

## Casey's Comments

**By Casey McCormick**  
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Man's ability to make and play music is one of the traits that sets us apart from the beasts. Not that nature doesn't have its own beautiful melodies, but many human compositions have stood the test of time, while making the world sound better.

Take, for instance, the works of Mozart, Beethoven or Tchaikovsky. For the trained ear their musical works can be identified in the first few notes. They are complex yet familiar.

I was blessed to grow up in a home where music always had an important place. My sister, brothers and I got to have our Aunt Sissey show us the way.

She was a concert pianist who

taught all of us piano. Although my sister was the only one to go far with the piano, graduating from the University of Denver with a degree in piano performance, the rest of us took up other instruments.

Having the ability to make music and to listen appreciatively to it has made a difference in my life. I'm a better person for it.

My dear aunt passed away not long ago and it is hard to imagine the world without her. But just like a written musical work, so are the memories of her and her music.

"Music, the greatest good that mortals know,  
And all of heaven we have below."

(Joseph Addison: *Song for St. Cecilia's Day*)

## Letters from Linda

**By Linda Schneider**  
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Where did the summer go? I don't know about where you live, but here in the northwest corner of Kansas it is already cool and I haven't even had a chance to do much picking from our family garden...blah, blah, yak, yak.

What I really want to talk about is the upcoming election, again. I haven't had much time lately to see what is going in the media, but a quick look shows that Barack Obama is ahead in the public polls.

Do I hear an echo from the past elections?

If I remember correctly, public polls have incorrectly put candidates in the office more than once. More concisely, a Democrat.

I say this because voting is a private decision, some husbands and wives will not disclose their candidate of choice to the other. It is important to me that the media

cannot decide and vote on my behalf or yours; neither can public polls intimidate me.

I have seen a "public poll." They come over the internet all the time. You may or may not have participated in one; I have participated just to see what happens to my "vote."

The first thing I noticed was I was not asked if I am registered to vote, I think that is important. After I made my selection and clicked the link to see the results, I was not surprised to see that my vote was lacking.

My point is this: our country's elections are like none other in the world. We can choose whom to vote for without intimidation and without feeling the need to go with the "public polls."

Finally, and most importantly, if you are not registered to vote, your public poll vote has no power over my registered vote.

## McDonald News

**By Vera Kacirek**

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson and Greg Wilkinson attended a Sunday birthday party for Shalyn Harris on her sixth birthday and for Katie Harris on her first birthday at the home of their parents, Aric and Jamie Harris. Cheryl Wilkinson stayed overnight to stay with the children while their parents drove to Nebraska City.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson visited with Paul Meints in McCook.

Grace Sabatka celebrated her seventh birthday on Sunday at the home of R.J. and Susie Sabatka. Guests were Kasey and

Jennifer Sabatka and children, Agnes Sabatka, and Laddie and Vera Kacirek.

Brenda and Betty Knapp were baby-sitters for L.J. and Kamie Purvis on Tuesday.

Betty Lewis returned to McDonald on Sunday from Grand Junction, Co. where she had attended the funeral of a grandson.

Eileen Carlson of Iowa is a houseguest of Julie Wilkens. She was a Friday visitor of Amelia Banister and a Monday visitor of Ratha Lea Loker.

Ray and Marlene Johnson attended the Grandparents Day at Cheylin School on Friday.

**Happy 50th Birthday!**  
"It's the first day of the rest of your life"  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



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# Bulletin Board

**Correction to Volleyball Schedule**  
Friday volleyball game cancelled.  
**Storytime**  
Storytime will be at 10 a.m. on Friday. Junior Readers welcomed.

**Bible Carnival**  
On Sunday, Sept. 14, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. the Little Lites will hold a Bible Carnival at The Solid Rock Baptist Church. There will be something for all ages. Any money raised will go to Operation Christmas Child. Note classified ad.

**Cemetery tour**  
Tour Evergreen and Bird City cemeteries in northeast Cheyenne County with the Cheyenne County Historical Society on Sunday, Sept. 14. Join the caravan of cars at 2 p.m. at the Shelter House at Van Doren Park in Bird City. Stan and Dee Dorsch will lead the way, stopping first at Evergreen near Big Timber. The Heritage Corner Cafe will be serving a "Dutch treat" supper after the tour.

**AARP**  
AARP will have its first meeting of the year on Sept. 11. Members will meet at the Senior Center at 2 p.m. for a regular meeting. Sherry Schultz of the Thrift Store will be the speaker at 2:30 p.m. Hostess will be ErvaGene DeAragon.

**Cheyenne County Commissioners**  
The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 15, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

**Fair board**  
The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet Thursday, Sept. 11, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

**Hospital Board**  
The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 25, in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

**Sisters In Serenity Women's AA**  
A Sisters In Serenity women's Alcoholics Anonymous group meets at 5 p.m. on Sundays at 585 N. Franklin, City Hall, northwest basement door in Colby. There is a play room for younger children and a quiet space for older children on-site. For more information call (785) 672-3406 or (785) 538-2526.

These meetings are limited to female alcoholics to provide an opportunity for members to share with one another on problems related to drinking patterns and attempts to achieve stable sobriety. They also permit detailed discussion of various elements in the recovery program.

