

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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I'm sure you've heard about Hoagie's accident.

Scott "Hoagie" Carmichael was injured in a motorcycle crash while he was trying to get to his son, Lucas, who had also gone to the hospital.

To make a long story short, Lucas is fine, but his dad is still in intensive care at St. Anthony Central in Denver. Hoagie, who already had weakened lungs due to a previous illness, is now getting help from machines to breathe and needs his broken ribs to heal.

I'm writing about this because I can relate to where my friend

is at. One day I wasn't feeling so well and soon I was at a Denver hospital and very close to death.

Now, because of Hoagie, I know how my loved ones and friends felt. The feeling is helplessness. I wish I could do something to ease his pain and bring Hoagie back to the way he was.

From my own experience I know of one thing that we all can do to help Hoagie. That is to pray for his recovery.

I don't mean to preach. But the power of prayer is amazing. Folks I didn't even know were sending messages out that helped me recover. I can tell you, it works!

## Chatting with Cathy

By Cathy Domsch

The following is quoted from the Center for Rural Affairs newsletter (June 2008):

"In community development, we sometimes find ourselves dealing with small rural communities that resemble rotten apples. They appear shiny on the outside, but need a lot of work on the inside. We use terms like leadership, entrepreneurial development, youth attraction, and others to work from the inside to make the community better. But what happens when the apple is fairly good on the inside, yet the skin could use a little work?"

"Beautification is a key aspect of community development, and it can be an easy way to bring people together. The dictionary defines beautification as a process of making visual improvements in a town or city. This often involves

planting trees, shrubbery, and other greenery. It may involve decorative or historic main street development. Town and villages often undertake beautification projects to refurbish their downtowns and boost tourism and other commerce...

"In addition to planting a few strategically placed plants, picket fences and a little paint go a long way to showcasing the community. Spring weather provides a good opportunity to clean up as well. If each community member takes responsibility to enhance the beauty of the community and diminish any eyesore, the shiny apple will emerge from looking dull and drab."

I think the community of Bird City is a already a shiny apple, and with a little more work, it could be even shinier!

## Register to vote before July 21

Those who have not registered to vote need to do so on or before July 21. That is the date the voter registration books for the primary election will be closed.

People wanting to register can go to the county clerk's office in the courthouse or the St. Francis city clerk's office during regular business hours. In Bird City, people can register at First National Bank.

To register, the person must be a citizen of the United States and 18 years old or older..

After registered, the voter's registration will be good until he or she changes their name by marriage, divorce or legal proceedings; or changes residence.

Application forms need to be filled out and signed.

The primary election will be held Tuesday, Aug. 5. Voting places and candidates will be announced closer to the election. The general election is set for Tuesday, Nov. 4.



Roesener

## Card shower requested

The family of Walter Roesener is having a card shower to help him celebrate his 95th birthday.

Send greetings to him at the Good Samaritan Village, 820 S. Denison St., St. Francis, KS 67756.



### Steam Engine Show

Association members are once again preparing for the Steam Engine Show July 31 through Aug. 2.

A meal will be served at the Legion Hall (it's air conditioned!) 5 p.m. through 7 p.m. central time, Friday, Aug. 1. Following the meal will be a free concert, sponsored by Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Association, featuring the popular Highway 385 Band.

So mark your calendars and come out, have a wonderful time and enjoy the Thresher Show. Watch your papers for more information regarding other activities during the Show.

### Hospitalized

Scott "Hoagie" Carmichael remains a patient in the ICU at St. Anthony Central Hospital in Denver. The family reports that he is gaining slowly but steadily however, he is still in intensive care and unable to have visitors. In order to heal as quickly as possible, his family said he needs rest. He is unable to receive phone calls, but cards will reach Scott at Surgical Intensive Care Unit, 2nd Floor Room 204, St. Anthony Central Hospital, 4231 W. 16th

### By Karen Krien

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District Judge Jack Burr of Goodland will not be seeking another term in the second position of the 15th Judicial District — opening the door for three candidates to vie for that seat.

Kevin Berens, St. Francis, along with Andrea Wyrick, Thomas and Logan County Attorney, and Scott Showalter of Goodland, all Republicans, have filed for the position.

The Aug. 5 primary will decide which will most likely be the 15th Judicial District Judge. The three candidates have been out in the seven-county area, beating the streets, knocking on doors and several weeks ago, met in Sharon Springs for a forum.

If elected, Mr. Berens plans to use "integrity and impartiality with the right kind of knowledge and experience."

Mr. Berens has been an attorney with James Milliken, Chartered, in St. Francis since 1999. His legal practice takes him all over the 15th Judicial District and in other parts of Kansas and Colorado.

Mr. Berens said his diverse practice has provided him with a broad understanding of the law, the ability to apply the law to the facts of each case and the competence to made decisions based an analysis of the law and the facts.

He has handled legal matters such as real estate law, income tax preparation, farm leases, commercial leases, contract law, entity formation, estate planning, probate, child custody and domestic matters. He also served as Cheyenne County Attorney for four years and was a law clerk for the District Court Judges of the 3rd District.

Av., Denver, CO 80204.

Rob Schiltz, superintendent, said he will keep updates, as known, of Scott's progress on Indian News, 332-8111.

### New members for Job's Daughters

Those interested in joining Job's Daughters are welcome to attend a bowling party at Cheyenne Bowl on Tuesday, July 15, from 5 to 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Kristi Guthmiller at 785-332-2448.

### Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Tuesday, July 15, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

### No junior golf on Friday

There will be no junior golf practice at Riverside Recreation on Friday, July 4.

### Fourth of July

The Saint Francis Herald office will be closed on Friday, July 4.

### Courthouse closed

The Cheyenne County Courthouse will be closed on Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

### Fair parade

"I have handled legal matters for clients in numerous areas of the law and worked with people in various life situations," he said.

Mr. Berens pointed out there are three branches of government: The Legislative, the Executive and the Judicial branch.

"Each branch has it's own duties and responsibilities," he said.

A district judge, he said, should follow the laws as enacted and the decisions of higher courts.

"If a judge disagrees with a law, then the judge should encourage change through the legislative process rather than changing the law from the bench," he said.

"As a district judge, I will not legislate from the bench. I will fairly and impartially apply the laws to the facts of a case in reaching a decision. I will protect the rights of the people as provided by the law and will insure the rights of the people to seek a remedy through the courts.

## Club Clip

### Dorcas~Ruth Circles

The Dorcas~Ruth Circles of St. John Lutheran Church held their May and June meetings in the home of Meta Dankenbring. Val Coleman provided lunch in May and Freida Black provided lunch in June.

Those who attended were Mabel Carstens, Vernetta Haack, Val Coleman, Donna Jensen, Edna Roesener, Freida Black, Bethel Golt and granddaughter Ellen Waters, Phyllis Wright and Meta. Bethel and Phyllis led Bible study lessons.

The next meeting will be held 2 p.m., July 8 in the church lounge.

## Wanted: Available Housing Information

The Foundation is updating their housing information file for Bird City. This file includes homes to rent or purchase and is made available to current and prospective residents of Bird City. If you have a house for sale, or rent, please contact our office for a housing form, or go to [www.birdcity.com](http://www.birdcity.com).

For more information contact the Bird City Century II Development Foundation office at 785-734-2556 or [info@birdcity.com](mailto:info@birdcity.com).

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# Bulletin Board

Now is the time to be thinking about an entry in the Cheyenne County Fair Parade to be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9, in St. Francis. The theme is "A Day in Paradise."

### Fair board to meet July 10

The July meeting of the Cheyenne County Fair Board will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, rather than on the first Thursday of the month.

### Carnival volunteers

Volunteers need to help with carnival cleanup and painting before the fair. Meet with others at the fairgrounds each Thursday at 7 p.m.

Volunteers are also needed to help with games and rides during the fair, Aug. 6-9. Get your name on the list by calling DeEtta Knorr, 785-332-2551.

### Dane G. Hansen Museum

The Dane G. Hansen Museum in Logan is proud to present "The Purse and the Person, A Century of Women's Purses," curated by Curatrix Groups from July 18 through Sept. 28.

### Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 3, at the county clerk's office. People may also contact the Veteran's Affairs office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at 785-462-3572.

### Recovery Today/Narcotics Anonymous

Recovery Today group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. on Sunday nights at the United Methodist Educational Building. Call (785) 332-6542 or 8607 for more information.

### Sainty Serenity Seekers/Alcoholics Anonymous

Sainty Serenity Seekers open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous is held at 7:30 p.m. each Thursday evening at the United Methodist Education Building at 104 W. Webster, St. Francis. Call (785) 332-6542 for more information

### Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7 day-a-week services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available for women and children within the northwest Kansas area. For information or in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

# Area resident runs for district judge

"As district judge, when necessary, people will have their day in court in a timely manner. While I support alternative dispute resolution, if the parties are unable to resolve their differences, I will be objective and impartial in deciding the matter at a trial."

Mr. Berens is a member of the American, Kansas and Colorado Bar Associations and American and Kansas Associations for Justice.

He is a member of the First Baptist Church in St. Francis and is licensed to preach. He is a former director and former president of the Cheyenne County Economic Development Corporation.

While in law school, he served as a representative of the Student Bar Association and as appointed Lt. Governor of Community Service/Work-A-Day program for the 10th Circuit Law Student Division of the American Bar Association.

He was raised in Colby and graduated from Colby High School and attended Colby



Berens

Community College. He went on to earn a bachelor's in business administration at Fort Hays State University. He graduated from Washburn University School of Law with honors (cum laude) and in the top 15 percent of his class.

He and his wife, Angie, have two sons, Matthew and Joshua. His spare time is spent with his family.

SHOWTIME: 8:00 p.m. 1 hr. 35 min.

## Kung Fu Panda

July 4, 5 & 6 Animation

Jack Black, Dustin Hoffman, Jackie Chan, Ian McShane, Lucy Liu, Angelina Jolie, David Cross, and Seth Rogen

Rating: PG for sequences of martial arts action

### CHEYENNE THEATER

St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747

Children 12 & Under: \$3 All Others: \$5

## David Warren & Family

Candidate for Cheyenne County Sheriff

Would like to wish you a Safe & Happy Fourth of July!

Pol. adv paid for by David Warren for Sheriff, Brenda Warren Treas.

## CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS 785-332-2104

"Swing Fore Your Health"

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The Cheyenne County Hospital will be having their 6th Annual "Swing Fore Your Health" golf tournament on Sunday, Sept. 7 with registration beginning at noon and tee-off at 1 p.m.

The tournament will be \$60 per person and in the format of a 3-person scramble with prizes awarded for the top winners of each flight.

For more information or to sign up a team, please contact Shawna or Heidi at 332-2104.

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