

## Picnic enjoyed in shelter

It was a nice day for a picnic at the Van Doren Park Shelter House. Coming from Goodland to visit with their friend Barbara Merklin, who works as a receptionist at the Frontier Coop in Bird City, were Amber Wolak, Hayley Sederstrom and her son Kacen, and Tina Meyer.

They wanted to surprise Mrs. Merklin with a lunch at the park. The group of ladies are former co-workers from Wal-Mart. Sitting in the Shelter House, they were able to enjoy the new furniture that had just been donated by the Bird City Community Club.



ENJOYING A PICNIC— Barbara Merklin holding Kacen, Amber Wolak, Hayley Sederstrom and Tina Meyer visit after lunch in the park.

## Resident has complaint against sheriff

By Karen Krien

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One of the commissioners had received a complaint about an elected official and the matter was discussed and resolved at the Tuesday, July 15, Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting.

Andy Beikman, commission chairman, said Gale Walz had called to complain that Craig Van Allen, sheriff, was campaigning in his area and using a county vehicle on county time.

Mr. Beikman said he had called Sheriff Van Allen about Mr. Walz's accusation. The sheriff said he was driving the county roads updating the county's 911 address system

since the appraiser's office didn't have time. If someone asked him about his stand on issues in the election, he was glad to talk to them but campaigning was not his sole purpose for being out in the county.

Carol Gamblin, 911 dispatch director, was at the Tuesday meeting and said Allied Information Solutions, the company which had set up the county's 911 system, had asked them to do an addressing update. They had asked the staff in the appraiser's office but were told they didn't have time to do the checking.

Sheriff Van Allen, she said, was helping them out by driving the

country roads.

### Dispatch office report

In her dispatch office report, she said the tornado siren in St. Francis was now working and can be activated from the office. She was given permission to purchase a portable hand-held radio for the office personnel.

Mrs. Gamblin said she would like to appoint Jennifer Padgett as assistant director. She will be able to assume full responsibilities if Mrs. Gamblin is out of the office for extended lengths of time. The commissioners approved the appointment.

### Ambulance report

Jannelle Bowers, ambulance di-

rector, reported that she and Mike Hanson, emergency medical technician and instructor, will be at a director's class July 22 through 26.

Aug. 12 has tentatively been set as the first responder class. The class will be taught by Mr. Hanson.

She said the Kansas State Board of Emergency Medical Service has awarded a grant for \$321 per student.

The June ambulance service write-offs amounted to \$9,011. She said this was a high number but most of the write-offs were Medicare and Medicaid.

Mrs. Bowers said she had ordered shelving from Lampe Hardware, St. Francis. The shelving will be installed in the new St. Francis Emergency Building and will cost \$2,000.

She was also given approval to purchase a used gurney for an ambulance. The cost is \$1,500. The new cost is around \$3,000.

Mrs. Bowers asked for an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss the financial matters of a third party. No decision was made.

### Road and bridge report

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, along with the commissioners, went through the Local Public Authority selection and negotiation process. Penco Engineering was selected for Runzel Bridge, 7 miles west of St. Francis on U.S. 36, then 1 mile north.

The commissioners signed high-way permits for Petroleum Development Corporation to bore under county roads and put in PVC tubing. The same company wanted to place the tubing under and above ground in the ditch. This is a temporary permit and for testing purposes only.

### In other business

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• The commissioners agreed to pay mileage for Robert Van Allen, judge, to attend s in WaKeeney and Colby.

• Mary Morrow, register of deeds, was given permission to attend a district meeting in Colby. She also said she would like to discuss her budget with the board at their budget work meeting.

### Next meeting

The commissioners planned a budget work meeting on Wednesday, July 23, in the commissioners' room.

The next regular commissioners meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Thursday, July 31, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

## Advanced voting booths are open for primary election

The primary election will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 5.

Terry Miller, county election officer, announced the advance voting booth opened Monday in the clerk's office in the courthouse. Many people find the advanced voting booth to be convenient, especially if they have other plans for Aug. 5.

