### By Casey McCormick

mccormickcasey@rocketmail.com I don't consider myself a "spring chicken." Enough gray and thinning hairs are hard to ignore. But just because you've been around doesn't mean you can't experience something new.

For instance, I attended my first baby shower last Friday.

Our nephew and his sweet wife, Derek and Allyse Ross, are getting closer to being first time parents. An invitation to their shower came I guess I didn't look it over very good since I figured just the ladies

that the gentlemen were expected

So family and friends gathered to celebrate the good fortune to come this couple's way. It was heart warming to see all the people together with such a sense of hope for the unknown baby's future. If this kick-off party is any indication, the new born will have a lot of fans in his, or her, life.

"A new born babe brings light to to the house a couple weeks ago. the cottage, warmth to the heart and joy to the soul."

### **Obituary**

March 28, 1932 to Aug. 23, 2011

to Leo and Helen Wright. He Marshall, Molly and her served in the U.S. Air Force husband Matthew Wright. He is during the Korean War. He then the brother-in-law of Jo's sister, received a master's degree in psychology from Fort Hays State

He married Joene Harris on June 9, 1959, and worked as a school psychologist in four school districts in Champaign until retiring after 30 years.

He is survived by his wife Jo Wright. Their daughter Tracy,

### **School Menu**

### Oct. 10 - Oct. 13 Monday

Breakfast: sausage, gravy and biscuit

twice-baked Lunch: casserole, green beans

**Tuesday** Breakfast: yogurt, English

Lunch: deli ham sandwich, frog

Wednesday

Breakfast: waffles

Lunch: meatballs sauce, buttered **Thursday** 

Breakfast: breakfast burritos

Lunch: pizza burger, peppered Breakfast is served daily with

oast, cereal, juice and milk.

Lunch is served daily with salad bar, fruit and milk

This calls for an Irish blessing: Hospice.

## Willis Wright

Willis Wright was born on her husband Jeff Wilber, and March 28, 1932, in Byers, Kan., their children Olivia, Natalie,

> Donna Vanderput of Bird City. Willis was preceded in death by his three sisters and son

> Matthew Wright. The family asked that everyone celebrate Willis' life by remembering his creativity, his love for his family, and his

adventurous nature.

Willis could take bits of things that were destined to become junk and create something both usable and beautiful. It was as if in each piece of junk, Willis saw great potential. Also when he saw a need he would then create something out of other things; to meet that need.

Jo shared that she and Willis worked well together in building their home and collecting the treasures that fill it.

Willis also loved to travel to other countries and at the time of his death was planning his next adventure to Scandinavia and Scotland with a small stopover in the Arctic Circle. Sunday mornings he could often be found with a cup of coffee at Border's Bookstore researching his next trip abroad.

Funeral services were held in Mahomet, Ill., at the Community Free Church of Mahomet. The announced their engagement and officiating pastor was Jason Schifo. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Mahomet where he was buried next to his son Matthew.

## **Bulletin Board**

### **Death Notices David Sowers**

David Sowers, 56, died Sept. 27, 2011 in Denver, Colo. Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Living Water Fellowship Church in Bird Citv.

William 'Bill' Leach

Services for William "Bill" Leach, 85, will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday at the Wesleyan Community Church in Bird City. Memorials may be made to Senior birthday party

The Bird City Senior Center birthday party will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday at the center.

**Community Club** 

Bird City Community Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 10 at Bird City Senior Center.

**Cheylin School Board** 

The Cheylin Board of Education will meet at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, Oct. 10 in the High School.

will meet at 8 p.m. on Thursday attending the movie bring a canned (tonight) in the commissioners' room in the courthouse. On the and they will receive a free sack agenda is the election of officers.

