

# First birthday honored

Cannon Adam Krien Haugsness celebrated his first birthday on Oct. 23. Lots of family members were on hand in Auburn to enjoy a Cars 2 themed birthday. Present were Chris and Vinecia Haugsness; sisters, Zoey and Cadee Haugsness; and grandparents Stan and Becky Krien.



Cannon Haugsness

# Senior living fund almost reaches goal

By Karen Krien

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Before the first of the year, the St. Francis Community Foundation was appealing to people to donate money to the Senior Living Fund for Cheyenne County. Whether it be \$10 or \$20 or \$1,000, with every dollar matched before Dec. 31, that dollar would be matched – up to a total of \$50,000.

The Foundation ran several ads and stories appeared in *The Saint Francis Herald* and, when the New Year's bells rang, the Foundation had received \$48,250, just \$1,750 shy in reaching the \$50,000 mark. When the matching money was added to the Senior Living Fund on Dec. 31, it amounted to \$95,500. The total amount in the fund is now \$143,750.

The foundation is a 501 (C)(3) which allows the highest available tax deductions by the Internal Revenue Service on contributions.

The Senior Living Fund was set up after the Oct. 19, 2010, fire at the Good Samaritan Village and was formed to assist in long-term care.

A study made by the Good Samaritan Society prior to the fire indicated that the facility was old and in need of renovation. It showed that there needed to be assisted living apartments and single-occupancy, skilled nursing rooms added to the facility.

The terms of how the foundation will use the money raised is "broad based," said Tom Keller, president of the Foundation Board. The money is designated to help in long-term care but there are a variety of ways that it can help.

For instance, the money can be used to hire a consultant to do research on future needs of the county concerning the nursing home, assisted and indepen-

dent living, and ways of keeping people in their homes longer. It could be used as leverage for acquiring grants which require matching funds or it could help the Senior Center. These are just a few of the ideas which the foundation board has explored.

Foundation brochures are available in the St. Francis banks, attorney, accountants and insurance agencies. If people have ideas, they are welcome to contact foundation members or attach ideas with the donation form.

Members of the board are Mr. Keller, Jo Frewen, Robert Grace, Carla Lampe, Mike Day, Stacy Kaup, Carl Werner, Dara Carmichael, Dennon Flemming and Bruce Swihart.

# New livestock castrator introduced

A St. Francis company has once again put a patent on an invention.

No-Bull Enterprises is unveiling the next generation of innovation in bloodless castration with the Callicrate "WEE" Bander. It is an instrument crafted from surgical quality, corrosion resistant stainless steel.

It is designed to insure proper ligation with every application – the key to effective humane castration and a signature feature of the Callicrate Bander which has been manufactured and distributed worldwide since 1991 with more than 50,000 units sold.

The company, known for inventing the premiere high-tension banding castration tool on the market, is now introducing a lighter, sleeker version designed to bring the same humane, user-friendly technique to newborn calves, sheep and goats.

Achieving adequate tightness is the single most essential component in reducing stress during banding, according to animal welfare experts like Colorado State University animal science professor Temple Grandin.

"Previously, the only banding option available for the smaller animals was the green elastrator ring," said inventor Mike Callicrate, owner of No Bull Enterprises. "We used the same simple technology, but combined it with a means of attaining proper tension, resulting in a complete ligation."

"In replacing the elastrator

rings, which lack sufficient tension and are considered the most stressful method of castrating young animals, the WEE Bander also provides an alternative to castration with a knife, which is probably the second most stressful method you can use."

Studies of high tension banding have demonstrated that the complete negation of blood flow triggers a natural analgesic effect that blocks pain while minimizing swelling and related complications.

"While in New Zealand testing our high tension banding technology, I castrated a set of lambs with veterinarian John Southworth," Mr. Callicrate said. "All of the lambs receiving the elastrator rings showed extreme discomfort," he said.

"They were rolling around bleating and kicking. The lambs with the high-tension Callicrate bands, both newborn and larger in size, were comfortable and back suckling their mothers right away. We checked on the lambs frequently."

"The lambs with elastrator rings were still showing signs of pain 24 hours later. The high-tension banded lambs were lying around comfortably and nursing, similar to what we would expect to see based on our results with cattle."

Those findings are consistent with research at the University of California-Davis, which showed high tension banding generated a more localized immune response

with no discernible depression in appetite or rate of gain when used on young bulls.

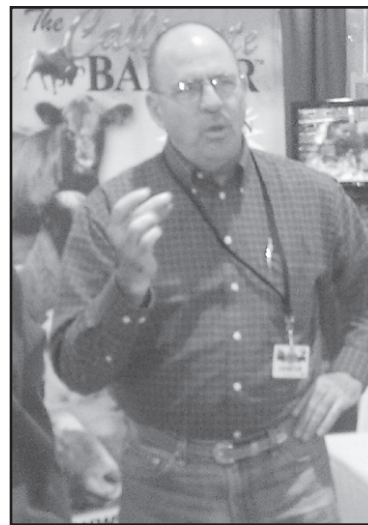
"The stress of using an elastrator ring, which lacks sufficient tension to block pain, doesn't meet the public's heightened standards for humane animal treatment," Mr. Callicrate said. By insuring proper application of the band, the bander measures up to the increasingly rigorous worldwide emphasis on animal care and well-being.

