

## Bird City News

During the Christmas holiday, Brad and Linda Schneider, along with their grandsons, Ivan and Joseph, visited with family in California and Arizona. Passing through five different states, their first stop was in Arizona to visit with Brad's sister, Linda Ketzner, who lives in Sun City, and long time friends, Travis and Lisa Stilwell of Fountain Hills. The Schneider family were guests of the Stilwell's, along with their daughter, Shelby. Lisa made a wonderful dinner that included a

delicious eggplant casserole. The boys had hours of fun playing with their dog, Cooper. They then went to California and were guests of Linda's parents, Adolph and Marie Madrid. They spent Christmas Eve with Linda's family and Santa Claus made his usual stop and passed out presents. There was also the making of the traditional tamales, which were enjoyed by all. The trip home was long, but the weather was great.

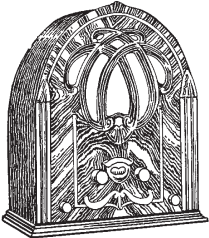
## Club Clip

**American Legion Auxiliary**  
The American Legion Auxiliary met on Jan. 4 with 10 members present. For part of the program for the day, members each shared on what they did for Christmas. This was an interesting part of the program in which everyone took part. Many letters were read from the soldiers who had received packages from the Support Our Servicemen program. These letters showed just how appreciative these servicemen are when they received these items. They expressed thankfulness for the support shown them by these items - and especially liked the pictures that the children colored. At the close of the meeting Joy read a story about *The Battle for the Flag*, in which a group of people had gathered for a burning of an old flag. A young boy picked up the old flag and cursed it and threw it down on the ground, calling it a dirty rag. There was an old soldier there, who had

fought and lost a brother at Iwo Jima's beach and got a bum leg that the still drug. The battle of the flag was won that day, by a tired old soldier with a rusty gun. And he showed that this flag may fade, but these colors don't run. Then Rose Gordon read the Pledge of Allegiance as Red Skelton had shared it, explaining each word. This really gave those attending thought as everyone needs to remember each word as they repeat the Pledge of Allegiance. Those there drew for the afghan that was won by this unit, which had sold tickets. This was supposed to have been done in December, but since the dinner was cancelled because of the snow, today was the only opportunity that to draw for this. Hulda Dorsch's name was drawn and so she won the afghan. If you are eligible, you may join the Auxiliary as they meet and make plans to help veterans, servicemen and community.

## Behind the Scenes

By Janet Carman  
Activities are continuing "behind the scenes" at the Museum of Cheyenne County. Enthusiastic, positive attitudes prevailed as old and new board members met Jan. 10 to plan for the coming year. Installation of the new officers will be held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the Museum. Officers to be installed are: Lea Keller, president; Janet Carman, vice president; Dee Dorsch, secretary; Dave Rossbach, treasurer; trustees, Helene Landenberger, Marcia Hickert and Lucille Rossbach. Don't miss this meeting. A couple of unique door prizes will be given away, refreshments will be served and the Cheyenne County DVD will be shown. At the January board meeting, Deb Harper reported that a number of the Cheyenne County DVDs were sold prior to the holidays. Created by Margaret Bucholtz,



these DVDs feature hundreds of photos of historic Cheyenne County. The DVD will also be shown at Kansas Day in Bird City. The Kansas Day Committee encourages area residents to join in Cheyenne County's 79th celebration of Kansas Day Jan. 29 at the Bird City Legion hall. Dr. Leo Oliva, Kansas historian, will be featured speaker. Dr. Oliva writes, "My presentation, *Rowdy Kansas Territory* is a series of vignettes of a few important events that help us better understand the troublesome territorial period and the struggle to make Kansas a free state."

## Cougars play tough in tournament basketball

By Colleen Shrader  
The Cheylin boys basketball game was very close on Monday, Jan. 7, at the Western Kansas Liberty League basketball tournament, but the Cougars pulled through and won the game. The game went into overtime and the final score was 66-58. The score at the end of regulation time was tied at 51. The fans during the game were on the very edge of their seats as fouls were getting close. Coach Grippin was proud of his team

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Points: Lincoln Pochop 32; Jacob White 16; Sam Hengen 11; Vance Churchwell 5; Chris Walden 2.  
Rebounds: Pochop 18; Hengen 6; Churchwell 3; Josh Garner 3; White 2; Walden 2; Caleb Keltz 1.  
Assists: Hengen 6; Pochop 1; Antholz 1; Walden 1.  
Steals: White 7; Pochop 4; Churchwell 3; Walden 2; Hengen 1.  
Blocks: Walden 1; Pochop 1.