**County commissioners' meeting** 

Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 14, in the 11:30 a.m. at the County Clerk's commissioners' room in the 100 years of 'Living the

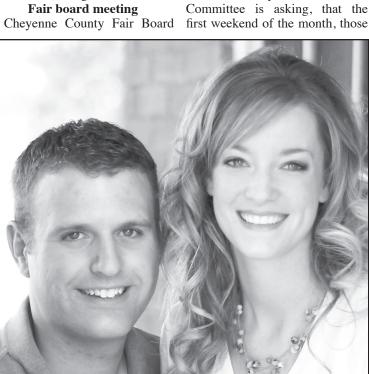
### Colors of Faith' St. John Lutheran Church in

Bird City will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 10:45 a.m. They will also have an open house on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 2 to 5 p.m. **Winter Bowling Leagues** 

Anyone interested in joining a

winter bowling league, contact Jenny Wright at 332-2211 or Mary Bier at 332-2119. Free popcorn

Cheyenne Theater Committee is asking, that the



William Linin and Rachel Sowers

## Couple make wedding plans for November

Rachel Elisabeth Sowers and William Maurice Linin have upcoming wedding on Nov. 19.

Rachel is the daughter of Dan and Lori Sowers, Bird City. She is a 2009 graduate from Cornerstone Bible Institute with a degree in Christian Education. She is employed as an advisor assistant

**Scott Knebel** 

in Hot Springs, S.D.

William is the son of Max and Brenda Linin, Goodland. He received a bachelor of science degree in Construction Science and Management from Kansas State University in 2007. He has recently returned to the Goodland area to farm.

The couple plans to make their

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of popcorn. Veterans' affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on veterans' affairs, will be in St. Francis at 10:30 to office to assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims work on Thursday, Oct. 6. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs in St. stop by the Cheyenne County Francis, you may contact the office Development office at 107 W. in Colby any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at (785) 462-3572.

**Historical society programs** Sunday, Oct. 23, Audrey Kalivoda will be at the Cheyenne County Theater. She will preview her newest DVD, "Kansas, the Center of it All." This event will begin at 2 p.m. with a reception Library. The program is presented by the Cheyenne County Historical

### Tag deadline

All residents with last names beginning with S should purchase their car, pickup, motorcycle and vehicle personal property tax by the end of the month to avoid paying a penalty.

presented or entered on form at

food donation for the Food Pantry

Treasurer's office closed Chevenne

County Treasurer's office will be closed Wednesday, Oct. 12 for state training on motor vehicles. The rest of the courthouse will be

**Cheyenne County ambassadors** 

If you are proud of your community and your county and want to tell folks about it, Washington in St. Francis and pick up an "Ambassadors" package. Take one along on a trip or to an event. Let everyone know what a great place we live in! **Narcotics Anonymous** 

Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held at 104 W Webster/ Methodist Education Building following at the St. Francis Public on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. Contact (785) 342-0028.

### **Northwest Kansas Family Shelter**

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7 daya-week service to victims of domestic violence and sexual motorized bike tags and pay their assault. Weekly support groups are available for women and children within the northwest Kansas area. For information or Driver's license needs to be in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-

## Judging results told

The Cheylin FFA chapter attended second, Allie Frisbie sixth, and the Northwest District land judging contest at Norton on Wednesday, Sept. 21. Students attending were: Kenan Reeh, Joshua Keltz, Wil Orten, Adam Orten, Ty Carmichael, Eddie Frisbie, Nakita Schneider, chapter attended the area contest Jessie Smith, Noah Jones, Austin Cobb, Heath Churchwell, Michael Barnett, Jacob Brubaker, Allie Frisbie, Mary Anne Orten, Shawn Pochop, Connor Hazuka and Casey Vandike.

Cheylin had teams in two divisions, The Greenhand division and the Senior division. The Greenhand team placed first out of 11 teams with Jacob Brubaker placing first, Connor Hazuka

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

Casey Vandike ninth. The Senior team placed second out of 14 teams. Kenan Reeh was high individual and Adam Orten was second. On Wednesday, Sept. 26, the

at Russell. The team consisted of: Kenan Reeh, Jacob Brubaker, Wil Orten, Adam Orten, Eddie Frisbie, Allie Frisbie, Joshua Keltz, Heath Churchwell, Ty Carmichael, and Michael Barnett. They placed fourth out of 12 teams. Kenan Reeh placed third overall, Eddie Frisbie was seventh, and Michael Barnett was tied for ninth.

The team advisor is Max Keltz.

1 hr. 27 min.

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9 a.m. - noon and Friday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m. - noon. In Bird City - Call clinic for appointment 785-734-2200

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