

Leavenworth County Girl Killed in RTV Accident

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. (AP) - A 10-year-old Leavenworth County girl has died after her rough terrain vehicle went into a farm pond.

The Leavenworth County Sheriff's office says Shelbee Heim, of rural Leavenworth, was driving the four-wheel vehicle on a dirt path next to a pond Thursday evening. The vehicle dropped off the pond edge and rolled onto the driver's side, trapping Shelbee under water.

Officers say the girl's father tried to lift the vehicle off his daughter, but was unsuccessful.

Undersheriff Ron Cranor says Kickapoo Township firefighters removed Shelbee from the water about 15 minutes after the accident. She was pronounced dead at a Leavenworth hospital.

The Lawrence Journal-World reports the death is being investigated as an accident. An autopsy will be performed.