

Obituary

Iola Leone Kemp Wray

July 17, 1918 - July 21, 2007
Iola Leone Kemp Wray was born July 17, 1918, to James LeRoy Kemp and Lucy (Allen) Kemp at the farm south of Bird City, Kan. She died on July 21, 2007.

Because of her small size at birth, they laid her in the oven to keep her warm. She was a delight to have two older sisters, Albertice and Alila and a few years later they were all joined by another sister, Marvel. They loved to play house in the cob and coal bins. The four sisters really made things happen and birthdays, anniversaries and every Sunday were turned into parties.

She attended grade school and high school in Bird City and graduated with the class of 1936. She loved school and considered her class mates to be like family.

Iola dedicated her life to Jesus Christ as a teenager and was baptized in Beaver Creek. She became a member of the Assembly of God Church and served as Sunday school teacher and president of Women's Ministries for many years.

Iola met her future husband in the youth group and became the bride of Clyde Hamilton Wray on Sept. 25, 1937, at Traer. Together they attended Central Bible Institute in Enid, Okla.

They farmed for a short time in Cheyenne County after living in North Platte, Neb., where Clyde worked for Caterpillar.

She enjoyed writing for the *Bird City Times* and for a while she was employed at the nursing home in St. Francis.

Her family was her life's interest. She and Clyde had three children: Dixie Magley of Bird City, wife of the late Johnnie Magley; Quentin Wray and wife, Paula, of Bayfield, Colo., and Ramona Duffield and husband, JD of Burlington, Colo. She loved her grandchildren: Rick (Lidia) Magley, Robin (Lori) Magley, Mark (Lynda) Magley, Elizabeth (Mark) Davidson, Kristie (Charley) Hartley, Tammy (Jeff) Crites, Bonnie (Len) Politowitz, Jesse (Sandy) Wray and Jennifer (Aaron) Prothero. She also loved to see her 22 great-grandchildren and enjoyed every visit, phone call and hand-drawn picture. Two more great-grandchildren are expected in October.

One of her greatest delights was getting together with her sisters (The Girls) Albertice Anderson, Alila Carpenter and Marvel Gleason.

She mourned the loss of her parents, her two grandsons, Nicky Magley and Bruce Duffield and earlier in 2007, her eldest sister, Albertice.

Iola flew her American flag high, encouraging her family to vote in every election and making her voice heard by writing senators and congressmen.

Her writing was her ministry, especially in later years when it became difficult to get around. Her letters touched and blessed hundreds of people - many people may never know.

She was a great confidant, a ready listener and the best secret-keeper, especially when she was the first to hear about a new addition to the

family. She was the "hub of the wheel" when it came to news and kept the family up-to-date with phone calls and letters and she never forgot a birthday. Even when she couldn't get out to go shopping, she purchased beautiful, personal gifts for every family member by mail.

She lived in the home Clyde built for her until January 2007 when, because of declining health, she moved to the Good Samaritan Center in Goodland. Her home health, hospital and nursing home caregivers loved her and her sweet personality.

Her prayers were vital to her family and many others and encouraged them to trust God in every situation. Two weeks before her death she prayed clear and strong "Lord, help us trust you in everything and thank you for your help through the years."

Her favorite verse was Philippians 3:10, "That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death."

Her prayers, encouragement and love will be sadly missed by her family, friends and the community but the sweet fragrance of her life will live on for years to come.

The funeral service was held on July 23 at Knodel Funeral Home in St. Francis. Burial was in the Bird City Cemetery, Bird City.

Club Clip

Classy Classic Red Hat Ladies

A sea of purple and red graced the dining room of Riverside Recreation Wednesday evening as the Red Hat ladies met for food and fun. A wonderful meal of ham loaf, scalloped potatoes, salad, veggies, roll, and chocolate dessert was graciously served by Brenda Nelsen and Julie Mills.

Birthday greetings were sung to Rose Mary Bierig and Ruth Reynolds.

In attendance were Ruth Reynolds, Dolores Wiley, Neva DeGood, Linda Hilt, Valjean Schultz, Donna Zimelman, Laura Pugh, Betty Jean Winston, Liz Weber, Rose Mary Bierig, Charlsie Rogers, Bonnie McQuillen, Ilene O'Leary, Gloria Bracelin, Carol Ross, Tommie Peter, Shirley Sherlock and Barb Ewing.

Hostesses for the July event were Lois Leydig, Charlotte Hilt and Colleen Gardner.



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VOLLEYBALL CAMP — Caitlin Northrup, above, sets the ball. Holly Keller (right) goes up for the spike.
Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston



ASPHALT PLANT is set up west of St. Francis. Mix is heated in the huge fire-burning cylinder.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

County road gets additional asphalt

By Karen Krien
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It's hot — good weather for laying asphalt," said Dave Flemming, county road and bridge supervisor. Venture Corporation, Great Bend, has been laying asphalt on U.S. 36 as well as putting asphalt on the asphalt on the River Road south of St. Francis and extending the oil for another mile. Mr. Flemming said the highway has been completed. When they finish the River Road, there will be around 2 inches on part of the road already paved and the extended work will have 4-inches new asphalt.

He said, that by paving the additional stretch of road, it will alleviate some road problems

Before contractor, Venture Corporation, began, the county crew was doing dirt work on two bridges to meet federal guidelines and doing any sub-grade work as required.

After the road is paved, the crew will be doing shoulder and side-slope work and completing it with grass seed.

The cost of U.S. 36 road work is \$1,016,860 and includes a 13-mile strip. The River Road project, 3.2 miles, will cost \$470,684.

K-161
Highway, K-161, north of Bird

Book Review

Book review from St. Francis Public Library
Lethal Justice
By Fern Michaels

Alexis was a successful broker whose career was on the rise. But that was before she was wrongly imprisoned for fraud. Suddenly her life was destroyed: convicted and thrown into prison for a year while the true criminals, Arden Gillespie and Roland Sullivan, spent the profits from the scam on themselves.

It is time for the next revenge mission of the Sisterhood - a vigilante organization whose aim is to avenge crimes which were not punished by the legal system. The Sisterhood need the aid of an old friend, Anna Ryland de Silva, to succeed with their plan. But she has been a recluse since the tragic death of her family years ago. Can the women persuade Anna that it is worth helping them to nail Alexis's fraudsters? It is a risky assignment and they are all aware there is a high price to pay if they are found out.



ASPHALT IS TRUCKED to the River Road southwest of St. Francis, then dumped into the machine that lays down the asphalt. It was a hot job on Monday.

City to the Nebraska state line, will include 17 miles and will cost \$1,313,582. Work on this highway

began on Monday, July 16. The heater scarification process has already been completed and a seal

will be applied around Aug. 20. Dustrol Inc., Towanda, was awarded the bid.

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