

## Keith Dorsch

Jan. 3, 1924 - July 26, 2011

Keith Lemoyne Dorsch was born on the family farm northeast of Bird City, Kan., on Jan. 3, 1924, to Viola, nee Wolfe, and Alfred Dorsch. He was the second of four children. His siblings were LaVerne, Joann, and Stanley.

At age 3 1/2 he lost the sight in his left eye due to an accident at home. He started at Brick School, a rural school 1/2 mile from home, and finished at Bird City Grade School. He graduated from Bird City Rural High School in 1941. After graduation, he worked on the family farm since his father was in poor health.

He tried to enlist in the Air Force during World War II, but because of his blind eye was rejected several times. But he persisted,

and was finally accepted and stationed in Texas for training. However, due to the declining health of his father, he was asked to return home to farm.

Keith was baptized by Rev. G. C. Munyon at the rural Evergreen United Brethren Church in 1926. He was confirmed in St. John's Lutheran Church and was active in Luther League for several years. Keith also served on the church council for many years. Later in life he was an active participant in Promise Keepers; attending their large conferences and being involved in a local Saturday morning prayer group for the past 10 years.

While attending the International Luther League Convention in

Pullman, Wash., in 1949, he met and fell in love with Hulda Fabrizio. They were married at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wakeeney, Kan., on Aug. 27, 1950, and established their first home northeast of Bird City. God blessed their home with four sons: Jim, Tom, Bob and Ed. During the tough winter of 1956-57, he moved his family to Denver where he did carpentry work. In 1962, the family moved to the farm and home where they have lived ever since.

Keith's loves were family and farming. For many years he did carpentry work and was employed by the Bird City Equity until his retirement in 1989. He rarely missed any activities in which

his boys were involved, and especially enjoyed the sporting events. He did the play-by-play for the high school football games for 16 years. Keith served as a scoutmaster for several years and was extremely proud to be the father of four Eagle Scouts. He and Hulda were members of the same couples' pinochle club for more than 50 years. Earlier this spring he celebrated his 70th high school reunion in Bird City with several of his classmates. Keith never met a stranger, and his friendliness and generosity made him known and loved by many people.

Keith suffered a heart attack on July 26, 2011, and was air-lifted to Hays, Kan., where he later died at the age of 87. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister LaVerne Munyon, a son, Edward, and a granddaughter, Alicia.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife of almost 61 years, Hulda, a sister, Joann Busse of Goodland, Kan., a brother, Stanley of Bird City; his sons and their wives: Jim and Lorri of Louisburg, Kan., Tom and Marcy of Whitewater, Kan., and Bob and Clare of Mesa, Ariz.; and nine grandchildren: Cassie (husband Matt), Jared, Melissa, Andrew, Lindsay, Erika, Joe, Sam, and Lucas; and a host of relatives and friends.

Services were conducted at the Bird City American Legion hall by Pastor Mark Adams and Pastor Dan Carson on Aug. 1. Interment was in the Bird City Cemetery. Pall bearers were Bradley Waters, Don Wright, Hal Antholz, Ken Beougher, Jerry Knapp and Ed Carson. Special music was provided by Hal and Becky Antholz.

## Clara M. Richers

Dec. 30, 1927 - July 30, 2011

Clara M. (Zuege) Richers, 83, a St. Francis farmwife and homemaker, died Saturday, July 30, 2011, at the Hays Medical Center.

Clara was born Dec. 30, 1927, in Cheyenne County, the daughter of Paul and Johanna (Buehler) Zuege. She was raised on a farm south of Haigler, Neb.

She married Herman Richers on Nov. 19, 1950, and after marrying continued to farm west of St. Francis. To this union, four children were born.

Preceding her in death were her

parents; her husband, Herman L. Richers; sisters, Margaret Zuege and Deloris (Dean) Krien; a granddaughter, Jolynn Richers, son-in-law, Richard Hanna, and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

Survivors include one son, Kenneth (Jean) Richers, St. Francis; three daughters, Ruth (Jerry) Gotchall, Torrington, Wyo.; Mary Hanna, North Platte, Neb.; Linda (Stan) Orth, Colby; 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Victoria Clapper and Bonnie (Les) Doggett; two brothers-in-law,

Elmer Richers and Don Bruder; one sister-in-law, Elvera Neitzel; and nieces and nephews.

Services were held on Friday, Aug. 5, at the Peace Lutheran Church, St. Francis, with Pastor Chris Farmer of St. Francis officiating. Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the Prairie Senior Center in Colby in care of Bankwest, Colby, or Knodel Funeral Home in St. Francis.

at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

## Hilda May Price

Dec. 19, 1919 - Aug. 2, 2011

Lifelong Sherman and Cheyenne County, Kan., resident Hilda May Price, 91, died Aug. 2, 2011, at Good Samaritan Society—Sherman County nursing home in Goodland.

She was born Dec. 19, 1919, in Cheyenne County, the daughter of Mary (Andrist) and George W. Rogers. She attended Pleasant Ridge School in rural Cheyenne County, and then furthered her education at cosmetology school in Salina. In the 1950s and 1960s, she worked as a beautician in St. Francis.

