 2003.

Kevin's childhood was filled with lots of things that boys love to do. As a first grader, he began wrestling and going to tournaments with Kansas Kids Wrestling. Neither he nor his dad knew much about wrestling to begin with, but they were both hooked on the sport after the first practice. One would often hear his dad yelling from the side, "Blondie, you gotta move!" County until her retirement in 1981. Kevin's crowning moments in She was a very popular substitute wrestling came in 2002 when he She leaves three sisters, Alila, school regional tournament in Oberlin and earned a third place medal at the state tournament in Hays. He earned somewhat of a distinction as being the "come from behind kid" because when all hope of winning seemed to be gone, he would muster the where-with-all to finish many matches with a victory.

Fun in the outdoors became a very significant part of Kevin's life as a youngster and in to adulthood. He could be seen many times loading fishing and camping gear into the pickup for a weekend at a fishing site with his dad and/or friends. Sometimes it would be a short trip to a local pond to throw a line in for an hour or two before he had to be back for some other activity. Hunting and trapping also became outdoor activities that he enjoyed during his leisure time.

Neighbors and friends may recall seeing Kevin around during the summer wearing blue jeans, no shirt, no shoes or socks, riding around on his bike, playing endless hours in a sand box or dirt pile with earth-moving toys, or simply hanging with friends. When the sun went down, he might have been found over at the Methodist Church yard with others from the neighborhood hunting for night crawlers for the next fishing expedition. On occasion the results of flying eggs and tomatoes could be seen on sidewalks and houses. If enough kids could be found and parents permitted, a game of "Werewolf" may have been the event that closed the

Farming was something that held Kevin's interest throughout his life. On summer days when the rays of the sun were too intense for outdoor fun, Kevin might have been found playing inside for hours with toy farm equipment "farming" the carpets at a friend's house. As he got older, he began working for the Yonkeys, this time farming with the real farm equipment. This became a very close friendship, as well as employment that lasted seven

The local Pizza Hut was another

employer of Kevin. He could often Glidewell officiating. be found on Thursday through Sunday evenings standing at a workstation slicing the pizza under Mom's watchful eye. He sure looked sharp wearing the uniform of a Pizza Hut

After high school graduation, Kevin enrolled in the electrician program at the Technical College in Goodland, graduating in 2005. Around this time he developed interest in yet another activity...demolition derby cars. He competed some last summer, and had purchased a couple of cars to transform into the machines capable of winning future events. He had also begun to put his wrestling knowledge to use as an official, having officiated several events since the first of the year.

Since March, Kevin had been employed as a fertilizer applicator driver for the St. Francis Equity. It was a job that had many of the aspects of what Kevin had always about...farming and big machines.

Kevin was preceded in death by grandparents, Raymond Draper and Galeon Brown.

Those that remain to mourn his passing are his parents, Mark and Barbara Brown of St. Francis, sister, Virginia April Brown and husband, Ryan of Stockton; aunts, Liz Semler and husband, Clifford of St. Francis, Alma Draper of Benkelman, Neb.; Donna Draper of Bird City, Teresa Kinst of Turon; BethAnn Cashwell and husband, Vernon of Kingland, Ga., Kelly Gonzalez and husband, Hector of San Antonio, Texas, Kristy Mann and husband, John of South Pasadena, Calif.; uncles, Clyde Draper of Crawford, Neb., Wes Draper and Frank Draper of Benkelman, Gale Brown and wife, Cheryl of Jacksonville, Fla., Bobby Brown of Dodge City; grandparents, Blanche Draper of Benkelman, Bobby and Beverly Pennel of Turon, Elaine Brown of Altus; and many cousins.

Classmates, wrestlers and wrestling fans, coworkers, employers and many other friends and loved ones mourn the loss of Kevin...one who left too soon.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 2 at the First Baptist Church in St. Francis with Pastor J.W. Home, Selden.

Casket bearers were Wade Krien, Blake Krien, Eric Harper, Brian Draper, David Rose, Travis Hilt and Michael Hanson.

Interment was in the St. Francis

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Pauline M. Ritter

Aug. 11, 1927 - Jan. 31, 2007 Pauline M. Ritter, 79, of Dresden, Kan., died Jan. 31, 2007, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin. She was born Aug. 11, 1927, to Frank J. and Anna M. (Meitl) Dempewolf in rural Dresden.

She was raised on a Dresden area farm and attended Fairview No. 77, Dresden High School and graduated from Leoville High School in 1945.

