

Family

Deaths

Eugene Robert Eisenbise

Eugene Robert Eisenbise, 86, Hershey, Penn., died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004 at the United Christian Home in Annville. One of his many surviving children includes, Rod Eisenbise of Colby.



Eisenbise

Mr. Eisenbise was born in Hays on June 24, 1918, to Sherman and Viola Ikenberry Eisenbise. He grew up in Quinter, graduating from Quinter High School, McPherson College and the University of Wyoming with a master's degree in physics.

In 1940, he married Edith Nicky. He was a farmer and an educator, teaching fifth and sixth grades, industrial arts, carpentry, biology, chemistry and physics.

Mr. Eisenbise taught in the Garden City Public Schools and was on the faculty of Elizabethtown College, teaching in science and education departments. While in Garden City, he coached and refereed

basketball, football, track and wrestling.

He was employed by the Pennsylvania State Department of Education and by the Department of Environmental Resources. He was also director of education for the Job Corp and retired to his farm in 1980.

He was a lifelong member of the Church of the Brethren, where he was a licensed minister, a musician and deacon. He was an artist, a woodcraftsman and a gardener.

He is survived by his wife; his brother, Russell Eisenbise, Elizabethtown, Penn.; seven children: Rodney Eisenbise, Sondra, Janet, Sylvia, Jeff, Nicki and Scott; 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Burial will be at the convenience of the family. A memorial service will be held at the Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren on Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2004.

Memorial gifts may be made to Heifer International, 1015 Louisiana St., Little Rock, Ark., 72202.

Frank S. Miller Funeral Home in Elizabethtown is in charge of all arrangements.

Helen J. (Pence) Anderson

Helen J. (Pence) Anderson, 77, formerly of Thomas County, died Saturday, Dec. 18, 2004 in Salina.

Mrs. Anderson was born on Jan. 6, 1927 in Thomas County to Ho-

mer Pence and Ruth (Ryman) Pence.

Services are Wednesday, 10 a.m., at First Methodist Church, 122 N. 8th, Salina. Ryan Mortuary of Salina is handling arrangements.

Education programs cited for drop in teen pregnancies

TOPEKA (AP)—Fewer Kansas teens are giving birth, a sign advocates say points to successful efforts to educate teenagers about the risks of underage sex.

But the battle isn't over, they say, noting that the teen pregnancy rate is still relatively high among minorities and the poor.

In Kansas, teen pregnancy rates in 2003 were 9.4 pregnancies per 1,000 girls age 10-17 for whites; 21.6 for blacks; and 23.6 for Hispanics. While those numbers have steadily declined since 1994, improvements in the rates for Hispanics have lagged.

Silvia Henriquez, executive director of the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health, said a lot of factors play into the higher teen pregnancy rate, not just cultural issues. Poverty and lack of access to information, partly because of language barriers, particularly contribute, she said.

"Often there is nothing in place to make sure that new immigrants are getting the information in Spanish or in a culturally relevant way," she said.

She also noted that most Hispanics teenagers are in schools that don't give them information about contraceptives and that Hispanics who lack health coverage have limited access to reproductive health information.

Henriquez said 51 percent of Hispanic females give birth by age 20 nationally, compared with 35 percent for non-Hispanics.

Kennel fire makes for a long recovery

MANHATTAN — A nightmare ordeal turned into a hellish recovery for Sadie, a 2-year-old yellow Labrador retriever, whose will to live, committed owners and dedicated veterinarians ensured her survival.

Jerry and Annette Fairbanks boarded Sadie in their local kennel in Goodland, before driving to Wichita to attend a funeral. On the return trip, they decided to stop at home.

"Usually I just unload our stuff and jump in the car to pick up Sadie," Annette said. "This time I went inside and saw the light blinking on the answering machine."

The message was from the kennel owner. He explained that a fire had broken out at the kennel sometime during the night of Nov. 22, 2003.

Sadie had been taken to the local veterinarian for observation. It appeared that all five dogs boarded were traumatized and their physical condition was uncertain.

The horror of the fire was compounded by the fact that the dogs had virtually no chance of escape. Confined by their cages, all were found huddled at the end of their runs. It was a desperate attempt to distance themselves from the smoldering debris.