Officer Miller said this year, all voting on Aug. 5 will be held in two places: at the American Legion hall in Bird City, and at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis. There will be no voting at Peace Lutheran or in the basement of the courthouse.

There are a four local races in the primary. The winners of these races will be uncontested in the general election unless there is a write-in campaign.

Running on the Republican ticket for District Court Judge, District 15, division 2 are: Kevin Berens, Scott Showalter and Andrea Wyrick.

In the race for District Magistrate Judge District 15, position 1 are: Robert Van Allen, incumbent; and Steve Orth.

Republicans running for the office of county treasurer are: Dolores Jenik, incumbent; and Carl Jenkins.

County sheriff candidates running on the Republican ticket are: Craig Van Allen, incumbent; David Warren and Philip Wolters.

Other local candidates to be listed on the ballot are: Ray Lee, county commissioner, District 2; Andy Beikman, county commissioner, District 3; Terry Miller, county clerk; Mary Morrow (R), register of deeds; Kari Milliken Gilliland (R), county attorney; Robert Van Allen, (R) incumbent; and Steve Orth (D), candidates for District Magistrate Judge District 15, position 1; Ryan Shay and Diane Shay, both Republicans, Wano II Township committeeman and woman; Roger Moore (R), Wano I Township trustee; Fred Magley (R), Wano II Township trustee.

The results of the election will be listed in the Aug. 7 issue of *The Saint Francis Herald* and the *Bird City Times*.

The general which includes the presidential election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

## Family enjoys reunion Saturday in Goodland

A Cress family cousins reunion was held Saturday at the Senior Center in Goodland. A potluck dinner was enjoyed by 28 relatives.

There were two uncles present, Leonard Amsberry of Goodland and Junior Cress of Bird City.

There were also four aunts there, Julie Amsberry and Betty Cress of Goodland, Jerry Cress of Bird City and Vera Cress of Wilson.

There were 12 cousins present, seven spouses and three second cousins.

## Family opens their home to visitors

Recently, a trio of bikers, Luke Black, Nick Stanick and Sam Pepple, stopped in Bird City for the night. The young men were biking from their hometown of Athens, Ohio, to Eugene, Ore., and stopped at the home of Tony Pham and Angel Martin.

Tony and Angel opened their hearts and home to their visitors for the night. Tony fed them his famous Vietnamese egg rolls, and as the night ended, it was topped off with "Snake Juice."

Although there are many miles they have traveled since being in Bird City, everyone still stays in touch and it was a wonderful night of laughter and sharing.



CHECKING OUT THE MAP—Luke Black, Nick Stanick, Sam Pepple and Tony Pham trace the bike route.

## McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

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Jon and Rachel Mallett, Taylor and Addie of Manhattan were weekend guests of R.J. and Susie Sabatka. Additional Sunday Brunch guests were Kasey and Jennifer Sabatka and children, Agnes Sabatka, Laddie and Vera Kacirek and Alex Meek. Alex, who had worked for the Beardsley Equity during the harvest, returned to Manhattan with Jon and Rachel. His dad would meet him there and take him home to Kansas City.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were Friday visitors of Jim and Ruby Tracy at the Atwood Good

Samaritan Home.

Brian, Lynn, A.J., Lily, and Abby Berns of Springfield, Mo.,

were house guests of Kasey and Jennifer Sabatka and family Monday through Wednesday.

## South of McDonald

Tom and Kelly Dewey and children attended the wedding of Trisha Anderson and Jerry Carpenter Saturday evening in Lexington, Neb.

Kathy and Debbie Banister attended the McDonald Fourth of July Ice Cream Social Sunday evening.

Joe and Charlene Kramer, Ro-

land and Linda Query, Ryan and Diane Shay and children, and John and Phyllis Scott enjoyed the Pickin' On The Plains Festival in Colby Friday evening. Johnny Neill of Denver was among the performers. Johnny was also a Friday overnight guest of his cousins, Joe and Charlene Kramer.