Pauline married Francis Ritter on Aug. 21, 1951, in Leoville. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Altar society and Daughters of Isabella.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and five siblings: brothers, Victor, Gerald and Eugene, and sisters, Carolyn Peterson and Edna

Survivors include her husband, Francis Ritter, Dresden; sons, David Ritter, St. Francis: John and Tammi Ritter, Dresden, Donald Ritter, Dresden, James and Connie Ritter, Colby and Gerald and Phyllis Ritter, Overland Park; daughters, Ann and Bob Middleton, Goodland; Mary Jane and Ford Willtrout, Wichita and Susan McKenna, Eugene, Ore.; brothers, Dick and Jean Dempewolf, Colby and Don and Laurene Dempewolf, Oberlin; sisters, Delores Zerr, Andover and Dianne and Myron Kleidosty, Simi Valley, Calif; sister-in-law, Marion Dempewolf Thornton and husband, R.D., Oberlin; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Feb. 3, at Immaculate Conception Church, Leoville, with Reverend Henry Shaw Lone and Reverend Roger Meitl officiating.

Cemetery in Leoville. Memorials may be made to the Pauline Ritter Memorial Fund.

Arrangements by Pauls Funeral

Interment was in Mount Calvary

dermatology, wound care, orthope-

medical patients

impact on quality in the State of the Union address, president George Bush viewed a demonstration of the telemedicine connection between the intensive care unit at Hays Medical Center and Saint Luke's Health System, Kansas City.

At approximately 12:05 p.m., President Bush was connected to Hays Medical Center through a live eICU link established between the two hospitals last April.

This technology enables critical care patients at Hays Medical Center to be remotely monitored by intensivists at Saint Luke's. In this way, local physicians are aided in their care of the most critical patients with specialized support. Recently, President Bush viewed Bed 2 in the hospital's ICU, just as Kansas City intensivists do on a routine basis. For security reasons, the White House requested no public announcement prior to the connection.

"We are excited the administration recognizes the value telemedicine," said Dr. John Jeter, Hays Medical Center president and chief executive officer. "We have been expanding our use of telemedicine for years.'

A number of national groups dedicated to healthcare quality have identified intensivists as a key component of improved care. Through eICU technology, this critical care resource is now available to rural and suburban medical centers. Cheyenne County Hospital has had

a telemedicine capability since 1995. "Our capability came to us origi-

nally through a grant to High Plains Rural Health Network from the Office for Advancement of Telehealth," said Les Lacy, Cheyenne County Hospital administrator. "We currently have two grant-supplied telemedicine machines that can be connected throughout our facility on the computer network.

"We have used this in the past for dics and for meetings. We currently

Less than 48 hours after emphahave an arrangement with a psychiasizing healthcare technology and its trist, Olivia Iway, MD of Elkhart for interactive television (ITV) consults.

There are some things that really need face-to-face contact with the specialist, the administrator said, however there are times when telemedicine could be used to safely and effectively meet the patient's need more rapidly and at a lower cost, particularly considering that gas isn't as inexpensive as it used to be.

"Telemedicine is one of the things we believe will be important to the future of healthcare in small, relatively remote communities like ours,' Administrator Lacy said. Reimbursement critical to

broader eICU adoption

Hays Medical Center may be the first hospital in the country to adopt eICU connectivity outside of a health care system. The reason is simple: the substantial costs of daily intensivist monitoring are not currently reimbursed by Medicare, or most other

"This technology is proven as an effective way to care for patients but will not grow, will not fulfill its true potential, without reimbursement," Mr. Jeter said.

Currently, telemedicine reimbursement is generally limited to outpatient, face-to-face encounters. Expanding reimbursement to include inpatient encounters, and intensivist monitoring, is a critical step toward wider adoption of the technology.

This is not the first time Hays Medical Center has demonstrated telemedicine technology to a national leader. In 1997, vice president Al Gore viewed home health monitoring technology employed by Hays Medical Center under a federal grant program. The medical center later expanded the home monitoring application to a chronic disease management project, funded by the Department of Commerce, which demonstrated a double-digit reduction in cost of rehospitalization for moderately ill patients. Unfortunately, both programs were ultimately discontinued due to lack of adequate reimbursement.

Oberlin Invitational Basketball **Tournament Champions**

Left to right: B.J. Killingsworth, Adam Peter, Coach Ward Cassidy, Levi Weeden, Matt Raile, Mac Frewen, Trent Raile, Joel McAtee, Trent Kinen, Ted Crabtree, A.J. McAtee, Nathan Ketzner, Keaton Frewen. Herald photo by Kelly Frewen

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