## **Obituaries**

### **David John Sowers**

Feb. 4, 1955 - Sept. 27, 2011

David John Sowers was born on Feb. 4, 1955 to Lewis and Audrev Sowers in Oakley, Kan. He married Teresa Schlup in Stratford, Texas on Aug. 31, 1978. To this union, four children were born: Heather, Jared, Hannah and

David loved his wife of 33 years and they built their life together, raising their family through faith and hard work. vid's life was his family and his faith in God. He instilled in his strong and to always have faith. His children were the apple of his eye. He always looked forward to seeing and spending time with them: checking cows, working on the farm together, or just sitting around chatting about life and the weather. He loved being a husband, father and grandfather, and looked forward to every

David loved the country life, ing. He raised and hauled cattle years of hard work, tough yet tender. There was always love in David's hands.

of Colby, Jared and Brook Sowers of Independence, Mo., Hannah Sowers and significant other. Rocky Gomez, of Post, Texas, was also known as "Papa" by his beloved granddaughters Evangelyn Sowers of Colby and Paisley Sowers of Independence. He is survived by brother Daniel and Lori Sowers of Bird City, sister Sara and Larry Schield of Austin, Texas, brother Stephen Sowers of Imperial, Neb. and many more family and friends.

David was preceded in death by his sister Audrey Marene Sowers, parents Lewis and Audrey Sowers, parents-in-law Raymond and Sharon Schlup, and grandparents James and Ruby Sowers and Lloyd and Grace Sims.

David died on Sept. 27, 2011 at Aurora Medical Center in Aurora, Colo. Funeral services were held Oct. 1 at Living Water Fellowship Church, Bird City with Pastor Terry Glasco and Ron Morris officiating. Honorary pallbearers were Hannah Sowers, Heath Sowers, Evangelyn Sowers, Brook Sowers and Paisley Sowers. Casket bearers were Jared Sowers, Sam Sowers, Dan Sowers, Steve Sowers, Matt Martin and Ron Wieck.

Interment was in the Cheyenne Valley Cemetery, Wheeler, David is survived by his wife Kan. Arrangements were made by Teresa, children Heather Sowers Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

### William 'Bill' Leach

Aug. 24, 1926 - Oct. 1, 2011

William Wesley Leach was ing the rewards of his labor. born to William Hosea and Hazel Leach on Aug. 24, 1926, in vice oriented. He served many Bird City, Kan., and died Oct. 1, and Samuel Sowers of Hays. He 2011, at Allgood Estates in Commerce City, Okla.

Preceding Bill in death were his parents; wife, Vada; sister Darlyne Beeson; brothers, Dwight, Kenneth, and David; brothers-in-law, Elmer Beeson, Kenneth Kinser; and sister-inlaw, Shirley Leach.

Surviving him are his wife, Carolyn, two sons, two daughters, 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren, a sister, two stepdaughters, and many friends and family.

Bill grew up on a farm northwest of Bird City. He attended grade school at Green Ridge School District 8. He graduated from Bird City High School. On Nov. 14, 1944, Bill was drafted into the U.S. Navy. He served in World War II and was discharged in July, 1946.

On April 30, 1947, Bill married his high school sweetheart Vada Beeson. They were married 60 years. Bill and Vada were blessed with two daughters and two sons: Deloris and Warren Sager of LaCrosse, Kan.; Janice and Gary Baldwin of Cleveland, Tenn.; Gary and Merilie Leach of St Francis, Kan.: and Dexter and Patti Leach of Minneola,

After returning from serving his country in the Navy, Bill began his life-long career in farming and raising cattle. One of his greatest joys was maintaining the Cheyenne County Kansas State Extension Service wheat plots. He also enjoyed driving the combine during harvest, see-

Bill was very community seryears as the pastor of the South Fork and Riverside Friends Churches. He was a very dedi-

cated commissioner of Cheyenne County for 24 years and also served on the Bird City School Board for 12 years.

He always liked to watch his sons participate in sports. He and Vada never missed a game. As he got older, he continued to stay informed about sports at all levels.

Bill was very knowledgeable in many topics and could carry on a conversation with just about everyone. He loved to visit with people and receive cards from family and friends.

The grandchildren and greatgrandchildren were very important to him. He liked to take them on rides on the combine during harvest and the John Deere 5-wheeler around the farm. He also liked to play checkers and table tennis with the kids.

July 8, 2009, Bill married Carolyn Faith Butts and moved to Fairland, Okla., where he enjoyed his last few years.

The funeral service was held on Oct. 6, 2011, at the Wesleyan Community Church in Bird City, with Pastor Dan Carson presiding. Casket bearers were Cliff Leach, Brian Gray, Robert Sager, Cletus Grannon, Michael Moore, Phillip DeLong, John Collins, and Michael Harms. Interment was in the Bird City Cemetery with military honors. Memorial contributions may be made to "Hospice."

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St Francis.

# Fair board elects officers for year

By Karen Krien

karen.k@nwkansas.com The date of the 2012 fair was decided when the Cheyenne County Fair Board met Thursday

evening.

The county fair is always held the first weekend in August. Aug. 1 is a Wednesday so the official date of the fair is Aug. 1 through 4. There will be no conflict with the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show which is held the last weekend of July. The 4-H Style Revue will be held on Monday, July 30.

