

Student receives collegiate all-american scholarship

The United States Achievement Academy has announced that Kali Rueb of St. Francis, has been named a Collegiate All-American Scholar.



Rueb

The Academy has established the program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school official or other

qualified sponsor are accepted. The academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all college students.

Rueb, who attends Butler Community College, was nominated for this national award by Valene Mack, vocal music instructor. She will appear in the Collegiate All-American Yearbook.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history," said Dr. George Stevens, founder of the Academy. "Certainly, winners of the award should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication

to excellence and achievement."

Rueb is the daughter of Randy and Rikki Rueb of St. Francis. Grandparents are Marcia Rueb of St. Francis and Frank and Marilyn Schmale of Garden City.

Used furniture wanted

Pastor Dan Carson, Bird City Wesleyan Church pastor, is organizing a collection of used furniture to help those who need these items.

"Often people have furniture that is still good but don't know what to do with it," Pastor Carson said.

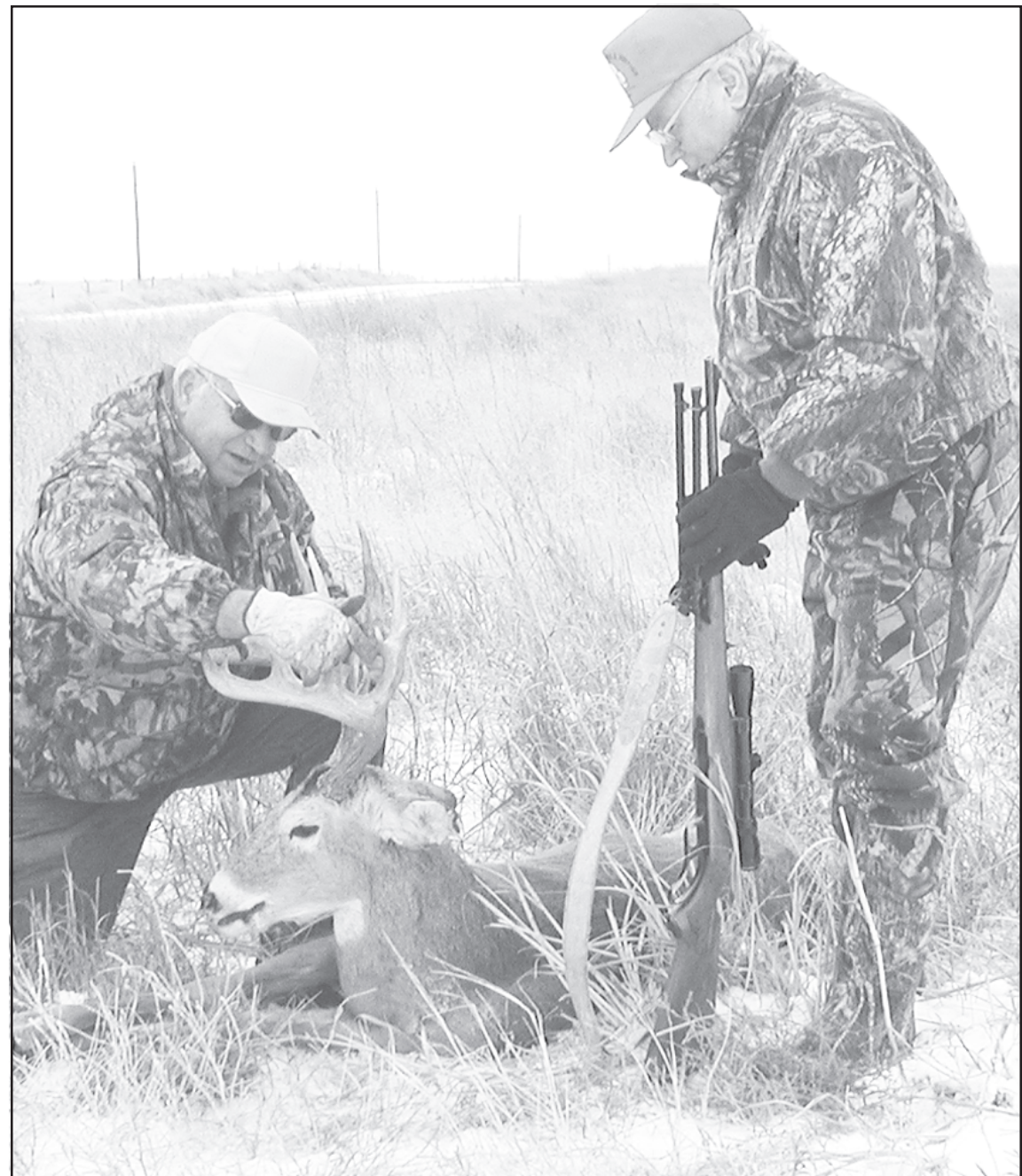
Instead of throwing it away, Pastor Carson is suggesting that the furniture be collected for those who are in need of some of these items.

