

# Student to attend honors banquet

Sydney Busse of Cheylin High School and Courtney Douthit, Cara Hunt, Sam Sowers and Kim Voeller of St. Francis Community High School are among 44 seniors from nine Kansas high schools who will be honored on Wednesday, April 8, by the University of Kansas Alumni Association and Kansas University Endowment.



Busse

100,000 students. Scholars rank in the top 10 percent of their high school senior class and are selected regardless of curricula, majors, occupational plans or higher-education goals.

During the ceremony, each student will receive an American Heritage Dictionary in hard back and CD versions.

William J. Crowe, special assistant to the dean of libraries, will speak to the students and their parents and guests.

Mike and Brenda Day of St. Francis are county coordinators for Cheyenne County.

The Kansas Honors Program is made possible through Kansas University Endowments and proceeds from the Jayhawk license plate program.

The seniors will be recognized for their academic achievements and named Kansas Honor Scholars at a dinner program at the Elks Lodge in Goodland.

The honors program began in 1971 and has honored more than



THE CALENDAR SAID SPRING but snow was flying in Bird City this past week.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider



ED FRISBIE is preparing for the track meet on Thursday.

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## Ball player invited to state event

Dean and Theresa Knapp went to Denver, last weekend to watch their granddaughter, Kendra Miller, play in the Colorado Coaches of Girls' Sports 3A All-State Basketball game.



Miller

The Colorado Coaches of Girls' Sports began sponsoring an all-state basketball game in 1978 to provide girls a showcase for talent. Each senior athlete is nominated by coaches in her league, while the coaches representing all the leagues make the final selection of 16 players. Players are chosen based on talent, dedication, team play and leadership.

The Knapps also attended the banquet honoring the athletes at the Double Tree Hotel in Westminster, Saturday night.

Kendra is the daughter of Don and Deana Miller. Her grandmothers are Charlotte Wahrman and Bobbie Miller of Atwood.



Andrew Royce



Abigail Renee

## Introducing

**Andrew Royce Wright  
Abigail Renee Wright**

Andrew Royce and Abigail Renee Wright, twins of Dennis and Dana Wright of Bird City, were born at Citizens Medical Center on Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009. Andrew weighed 5 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 18 inches. Abigail weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches. The twins were welcomed home by their big sister, Grace.

Grandparents are Tom and Bev Carpenter of Stockton and Don and Donna Wright of Bird



City. Great-grandparents are Maynard and Lucille Wright of Bird City, Ruby White of Sharon Springs, and Ralph and May Carpenter of Pottsboro, Texas.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,  
I disagree with the recent Bird City editorial (March 19, Letters From Linda) asserting that anyone who has attended a military funeral "would never, never be able to say anything derogatory against our military men and women or their service to secure our nation."

Military personnel swear to defend the First Amendment to the Constitution (guaranteeing free speech)...and the right of any citizen to criticize military personnel...ad infinitum, in perpetuity!

Military enlistees swear or affirm the following oaths: "I,

(name), do solemnly (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of The United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same...that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

Note the last sentence is not required if the speaker has a personal or moral objection, as is true of all oaths administered by the United States government. This is an oath to protect the Constitution not to defend any specific territory, persons or property, it is also

a lifetime affirmation. An excellent website to visit is <http://oath-keepers.blogspot.com> enumerates the "13 orders we will not obey" of military personnel who take their oath to defend the Constitution seriously.

A superb movie which to me clearly demonstrates the contrast between military pomp and ceremony and real life military action is "For the Boys."

What oaths do county sheriffs, deputies and state patrolmen take? Anyone know?

Doug Hempler  
Bird City

## Coming Soon: SENIOR PARENTS!!!

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### Congratulate Your Graduate ....

The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times are now planning the Senior Graduation Supplement and will be giving parents a chance to put a baby picture in along with a short message from the family for \$20 extra. This feature is optional. Senior pictures will be sponsored by parents, grandparents, individuals and/or businesses for \$39.00 each or three for \$99.

### Lincoln Pochop

I plan on attending the University of Nebraska at Kearney majoring in Business. I am also participating on the Lopers track and field team.

You are still our baby boy and we are so proud of you and your accomplishments. May your life be filled with God's blessings. We love you, Mom and Dad



Parents: Anita and Gerard Pochop

For more details, contact Casey McCormick at the Saint Francis Herald at 785-332-3162

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