Sadie's injuries at first appeared to be superficial. She had two small burn marks on her head and hip. The local veterinarian immediately put her on antibiotics and pain medication. "When I went to visit her, I took her outside and her urine was black. They told me that was because of all the smoke she inhaled," Annette Fairbanks said.

Sadie spent six days at the clinic before being transferred to Oakley (Kan.) Veterinary Services, about 50 miles east of Goodland. Dr. Tammy Swartz, a 1999 Kansas State University graduate, ran tests that confirmed that Sadie's kidney function was impaired. "She wasn't eating and more and more burn spots were beginning to surface," Annette said. "Something was very wrong."

Swartz shaved Sadie's hair in a couple of areas revealing extensive burns. That's when she referred Sadie to the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital at K-State.

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Annette Fairbanks, Goodland

"When I found those skin lesions, I knew they were beyond what we could handle," Swartz said. "A week post-injury and new lesions were still appearing. Her white cell count kept climbing, and we were dealing with secondary problems with her kidneys and liver."

They placed Sadie on a soft mat in the back of Annette's SUV and hung the IV from the coat hook. "We loaded her up in the car and she had tubes everywhere," Annette said. "My vehicle looked like a MASH (Mobile Army Surgical Hospital) unit. Dr. Swartz's office called me twice on my way to Manhattan to see where I was. After the last call, they called the hospital and told them we were 10 minutes away. When I got there, out they, came — three people and a gurney. A whole team of people looked at her that night."

Dr. Lisa Moore, small animal medicine section head, was among the first to examine Sadie. The clinicians determined Sadie had suffered third degree burns over 40 percent of her body. Third degree burns are the most serious in which the fatty layers below the skin are destroyed. While under anesthesia, doctors shaved Sadie from the tip of her nose to the tip of her tail. Her entire dorsum (back) was burned.

"We decided to treat the infected burn aggressively," Moore said. "Sadie was given hydrotherapy daily, sometimes twice a day to remove the eschar." (Eschar is a black leathery scab that typically forms after a burn.) "In addition to controlling the infection, we were treating the renal failure, controlling the pain and meeting her nutritional needs via a feeding tube."

On Jan. 8, after 37 days in the hospital, it was finally time for Sadie to go home — for a while. A massive reconstruction surgical procedure would be necessary but

first the wound had to be healthy. The Fairbanks picked up Sadie for what would be just another of their many 600-mile roundtrip journeys to K-State.

Sadie's healthcare became nearly a full-time job for Annette, who operates a business from her home. Each day, Annette would don gloves and completely scour their downstairs bathroom with bleach to create a sterile environment. Then, it was hydrotherapy at home.

"She was wrapped in body bandages and had a stockinette bandage over that," Annette explains. "I would remove the bandages, put her in the bathtub, rinse her off, put pure non-processed honey on strips and apply it to the granulation tissue then wrap her head, her back, her tail and half of her legs in gauze."

Numerous medications, feeding her three times a day through a tube in her neck and giving Sadie injections was all a part of their daily routine. Swartz believes Sadie's hospital time was cut in half because of Annette.

It was apparent that Sadie was going to require surgery, but surgeons cannot operate on unhealthy tissue. "The most difficult aspect of this case was the treatment prior to surgery," said Dr. Roger Fingland, hospital director and soft tissue surgeon. "Once the wound is healthy, it is simply a challenge for the sur-

geon to close that healthy wound. Sadie needed this surgery because her wound was too large for the body's healing mechanism to close the wound."

On Feb. 9, Sadie underwent surgery to close the enormous wound on her dorsum. It was a demanding six-hour reconstructive procedure, in which surgeons "replaced" the large wound with dozens of smaller ones created with a "mesh release incision." This technique takes advantage of the body's natural healing ability.

Today, Sadie is a healthy, happy dog with a bright future. She has no long-term medical problems, only scars remain on her back and a few on her head. Now that the full weight of this nightmare is behind them, Annette hopes that something positive will come from this ordeal. She plans to work with their local fire department to teach fire safety tips. But much good has already come from this tragedy that claimed the life of one dog boarded with Sadie on that fateful November night. The cause of the blaze has not been determined.

Sadie's Stats: Days in K-State's veterinary hospital: 60; Days in ICU: 36; Doctors who cared for her: 19; Students who cared for her: 17; Number of hydrotherapy sessions: 29; Number of surgeries: 5; Time in surgery: 18 hours, 40 minutes; and Number of prescriptions: 30.

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