On Jan. 11, 1959, she and George A. "Al" Price were married at Lawn Ridge Church in rural Cheyenne County. In 1969, they moved from St. Francis to make their home in Goodland.

She worked at the Good Samaritan Center in Goodland from 1969 through 1989. Her memberships included First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, and Quilting Ladies.

Preceding her in death were her parents, brother, Samuel J. Rogers, brothers-in-law Larry Spurgeon and Bill Wells, and sister-in-law Billie Wells.

Surviving family includes her husband Al Price of Goodland; daughter, Lori Lalicker and her husband, Dewayne of Goodland; four grandchildren: Trista Zimmerman and her husband, Michael, Brett Lalicker and his wife, Christine, Ryan Lalicker, and Matthew Lalicker, one great-granddaughter Alexis Zimmerman; sister Elaine Spurgeon of Arvada, Colo.; sister-in-law Charlie Rogers of St. Francis; three nieces, two nephews, and their families.

The funeral was Monday, Aug. 8, at First United Methodist Church in Goodland, with Reverend Dustin Petz officiating. Burial followed in the Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials may be designated to Youthville, and may be left

## Student News

### University of Kansas

Amanda Nipps, Sheryl Miller and Skyler Rueb were among the 4,400 undergraduate students at the University of Kansas who earned honor roll distinction for the spring 2011 semester.

Kansas University's honor roll comprises undergraduates who meet requirements in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and in the schools of allied health; architecture, design and planning; business; education; engineering; journalism; music; nursing; pharmacy; and social welfare.

Amanda Beth Nipps, a senior from St. Francis, was named to the honor roll in the School of Social Welfare. She is the daughter of Charlie Nipps and Susie Walz, both

of St. Francis. She is a graduate of St. Francis Community High School

Sheryl Marie Miller, a senior from St. Francis, was named to the honor roll in the School of Education. She is the daughter of Terry and Mary Beth Miller from St. Francis. She is a graduate of St. Francis Community High School in St. Francis.

Skyler Nicole Rueb, a senior from St. Francis, was named to the honor roll in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. She is the daughter of Brent Rueb of St. Francis, and Kim Wright of Frisco, Texas. She is a graduate of Justin Wakeland High School in Frisco.

Criteria for honor roll vary among the university's academic units.

## The Gardener

### Kay Melia

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Last week, I was not reticent, timid, or apprehensive, nor was I fearful about reminding all gardeners that it was time to dislodge the pressure cooker and the boiling water canner from their winter hiding place, and go to work! I know that many of you have already done that, and have begun the canning process as many of our favorite summer vegetables reach maturity.

The green beans are abundantly producing now, the sweet corn is mature, the beets are awaiting placement into those wonderful Mason jars, and soon, the mighty tomato will favor us with untold goodness. Incidentally, I picked my first tomato this year on July 27, just a few days later than last summer. It was a Northern Exposure, and the taste was WOW!

Indeed, the season for preserving the goodies from the summer garden has arrived right on schedule and many of us will keep extremely busy as we put the cookers through their paces. We do this of course because we thoroughly enjoy our garden production, in a preserved form, during the winter months. Preserving the bounty from our garden is the natural extension of gardening, and if you have been hesitant to get involved then this might be the year to join the ever-increasing crowd. For about \$50, you can begin to can the excess from your garden, and enjoy them for the next several months. A dozen jars, a boiling

water canner, and the Bible of the canning process called a Ball Blue Book, will have you heading down the road to extended gardening enjoyment.

I fear that there are still many gardeners who do not trust the safety of the home canning procedure. I would suggest that it's not so much the fear of canning as it is the confidence of learning the proper procedures. Believe me when I say that the process is safe! There is plenty of help out there if you need it, and the Blue Book offers step-by-step guidelines to make the job easy. You can do it, and in fact, should do it, in order to extend your gardening experience. Yes, there are rigid, but not impossible, requirements to follow. Controlling microorganisms, enzymes, oxygen, and moisture loss ensures a high quality, flavorful product.

Pickling a few cucumbers might be a good way to start your preservation operation. Five or six pounds of small fruit will produce roughly eight pints of delicious dill pickles. Or maybe a few jars of bread and butter pickles would be welcome among family members, and there are dozens of sweet pickle possibilities out there, as you search for a family favorite.

And now if you'll excuse me, I'd better begin moving those jars of freshly-canned dill pickles to a safer place, somewhere away from the wandering eyes of visiting guests and grandchildren!

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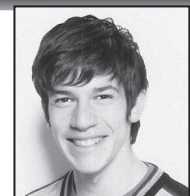
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Patrick from France, 17 yrs. Loves the outdoors and playing soccer. Patrick's dream has been to spend time in America learning about our customs and attending American high school.



Elisa from Italy, 16 yrs. Likes to play tennis, swim, loves to dance. Elisa hopes to play American softball and learn American 'slang' while in the USA.

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