He said he really hasn't worked out all the details but possibly the furniture could be given away or sold for a reasonably low price or, even exchange work for the items.

Pastor Carson is asking for input. "We need to see that there is a need for the furniture and also see if there are people with furniture that they don't know what to do with it," he said.

There is also the problem of where to store the furniture.

Interested people can call him at 785-734-2727 (church) or 785-626-2076 (cell).



COUNTING THE POINTS — Keith Peter and Neil McCumber count the points on buck they took during deer season.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Obituary

Walter Hilt

Oct. 1, 1911 - Dec. 8, 2006

Walter Hilt lost his battle with cancer on Dec. 8, 2006, at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis, Kan.

Walter was born to Jacob and Elizabeth (Lesser) Hilt in Richardton, N.D., on Oct. 1, 1911. As a young boy they lived in North Dakota, Washington and Idaho before moving to Kansas in the early 1920s.

He attended German Plains grade school but only had time to finish third or fourth grade before he had to help his dad with the farming.

On Feb. 12, 1939, he married Leila Raile on the farm where she grew up northwest of St. Francis.

For two years they rented a farm southeast of St. Francis where their son Reuben was born in 1940. In 1941, they moved to a farm 13 miles northwest of St. Francis where they raised cattle and wheat until he retired and moved to St. Francis in 1967. He then helped other farmers as long as his health would let him.

He was a member of the Salem Lutheran Church. He enjoyed traveling and going south to Alamo, Texas, for the winter.

He also enjoyed fishing and doing yard work. Green grass, fruit trees, tomatoes and working around the Quonset were his pride and joy.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Leila and son, Reuben of Seattle, Wash. He is also survived by his brothers William, Lawrence and sister, Esther Brunswig, stepsisters, Dorleen Ward, Velma Happold and LaVonne Clapp, along with many nieces, nephews and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jacob and Elizabeth; stepmother, Christina (Orman) Hilt;

brother, Emil; sister, Pauline; stepbrother, Willie Orman; and stepsister, Lillian Roedel.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the Salem Lutheran Church with Pastor Chris Farmer. Inurnment was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Delbert Raile, Terry Rieger, Clifford Raile, Melvin Schlepp, Elmer Hilt, Troy Hilt and Alfred Hilt.

Honorary pallbearers were Bill Lippert, Steve Orth, Junior Knorr, Greg Walz, Verlin Raile and Ervin Winger of Denver, Colo.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

In Memory of Walter

God watched you as you Suffered and knew you had to share. He gently closed your eyes and took you in his care.

Your memory is our keepsake with that we'll never part. God has you in his keeping we have you in our hearts.

Nothing could be more Beautiful than the memories we have of you. To us you were someone special God must of Thought so too.

All our lives we shall miss you as the years come and go But in our hearts you will live forever Because we love you so.

God saw you were getting tired and a cure was not to be So he put his arms around you and whispered come to me.

With tearful eyes we saw you suffer and saw you fade away Although we loved dearly we could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating hard working hands rest God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.

Leila, Reuben

Holiday mailing tips for postal customers

The Postal Service in Kansas has come out with holiday mailing tips for customers.

- Go to USPS.com/holiday. Skip the trip to the Post Office. Virtually anything you can do at the Post Office you can do at USPS.com/holiday, including hold mail, request redelivery of a package, locate a Post Office, find packing tips, look up ZIP Codes, and much more.
- Print postage labels at your home or office. Using Click-N-Ship at USPS.com/clicknship, all you need is a computer, a printer, and an Internet connection to print labels, with or without postage. You can even insure your packages.
- Request a Free Package pickup. Let the Post Office come to you this

holiday season by requesting a free pick up of your postage-pair Priority and Express Mails packages. Make the request online at USPS.com/pickup by 2 a.m. and your letter carrier will pick up the packages the next day. Provide instructions online for pickup location if you won't be home.

