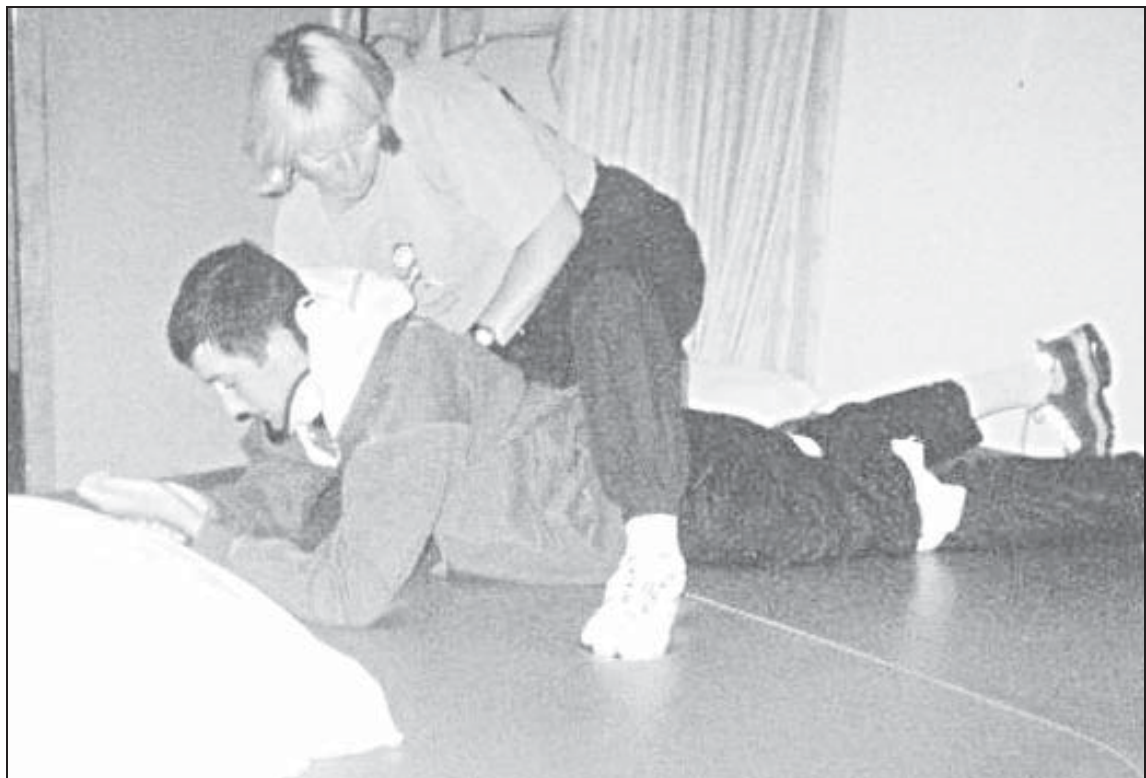


Lutheran church features lecture tour Wednesday

On Wednesday, Sept. 3 Peace Lutheran Church will host Dr. Frank and Joyce Benz, Loveland, Colo. The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and registration. Dr. and Mrs. Benz will be presenting six courses that are open to the public. Lunch and supper will be provided by the Peace Lutheran Church Women. Please call or visit Peace Lutheran to reserve your place in the schedule and to sign up for the meals for the day. There will be displays of ancient Holy Land artifacts with the history, culture, and everyday life of the Lord. Lectures will focus on the "Psalms as Models for Prayers, Hospitality, a revisit to a Biblical practice, Archaeology and the Bible: Christ, Christians and Crusaders." Dr. Benz will spend time illustrating that Christ

lived in a Greek and Roman world which was the cradle for the beginnings of the Christian Church. He will include insights into the Crusades as well as the present struggles of Jews, Christians and Muslims in the land today. Dr. Benz taught Old Testament studies at Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, from 1962-1995. He has developed a variety of lectures in which he draws on his professional knowledge and current reading. His special interests are in the Pentateuch, Prophets, Psalms and Wisdom Literature. He is remembered by students and parishioners as an interesting and stimulating lecturer. Mrs. Benz was born and grew up in Oshkosh, Wis. She is a graduate of the University of

Dubuque, Iowa, and holds her masters of arts from Wartburg. She has developed an excellent overview of the Reformation and the life of Martin and Katie Luther. She also has a presentation of "The Lutherans in Russia" and the new Lutheran Seminary at St. Peterburg, Russia. Dr. Benz has recently finished a computer course in the Geography and History of the Bible on CD-Rom. Access to satellite maps and sites/places related to events will also be available. It will be marketed to seminaries, Bible colleges, churches and individuals. Any person with a computer will be able to take the course and learn the Biblical events with a serious involvement in the Biblical events, terrain recognition and site visits.



