# **County has many** July 4th events

#### Amanda Miller and Norma Martinez

amiller@nwkansas.com Organizers throughout Cheyenne County have been busy planning for the upcoming Fourth of July events that are now just weeks away. People from both St. Francis and Bird City have been diligently working to make this year's the largest and most spectacular display for American Independence Day yet!!

Residents of Cheyenne County have many fun events to choose from throughout the day in both Bird City and St. Francis. There will be your choice of parades, games in the park, free swimming, fire truck rides, sand volleyball, a DJ will be set up with an open microphone, and of course there will be a spectacular display of fireworks sure to make every American proud.

#### St. Francis

"We are planning a great display of fireworks," said John Amack, one of the coordinators for the St. Francis July Fourth, said.

Holly Hingst is organizing a parade for St. Francis. She said there will be a parade at 10:30 a.m. around the Sawhill Park. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate. Have the children dress up in their Fourth of July outfits and let them be a part of the fun!

Following the parade, there will be water games and fun at the park. Mr. Amack said there will be a water slide for the children to play on as well.

Throughout the afternoon, games for all ages will be played. There will be horseshoe throwing, hillbilly golf and other games behind Hilt Fireworks and Parkhill.

The committee is also working on gathering teams for a sand volleyball competition. For those who want to go to the sand volleyball pit near the swimming pool, there should be some games going on.

Finally, once the sun sets a large firework display will be set off behind Parkhill. The fireworks should be able to be seen all across St. Francis. They are set

#### event happen.

An account has been opened at Western State Bank so that anyone wishing to donate can deposit money directly into the fireworks fund. There are also containers at the St. Francis banks which people can put their donations. Any left over money will be left in the Western Fireworks savings account and used to fund the July 4 celebration for next year.

#### **Bird City**

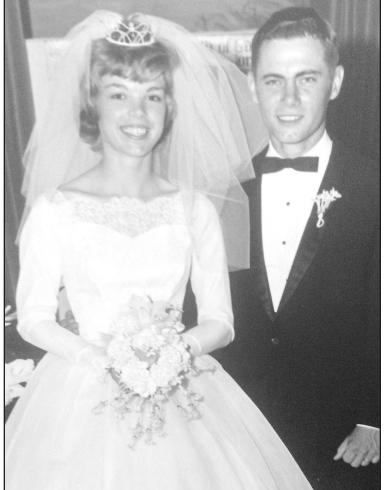
In Bird City, lots of fun events are planned for the day. The fire department will begin the day at 9:30 a.m by giving fire truck rides from the fire house and horse drawn wagon rides from the front of the Bird City Library. Rides will be offered to all ages.

Van Doren Park will draw lots of outside visitors for the Horseshoe Tournament being held at 10 a.m. The kids will be the focus at 11:30 a.m. for the Red, White and Blue Kids Parade. An all-American hot dog meal will be available in the Shelter House for \$6. At noon the Hot Dog Eating Contest will be conducted. Two divisions will be awarded prizes. The youth division will be for eighth graders and younger and the Adult division will be for ninth graders and older.

To keep cool, the swimming pool will be open for free swimming from 11 to 5 p.m. Everyone will be offered a chance to cool off in the air-conditioned Legion hall for a Patriotic Sing-A-Long at 1:30 p.m. and cake and ice cream social from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Then everyone will gather at the thresher show grounds to tour the old sod house, country church and school. Concession stands will be set up with plenty of finger foods to satisfy the munchies. One thousand finger lights have been ordered for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to sell to light up the grounds. DJ music will be set Kansas State up with an open microphone. After announcements are made everyone will join together to sing is more than just a symbol of the national anthem. At 9:45 p.m. academic achievement, said Stethe final part of the day will end with 45 minutes of continuous executive officer. Membership spectacular fireworks and patri- gives students access to a num- cis Community High School.

With all the wonderful, patri-



Sondra and Rodney Bracelin

### Fifty golden years of marriage celebrated

Rodney and Sondra Brace- Francis. Friends and relatives lin are celebrating 50 "Golden" can help them celebrate their years of marriage. They were milestone by sending cards to married on June 14, 1964, at them at P.O. Box 665, St. Franthe First Christian Church in St. cis, KS, 67756.

### Student News

Casey Keller, St. Francis, has accepted membership in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Keller attends

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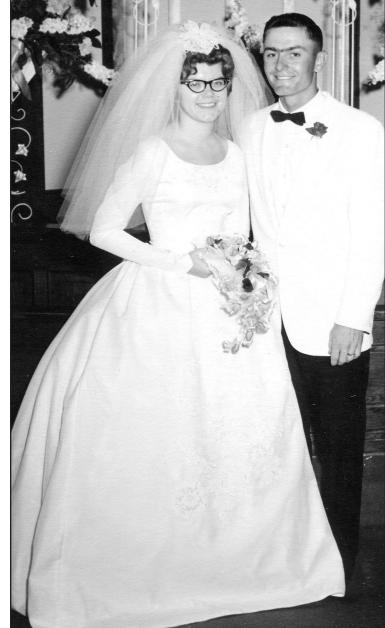
ber of amazing benefits including career and networking resources, scholarships, travel and service projects both on campus and in the community.

The Society is the nation's only interdisciplinary honors organization for first- and secondyear college students. Membership is by invitation only, based on grade point average and class standing.

Casey is the son of Clay Keller and Dana Timmons, St. Francis. He is a 2013 graduate of St. Fran-



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Sandra and Tom Bandel

## Couple celebrates golden anniversary

Sandra Price and Tom Bandel were married June 20, 1964, life together on the family farm. at First Methodist Church, St. Cards can reach them at 220 Francis.

Officiating the candlelight ceremony were Reverend Wayne their golden anniversary with Montgomery and Reverend Robert Miller, uncle of the bride.

Sandra and Tom began their Road 16, St. Francis, KS 67756.

The couple hope to celebrate family and friends, and travel at some later date.