**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS for Bird City Senior Citizens. Ed Meyers, Dean Smith and Gene Young. Photographed left to right are Keith Dorsch, Maude Elliott,**

*Times staff photo by Linda Schneider*

## Obituaries

### Irene Mary Sophie Kehlbeck

Feb. 6, 1912 - Dec. 17, 2007  
Irene Mary Sophie (Golt) Kehlbeck was born Feb. 6, 1912, to Matthias and Sophie (Toth) Golt, the second of a family of nine. She was baptized March 24, 1912, and later confirmed in the Lutheran faith. She died on Monday, Dec. 17, 2007, at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis, Kan. Her birthplace was on a farm 7 miles northwest of Ludell. Later the family moved to the town of Ludell, but during her high school years they moved to a farm southwest of McDonald. Irene attended Atwood, Herndon and McDonald high schools, and after graduation from McDonald she became a teacher in the Mayflower and Beaver Valley one-room schools.

On Oct. 12, 1932, she and Ernest William Kehlbeck were married at St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City. They were able to celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary and Ernie's 90th birthday at a family reunion in 1997.

After living about a year on a rented farm and about a year on the Kehlbeck home place, the couple bought a farm south of McDonald, where they lived more than 50 years before retiring to Bird City in 1988. Preceding Irene in death were her parents; her husband, Ernest; brothers, Elmer Golt and Lavern Golt; sisters, Edith Norwood and Helen Sherrod; and a great-grandson, Paul Nathaniel Roesener.

She is survived by her daughter, Nadine Gail Roesener and husband, Arlie, Springfield, Mo.; her grandchildren, Linda Karlin and husband, Tom, Lincoln, Neb.; David Roesener and wife, Yadira, Decatur, Ala.; Ann Mamallo and husband, Ernesto, Seattle, Wash.; Mary Lee Alder and husband, Scott, Portland, Ore.; and Laura Roesener, Poulsbo, Wash.; her great-grandchildren, Erin, Laura and Jenna Karlin; Gabriel and Celia Mamallo; Nathaniel and Michelle Roesener and Sophia Alder; sisters: Esther Spomer, Lawrence; Evelyn Botti, El Sabrante, Calif.; Elaine Johnson, Bird City; Jane Casa, San Miguel de Allenda, Mexico; and sisters-in-law: Bethel Golt, Hollis Kehlbeck, Irene Kehlbeck and Viola Peck. She also leaves a dear friend, who was like a son, the Reverend Clayton Nietfeld and

his wife, Lila, of Eaton, Colo. Irene was an active member of St. John Lutheran Church. Teaching Sunday school to both children and adults was a special joy, but she participated in almost every aspect of church life. Other interests were making quilts for Lutheran World Relief, hand-quilting with the ladies of the church, being a member of the McDonald Garden Photography Club, and participating in the annual Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show in Bird City, having been Steam Engine Queen in 1991.

Irene led a full and active life, serving her Lord and Savior, which continued after entering the Good Samaritan Village, in St. Francis, in 2003. She will be greatly missed. Funeral services were held on Dec. 20 at St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City with Pastors Charlotte Strecker-Baseler and Clayton Nietfeld, officiating. Casket bearers were Ken Johnson, Darren Van Allen, Craig Van Allen, Lynn Glasco, Wade Carmichael and Kent Banister. Interment was in the Bird City Cemetery, Bird City.

**Louis Lee Gipe**  
March 25, 1928 - Jan. 9, 2008  
Louis Lee Gipe was born March 25, 1928, in Cheyenne County, Kan., to Harry Lee and Mary Edna (Burr) Gipe. He grew up on a farm 10 miles northeast of Bird City with his five sisters, Lily Ruth, Ellen, Mildred, Verna and Leona. He attended Evergreen School

during his grade school years and graduated from Bird City High School in 1947. Louis served in the United States Army from May 18, 1951, until May 7, 1953. He initially served in Company E, 53rd ABN Division as a heavy-duty truck driver in Sonthogen, Germany. He was later transferred to Metz, France, where he served in the 7867 Quarter Master Depot Group throughout the remainder of his service. He married Ruth Evelyn Williams, daughter of Arlie and Dora Williams, on June 21, 1953, in St. Francis. They made their home in Bird City throughout their lives. To this union were born two boys, Larry Alan in 1956, and Dwayne Lee in 1959. Ruth preceded him in death on July 14, 2001.