**Recovery Today/ Narcotics Anonymous**  
Recovery Today group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. on Sunday nights at the United Methodist Educational Building. Call (785) 332-6542 or 8607 for more information.  
**Sainty Serenity Seekers/**

**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
Sainty Serenity Seekers open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous is held at 7:30 p.m. each Thursday evening at the United Methodist Education Building at 104 W. Webster, St. Francis. Call (785) 332-6542 for more information

## Obituary

**Viola Pauline (Richers) Wright**

June 13, 1916 - Sept. 5, 2008



Wright

Viola Pauline (Richers) Wright, age 92, died at Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center in Brush, Colo., on Friday, Sept. 5, 2008.

Viola, daughter of Henry and Christina Richers, was born June 13, 1916, in Cheyenne County, Kan.

She was the oldest of nine children, attending country school until eighth grade and church school where she was confirmed.

Viola dreamed of becoming a nurse but put it on hold at age 16 when she started working in cafes and private homes to help support her family.

On Feb. 12, 1944, Viola married Bert R. Wright in Salinas, Calif., where he was stationed in the Army. While there, Viola worked as a nurse's aide fulfilling part of her dream. After Bert was shipped overseas, she returned to Bird City and lived with Bert's family.

Bert and Viola lived on the family farm south of Bird City until Bert's death in 1996. She remained on the farm until moving to Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center in Brush in June 2002. Viola called Eben Ezer home until she died.

She enjoyed caring for her flower gardens, quilting, embroidering, and playing cards with family and friends. Time spent with family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren was extra special.

In 1997, Viola was honored as Thresher Queen at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show in Bird City.

She was preceded in death by

her husband, Bert; her parents, daughter, Janet Kay Reiber; son-in-law, Mike Trulove; three brothers, Herman Richers, Albert Richers and an infant brother; three sisters, Adele Scheel-Locke, Arlene Bruder and Norma Pizel.

Viola is survived by her son, Merlin Wright and wife, Becky of Fort Morgan, Colo.; daughter, Janice Trulove of Westminster, Colo.; son-in-law, Richard Reiber of Fort Morgan; brother, Elmer Richers of Arvada, Colo.; sister,

Elvera Neitzel of Bird City; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at the Bird City Cemetery on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 11 a.m.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center, 122 Hospital Road, Brush, CO 80723 or Hospice and Palliative Care of Northern Colorado, 1106 6th Ave., Fort Morgan, CO 80701.

## South of McDonald

September birthdays celebrated Sunday at the home of Dan and Margie Hubbard were those of Dan Hubbard, Zahara Hubbard, Babs Antholz, Jerri and Mindy Antholz, and Mark and Marilyn Adams. Many friends and family members were there.

Lindon and Diane Montgomery returned home Monday evening.

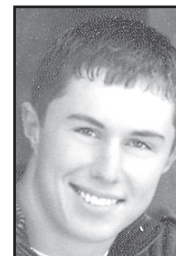
Rita and Lynn Officer were Sunday evening supper guests.

Tom and Kelly Dewey and children attended the Rawlins County - Ellis football game Friday evening at Massacre Canyon.

Elaine Johnson, Kenny Johnson, and Bethel Gotl were Wednesday supper guests of Brent Johnson of Houston, Texas, at Big Eds.

## Student News

Josh Johnson along with 18 livestock judging teammates traveled to Lincoln, Neb., for a hog competition which was held Aug. 24 at the Nebraska State Fairgrounds.



Johnson

On their way to Lincoln, they stopped at Lipincott Sheep Feedyard to judge market lambs, various hog farms to workout, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to judge steer classes. They also visited K-

Kim Shorthorns of Pickrell, Neb.

The competition on Sunday consisted of four junior colleges which made up 11 teams and 45 contestants. They judged six classes with two sets of questions. Casper College took home the honors of having the Top Two Teams and the Top Seven Individual Placings with Josh Johnson being the Overall High Individual.

Josh is a 2007 graduate of Cheylin High School and is now a sophomore studying agriculture at Casper College, in Casper, Wyo. He is the son of Rod and Lisa Johnson of McDonald.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hr. 57 min.

### Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2

Sept. 12, 13 & 14

Kids/Family, Adaptation, Sequel and Teen

America Ferrera, Amber Tamblyn, Alexis Bledel, Blake Lively, Jesse Williams

PG-13 for mature material and sensuality.

**CHEYENNE THEATER**

St. Francis, KS

Children 12 & Under: \$3

All Others: \$5

*You're Invited to a wedding dance for Tyler Knapp & Charity Hughes*



Sat., Sept. 13  
8 p.m. - 12 a.m.



at McDonald Legion Hall

## CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS  
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**Cheyenne County Hospital, Clinic and Health Department Health Fair.**

### Lab Draws

Sept. 15, 16, 17, 7 to 10 a.m.

in County Health Department basement.  
Sept. 16, 7-10 a.m. at the Bird City Clinic

The lab work includes:

- Complete Profile \$40 includes the following lab tests: CMP (complete metabolic profile) that will test your sugar, electrolytes, kidney, liver function Lipid Panel that will check your cholesterol TSH that checks your thyroid CBC (complete blood count) that checks for anemia and possible infections
- PSA (prostate specific antigen) that checks the prostate, \$20  
Pap and prostate exams Sept. 16 - 18 in both St. Francis and Bird City Clinics

Appointment required for pap and prostate exams. Please call the St. Francis Clinic at 785-332-2682 to schedule. Cost is \$25.