SCOTT LEIGHTON receives therapy after a auto accident.

Obituaries

James C. Geter

Jan. 25, 1940 - Aug. 6, 2003
James C. Geter, 63 of Wichita, Kan., died Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2003. He was born Jan. 25, 1940, in Natchitoches, La., moving to Shreveport, La., in his younger years.

He was a Greyhound trainer for 12 years for Vince Berland Flying Eagle Kennel of Abilene.

James and Delphine Schlepp were married Feb. 28, 1965, in St. Francis.

Survivors include his wife, Delphine of the home (daughter of the late Jake and Carolina (Schlepp)); children, Greg and Susan Geter and grandson Dalton James of Hurricane W.V., Jerry and Danielle Geter of Sunrise, Fla., Gene Geter and granddaughter Taylor Jean of Wichita, and daughter Terri Geter of Miami, Fla., one brother and four sister of Shreveport, La.; in-laws, Melvin and Louise Schlepp, Gladys Cook, James and Mildred Barnhart, all of St. Francis, Keith and Jeanette Bracelin of Goodland, and Vasco and Betty Milan of Aurora, Colo.

Norma Wright

Aug. 9, 1909 - Aug. 15, 2003
Norma Hattie Schild Wright was born on her parent's home-

stead on Aug. 9, 1909, to Swiss immigrants, Arnold Vinzens and Anna Schneider Schild. She died on Aug. 15, 2003, at the age of 94 years. Norma was baptized and accepted as a member of the Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City. She attended rural school Pleasant View 22, and graduated from Bird City Rural High School with the class of 1929. Norma was a teacher at the Neville School 9 and received nine hours of college credit from Kansas State University. She also kept her father's books as he was an extensive business man.

Norma married her school days friend, Floyd Evan Wright, on Dec. 8, 1940, at the Methodist parsonage in Bird City by Reverend Parrott. They purchased a farm southwest of Bird City, where Norma lived up until her death. On Aug. 10, 1947, Floyd and Norma adopted their son, Gaylord Lynn. They were a very happy family that loved to travel and spend time together. Norma was a very devoted wife, mother,

grandmother and great-grandmother.

Norma was a member of the Bird City Garden Club for over 25 years. She was also a member of United Methodist Women, and Circle of Friends in the United Methodist Church. She was honored two weeks ago by the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Association by being named the 2003 Thresher Queen. She took this honor very much to heart, and made a gracious and beautiful Queen. She was very disappointed that she had to miss being in the fair parade as the Thresher Queen.

Norma's life revolved around her family. This was especially true when it came to her great-grandsons, Walker, Devon and Jordan. They kept her going each day. She loved spending her days caring for them, and they loved staying with her too. She did not often think of herself first. Norma was always doing for others, usually Lori, Clayton and the boys. She did not let much slow her down. This was evident in how she recovered from a serious car accident in April. She loved working in her yard and with her flowers, and would not let her injuries keep her from what she loved.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents, Arnold and Anna Schild, her husband, Floyd in 1993; her son, Gaylord, in 1973; her grandson, Kevin Allen Wright in 1983; her three brothers, Arnold, Fred, and Werner; and her sister Aria Bowans.

She is survived by her grand-

daughter, Lori Lyn Wright and husband, Clayton Janicke; great-grandsons, Walker Frederick, Devon Ronald and Jordan Lynn Janicke; sister, Olga Applegate; granddaughters, Tonia and Steven Vallejo, and Cary and Eric Migchelbrink; great-grandchildren Jayden Elise and Riley Allen Vallejo; Calvin and Nancy Semler; brother-in-law, Maynard and Lucille Wright; and special neighbors, Donna Vanderput, and Ron and Mary Linner as well as many nieces, nephews and friends.

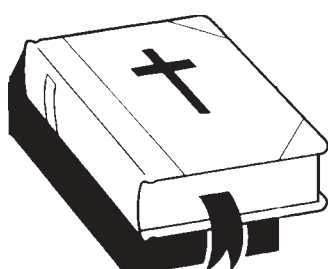
Norma will be long remembered for her kind, giving nature as well as her love of flowers, the Kansas University Jayhawks, and especially her devotion to God and family.

Funeral services were held on Aug. 20 at the Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City with Reverend Doug Mason officiating.