Louis was employed by the Bird City Equity Coop Elevator and retired after 40 years of service on March 25, 1993. He found particular joy in his farming activities that at various times included dairy cattle, hogs, wheat and milo crops, calving and harvesting activities. He remained active with his crop farming and harvesting until his death. Louis was a devoted and caring husband, father and grandfather. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, and found special happiness in finding ways to bring joy to them. He held high expectations for himself and his sons to have a solid work ethic, caring demeanor and

unquestionable integrity. He remained active until his sudden death on Jan. 9, 2008.

Funeral services were held at the Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City on Jan. 12.

Honorary pallbearers were Eric Ryan, Justin Gipe, Tyler Gipe, Kyle Thompson, Alex Thompson, George Gipe and Dayton Gipe. Casket bearers were Jim Leisure, Dave Flemming, Alan Archer, Don Wright, Tim Burr and Martin Burton.

Burial was in the Bird City Cemetery where he was honored for his military service by the Fort Riley Honor Guard.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Ruth; and two sisters, Ellen Hitchcock and Verna Cormack.

Survivors include Larry and Jody Gipe of North Platte, Neb.; Dwayne Gipe of Omaha, Neb.; Lily Ruth Edmonston of Bird City; Mildred Bangerter of North Salt Lake, Utah; Dean and Leona Ross of Clinton, Utah; Merle Hitchcock of Bird City; Lyle and Alvina Williams of Emporia; Carl and Connie Williams of St. Francis; Gene and Sherry Williams of Grant, Neb.; and Doris Meyeres of Great Bend; grandchildren: Eric and Kim Ryan, Brandi Thompson, Justin Gipe, Sylvia and Tommy Smith, Tyler Gipe, Crystal Fox, Tina and Josh Johnson, Jessica Lamb, George Gipe, Dayton Gipe and Holly Gipe; eight great-grandchildren; friend Erva Gene DeAragon of St. Francis and a host of other relatives and friends.

## Advertisement For Bids

Separate sealed BIDS will be received at the City Clerk's Office by the City Clerk in City of Bird City, 111 East 4th Street, Bird City, Kansas by the City Clerk, on January 29, 2008, until 2:00 PM, Local Time, and then such BIDS shall be publicly opened and read aloud in the City Office for furnishing all equipment, labor, materials and appurtenances required to construct two new lagoons, existing treatment plant demolition, and other such work as may be incidental to WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids; and to waive irregularities or informalities to accept the BID it deems most beneficial. Bids received after the specified time of closing will be returned unopened. The Owner will accept only those sealed bids, either hand delivered or received via U.S. Mail or other commercial carrier. Items transmitted by facsimile or electronically will not be accepted.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

Miller & Associates, 1111 Central Avenue, Kearney, NE 68847

Miller & Associates, 109 East 2nd Street, McCook, NE 69001

City of Bird City, 111 East 4th Street, Bird City, KS 67731

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of Miller & Associates, Consulting Engineers, P.C. located at 1111 Central Avenue, P.O. Box 306, Kearney, Nebraska 68847, Telephone 308/234-6456 upon payment of \$50.00 for each half-size set. Full-size sets of documents can be obtained for a deposit of \$75.00. Documents will not be available electronically. Any PLAN HOLDER, upon returning the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS within fourteen (14) days of the BID OPENING, and in good condition, will be refunded \$20.00.

Each BIDDER will be required to submit with his proposal, a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond made payable, without condition, to the City Clerk, Bird City, Kansas, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the proposal.

Attention of BIDDERS is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246.

BIDDERS on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246 as amended as well as additional Federal provisions. Requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications.

The prospective participants must certify by submittal of EPA Form 5700-49 (Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters) that to the best of its knowledge and belief, it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency.

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