Dick Bursch, president, reminded members to be thinking of candidates for the 2012 fair parade marshal. This will be decided at the November meeting.

#### **Election of officers**

Election of officers was held. Re-elected were Mr. Bursch as president; Nick Ketzner, vice president; and Drew Flemming, treasurer. Gary Cooper, who has served as secretary, declined the office. Ashley Lang was elected as the secretary.

#### **Extension agent's report**

Marty Fear, extension agent, said he would need the fair building for the achievement banquet on Nov. 6. He invited all board members to attend.

Mr. Fear had been asked to check other fair books to see what they had listed for a code of conduct. He said Wallace County put in a piece about sportsmanship.

He said that on all participating forms which 4-H'ers sign, there is a code of conduct. The board thought that the code of conduct should include all people participating and attending the fair, whether it be 4-H events or the demo derby or even the talent

If the code of conduct is printed in the fair books, they agreed, it would be there in writing as a backup or reinforcement if people are out of line. Before the code of conduct is put in the book, the rule will need to be approved by the extension board and 4-H council.

They talked about establishing a grievance fee and a grievance committee. If there is a problem and the person wants to put up the money, they could meet with

the committee. If the person is found to be in the right, he/she gets the money back. However, if the person is found to be in the wrong, the money would be kept. Also, a person who is causing problems can be asked to leave the grounds.

The board agreed that a grievance committee would be a good thing to have during the fair as there are times when all fair board members are busy and cannot be called to settle a matter.

Mr. Fear suggested that there be two members from the fair board, two extension members and two Program Development Committee members. The matter was tabled until the November meeting.

#### Treasurer's report

The treasurer's reported that he had received a bill from Candi Douthit for \$431 to landscape different areas of the building. He had already paid two bills for \$100 each for mulching.

Following discussion, the board agreed to pay the \$431 bill even though the budget for the landscaping had been \$350. Next year, they will re-evaluate the landscaping.

#### In other business

• The board agreed to have a special supper instead of a meeting in January.

#### **Next meeting** The next board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. instead of 8 p.m. on

Thursday, Nov. 3, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse. CHEYENNE COUNTY 2010

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# Notice of annual meeting published

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**Notice of Annual Membership Meeting** 

Cheyenne County Development Corporation will hold its annual Meeting on Friday, October 21, 2011, at Noon at the St. Francis Public Library on 121 N. Scott, St. Francis, KS. All Cheyenne County registered voters are members and are invited to attend.

### **Board of education** publishes resolution

Published in the Bird City Times, Bird City, Kansas, Thursday, October 13, 2011. (41)

WHEREAS:

The Board of Education of Cheylin USD No. 103, Cheyenne/Rawlins County, State of Kansas, is authorized by K.S.A. 72-8801 as amended by 1988 HB 2882, to make an annual tax levy for a period of time not exceeding three years in an amount not to exceed six mills upon the assessed tangible taxable property in the district for the purpose specified in said law; and

WHEREAS:

Board of Education has determined to exercise the authority vested in it by said

**NOW THEREFORE:** 

3e It Resolved That

The above-named school board shall be authorized to make an annual tax levy for a period not to exceed three years in an amount not to exceed six mills upon he assessed taxable tangible property in such school district for the purpose of acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, remodeling, additions to, urnishing and equipping of buildings necessary for school district purposes ncluding housing and boarding pupils enrolled in an area vocational school operated under the board, architectural expenses incidental thereto, the acquisition of building sites, the undertaking and maintenance of asbestos control projects, the acquisition of school buses and the acquisition of other equipment and for the purpose of paying a portion of the principal and interest on bonds ssued by cities under the authority of K.S.A. 12-1774, and amendments thereto, or the financing of redevelopment projects upon property located within the school district. The tax levy authorized by this resolution may be made, unless petition in opposition to the same, signed by not less than 10% of the qualified electors of the school district, is filed with the county election officer of the home county of the school district within 40 days after the last publication of this esolution. In the event a petition is filed, the county election officer shall submit he question of whether the tax levy shall be authorized to the electors in the school district at an election called for the purpose or at the next general election, as is specified by the Board of Education of Cheylin USD 103.

### CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Education of Cheylin USD 103, Cheyenne/Rawlins County, Kansas, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

Jane C. Wung

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The most important part of Dachildren a love for God – to be

visit from his granddaughters. especially farming and ranchfor many years and loved every minute of it. He could easily fix engines and machinery and passed this passion on to his sons. David's hands reflected

By Sandy Binning Tom and Kelly Dewey and

children attended the first birthday party of Toby Prideaux in Atwood Saturday evening. Ashley Wahrman was a week-

end guest of Tom and Kelly Dewey and children.

Mike and Amy Waters and Brynn were Saturday overnight guests of Bethel Goltl. Bethel and Alan Goltl and Mike, Amy, and Brynn Waters all attended the open house for St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City Sat-

church services Sunday morning and the dinner afterwards for the 100 year anniversary of St. John Lutheran Church.

in Eastern Kansas Tuesday and Wednesday at Ozawkie visiting

with Leon and Nancy Brunton. ed to first chair of the baritone saxophone section of the Kansas

Joe and Charlene Kramer were Natalee Thomas has been elect-

State Junior High Honor Band. Natalee is the daughter of Ward and Tanya Thomas of Stockton and the granddaughter of Dan urday afternoon and attended and Pam Thomas of McDonald.

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