Casket bearers were Dale Schields, Ken Krien, Ron Linner, Ronald Janicke, Radean Wright, Don Wright.

Burial was in the Bird City Cemetery in Bird City.

Knodel Funeral home was in charge of arrangements.



MULTI-PERIL UPDATE MEETING

Tuesday, September 2

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

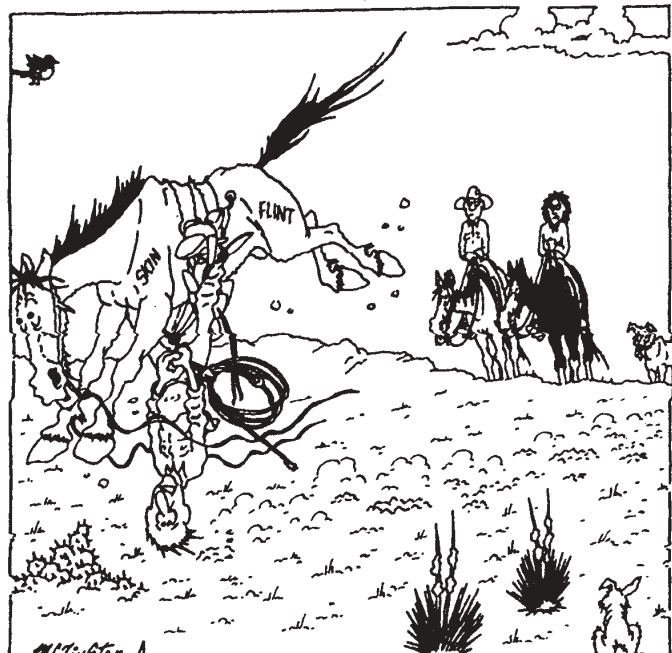
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One-vehicle accident leaves man paralyzed on July 5

On July 5, Scott Leighton left the family farm after helping with wheat harvest in the Quinter area but before reaching home, he dodged to miss a flying owl and was in a one-vehicle accident. It was around 10 hours before he was discovered and in that time, Mr. Leighton realized that he had some serious injuries as he could barely move.

Many people in this area will not recognize the name of Scott

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Captain Paul and Betty Rathbun, Canton, Mo., were Tuesday to Friday guests of John and Bethany Bartlett. They are friends from Drury College days.

Steve and Karissa Wilhoft, Jonathan and Liesl, Parsons, were guests of the Bartletts during fair week. Joining them for a couple of meals were Jason and Abby Howard, Haviland; Amy Reyes, Morrison, Colo.; Shawn Strong, Beaver, Okla.; Roger and Chelly Moore, Hannah and Katie; Scott and Rebecca Wiley, Janessa and Alex Jordan. This group attended the high school graduation ceremony of Kathryn Jean Moore, Sunday, Aug. 10, at the New Life Christian Center in Eckley, Colo.

Leighton but most will remember Robbie "O'Brien" Leighton who did rotations last winter in the clinic and hospital. Dr. O'Brien Leighton, the daughter of Neal and Julie O'Brien, lived and went to school in St. Francis until 1989 when her parents moved to Scott City.

Dr. Leighton had graduated from medical school in June and now has the title "Doctor." Ironically, she was majoring in rehabilitation medicine and will be spending the three years in Dallas doing her residency.

According to Dr. Leighton's aunt Becky Roberson, Dr. Leighton makes \$2,000 a month which does not allow low rent housing and other such benefits. The insurance will pay for physical and occupational therapy but a van is needed to

get there and there is no money for that purchase.

When friends and acquaintances of the Leightons heard of their need, they started organizing a benefit to raise money to buy the needed van.

The fund raiser will be held at 7 p.m. on Sept. 27 at the 4-H building in Scott City. Tickets will admit two adults and hors d'oeuvres are provided.

For more information, contact Matthew and Lisa Trout, 620-872-7096 or e-mail lisat@wbsnet.org; or Dan and Kim Schmidt, 620-872-8938. Checks are payable to Leighton Benefit and mailed to Matthew Trout, 1010 Viola, Scott City, 67871 or Daniel Schmidt, 6760 W. Rd. 50, Scott City, 67871. In St. Francis, contact Ms. Roberson, 785-332-3120.

Cheyenne County Amusement Authority is having a **THANK YOU PICNIC** for the Volunteers and their family who helped make the 2003 Carnival a success. Come to the park at the Shelter on **SUN., SEPT. 7** at 6:30 p.m. BBQ Beef, Drinks & Service will be furnished so come bring a salad or a desert and enjoy the evening!!!



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