## Students Graduate

**Fort Hays State University**  
Brittany Kehlbeck, Christopher Blanchard, Lori Faulkender, and Jonathan Zweygardt were among the students who completed requirements for a bachelor degree or an associate degree during the 2008 spring semester at Fort Hays

State University.  
Kehlbeck, a Cheylin High School graduate received a bachelor of general studies.

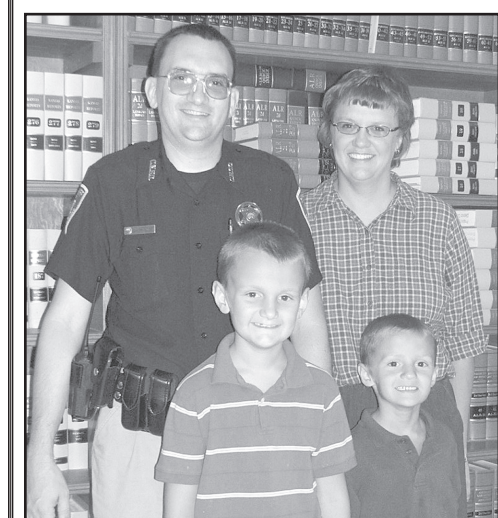
Blanchard, a St. Francis High School graduate received a bachelor of science in nursing.

Faulkender, a St. Francis High

School graduate received a bachelor of science in elementary education.

Zweygardt, a St. Francis High School graduate received a bachelor of art in networking and telecommunications.

## Attend the 55th Annual Antique Engine and Threshers Show July 31 - August 2



## ELECT Sheriff Craig Van Allen, Republican

"From a family you know..."

Pol. adv paid for by committee to elect Craig Van Allen, Kody Krien, Treasurer

## Book Review

### Lean Mean Thirteen

By Janet Evanovich

New secrets, old flames and hidden agendas are about to send bounty hunter Stephanie Plum on her most outrageous adventure yet!

Mistake #1: Dickie Orr. Stephanie was married to him for about fifteen minutes before she caught him cheating on her with her arch-nemesis, Joyce Barnhardt. Another fifteen minutes after that, Stephanie filed for divorce, hoping never to see either one of them again.

Mistake #2: Doing favors for super bounty hunter Carlos Manoso (aka Ranger).

Ranger needs Stephanie to meet with Dickie and find out if he's doing something shady. Turns out, he is. Turns out, Dickie's also back to

doing Joyce Barnhardt. And it turns out Ranger's favors always come with a price....

Mistake #3: Going completely nutso while doing the favor for Ranger and trying to apply bodily injury to Dickie in front of the entire office.

Now Dickie has disappeared and Stephanie is the natural suspect in his disappearance. Is Dickie dead? Can he be found? And can Stephanie Plum stay one step ahead in this new, dangerous game? Joe Morelli, the hottest cop in Trenton, New Jersey, is also keeping Stephanie on her toes — and he may know more than he's saying about many things in Stephanie's life. It's a cat-and-mouse game for Stephanie Plum wherein the ultimate prize might be her life.

August 5th

\*VOTE\*

## SCOTT SHOWALTER DISTRICT JUDGE REPUBLICAN Position 2-Residing in Sherman County

- Life-long resident of Northwest Kansas.
- Graduate of Goodland High School, Fort Hays State University and Washburn Law School.
- Successfully practiced law in Northwest Kansas for the past 25 years.
- Sherman County Attorney for 10 years. Current Kanorado Judge.
- Court Trustee for the 15th Judicial District for the past 14 years.

If elected I would provide a strong and dedicated voice for the people of the 15th Judicial District. With over 70 jury trials and numerous appellant court and Supreme Court appearances, I have the experience to handle the job in a fair and impartial way. My family has been residents of Northwest Kansas since homesteading in Thomas County in 1882. We have watched and helped this area grow for the past 126 years.

Please support and vote for me in the August 5th Republican Primary for District Judge, Position 2. This position is for the entire judicial district but the judge must reside in Sherman County. I have been a resident of Sherman County for the past 33 years.

"EXPERIENCE MATTERS"

Paid for by Showalter for Judge-Tom Palmer, Treasurer