- Call 1-800-ASK-USPS (1-800-275-8777). Call to get the holiday customer service hours of your local Post Office or to make a purchase, check rates, ZIP Codes and more.
- Go to the Post Office during off-peak hours. The best time for taking your packages directly to the Post Office for mailing is mid-morning or mid-afternoon.

-St. Francis news-

Milton and Betty Lampe traveled to Hays on Dec. 10 to watch their grandson, Travis Grizzell, perform in a play, "Christmas Comes to Detroit Louie."

He belongs to the Hays Heartland Community Theatre Group, and this is the third play he has performed in this year.

Krik and Debbie Grizzell and Junior and Wanda Lee Grizzell of Macksville and Kristen Allen of Hays joined them for the performance.

All enjoyed eating supper at Montana Mike's before returning home.

Leave it to Art Buchwald to bring humor to hospice. Last February, the famed satirist was diagnosed with terminal kidney failure, given three weeks to live, and transferred to a hospice for a quiet goodbye. During the five months he spent at a Washington, D.C. hospice humorist Art Buchwald said he was asked one question a lot. "What is it like to die?"

His answer, "I don't know, because I haven't died. I thought I was going to, but then something changed."

"Instead of going straight upstairs, I am going to Martha's Vineyard," Buchwald wrote in his syndicated column in July.

Buchwald is once again writing his column and dividing his time between Martha's Vineyard and his Washington, D.C. home. His kidneys had failed last winter, and Buchwald decided he'd rather let nature take its course than undergo

dialysis. This decision came after his right leg was amputated in February. Then, as he sat in the hospice salon day after day holding court for a variety of visitors, Buchwald's kidneys started working again. It was time to leave the hospice.

Instead of dying, he's written a book about his near-death experience, "Too Soon to Say Goodbye," available to the public. Art Buchwald's case is not unique, however.

Hospice is generally defined as palliative care for individuals whose expected lifespan is less than 6 months. But, according to experts, about 8 percent of people admitted to end-of-life hospice care actually live beyond one year. Hospice Services' serves about 5 percent more than one year.

There has been study after study that demonstrates our inability to project life expectancy. Research shows that individuals want their

He also said he was disappointed more of the hunters didn't bring in their deer.

One of the first deer to come in was brought down by first-time hunter Dana Rose.

Larry Harper, retired state biologist, will pass on the results of the tests to the Cheyenne County Wildlife organization. However, if a deer has been tested with chronic wasting disease, the state will notify the hunter immediately.

What is chronic wasting disease.

Chronic wasting disease is a

contagious neurological disease which affects deer and elk, causing spongy degeneration of the brain. Animals with the disease are thin, show abnormal behavior, including excessive drinking and urinating and loss of control of bodily functions. Death is inevitable.

Chronic wasting disease is similar to but not the same as mad cow disease, scientists say, and there has never been a proven case of transmission to humans.

Hunters are advised not to eat meat from infected animals.

Hospice

physicians to be honest about their illness but predicting how long any one person might live is tough!

Hospice programs are also caring for more individuals with a non-cancer illness. While cancer can have a fairly definite trajectory, illnesses such as kidney disease, chronic lung disease, Alzheimer's or ALS often progress more slowly. So, hospice programs are caring for some way beyond six months.

However, hospices serve most people less than one month. Hospice Services' median length of stay is presently seventeen (17) days.

And what started out as a death-watch for Art Buchwald turned into "months of living, eating, and laughing with my friends." Perhaps as important, Buchwald is now teaching all of us how to live - and to die. Yet he's quick to add, "I have had such a good time with hospice. I am going to miss it."



Texas Red's BBQ

will be at St. Francis Super's Dec. 18 thru 21

Beef brisket, chicken halves, turkey breast, ribs & sausage

ABC PRESCHOOL CHILI FEED & BAKE SALE

Monday, Dec. 18 During the Christmas On Us Drawing

Beginning at 5:30 p.m. in front of Jaqua Abstract

Chili & Hot Apple Cider Meal \$3.00
Hot Apple Cider Only \$1.00

Also available will be a variety of baked goods for you to purchase your last minute Christmas Goodies!



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The Bird City Times

Papers will be printed one day later on both holiday weeks. All Ads & Copy **MUST** be in by Wed., Dec. 27 and Wed., Jan. 3

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