Not only is the Callicrate method for high-tension banding the most stress-free castration method for the animal, he said, it's also easiest for the person performing the operation.

With the Callicrate Bander, band application is mechanically assisted to insure consistent results every time. The WEE Bander is even lighter weight, just as fast, effective and bloodless, but requires no manual cutting or crimping of the rubber loop.

### How it works

The process works like this: the operator loads a rubber loop on a triangular nosepiece at the front of the applicator and places it around the testicles of the newborn calf, lamb or goat. Once both testicles are within the loop, the operator simply releases a small thumb tab to secure the band firmly in place. The process of tightening the band around the testicles to reach proper compression is very quick and simple and requires no cutting of the banding material.



MIKE CALLICRATE explains how the WEE Bander works at a recent meeting in Tulsa, Okla.

"The bands are specially formulated to withstand and maintain the high tension needed for consistent results," Mr. Callicrate said. "The correct formulation and curing of the rubber gives it the elasticity, strength and memory for fail-proof application."

Like the Callicrate Bander, the Callicrate 'WEE' Bander is made in the USA using the highest quality materials. It is essentially maintenance free. Five loops are included with each WEE Bander. Additional loops can be purchased in bags of 25 or 100.

For more information, visit [www.callicratebanders.com](http://www.callicratebanders.com) or call 1-800-858-5974.

# Community foundation meets to give away money

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The St. Francis Community Foundation board meet Thursday with the main purpose being to give away money. The New Generation Fund, one of two funds in the Community Foundation, had accumulated \$1,400 from interest in the endowment fund.

Three organizations applied for the money: The Cheyenne County Historical Society requested \$500 to help with the renovations of Ye Old Country Church; the city of St. Francis asked for \$1,000 to help with the costs of the new LED sign to be installed on U.S. 36; and the St. Francis Senior Center board said they would be happy with anything the board would give them.

Following a great deal of discussion, the board approved giving the historical society \$700 because the money is needed. Even if it was more than they had requested, it was noted that the society has less opportunity to raise money than the city of St. Francis, which received \$700 for the sign project.

In another motion, the board voted to give the St. Francis Senior Citizens \$1,400. While they agreed to give the money, they were adamant that the public know the Foundation board is still strongly committed to the Good Samaritan Village.

The Senior Living Fund for Cheyenne County was established in 2010 after a fire closed down the Good Samaritan Village. The funds were intended to help with

studies to determine what the county needed in the ways of senior living.

Tom Keller, president of the board, had approached the commissioners offering the money for the study but the commissioners indicated they were not ready for a study. Since that time, more money has come in and, with the senior center needing help with a kitchen project, Mr. Werner suggested they give money from Community Foundation fund.

### New Generation Fund

The original New Generation Fund was established in 1988. It was designed to receive many forms of donations such as cash, real estate, stocks and insurance policies. These assets could be held in an endowment account where only the earnings could be utilized for the betterment of St. Francis.

Over the last 23 years only \$30,000 cash has been raised in this endowment fund. The earnings on \$30,000 in a year's time does not generate much money for community projects. The last funds disbursed from the New Generation Fund were made in 2007.

It has taken four years to accumulate just \$1,400 in earnings to be disbursed this year, Mr. Keller said.

The board decided changes must be made. They decided a community foundation format would better serve the community.

The board consulted with the Bird City Century II Foundation board regarding their foundation's structure. They had affiliated with the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation.

For a fee, the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation invests the funds, provides oversight and consultation and files all the necessary reports to meet all the requirements for maintaining the status of an IRS 501 (c)(3) community foundation.

This association, Mr. Keller said, is of a great advantage to an all volunteer board with no paid employees. All of the money was transferred from the original New Generation Fund into an endowment fund in the St. Francis Community Foundation. The board wanted to insure that all donations made in the past and into the future to the New Generation Fund would never have any of the donated funds disbursed but only the earnings of these funds.

This would maintain the original endowment intent of the New Generation Fund, Mr. Keller said.

Forming the St. Francis Community Foundation allowed the board to establish a special needs fund immediately after the Good Samaritan Village fire in 2010. By Dec. 31, 2010, over \$35,000 had been donated.

By Dec 31 of this year, Mr. Keller said, over \$140,000 has been donated.

The difference in this special

interest fund and the New Generation Fund is the following:

- 1) All or a portion of the Senior Living Fund can be disbursed through a government entity, such as the county or city, or another eligible 501 (c)(3) organization for a cause such as senior living.
- 2) These funds can serve as the community's input for a state or federal program that requires local matching funds.
- 3) A community foundation

gives more flexibility and options to assist St. Francis in many more ways.

4) The old New Generation fund has been absorbed into the St. Francis Community Foundation.

In the future there could be additional special interest funds for education, health care, economic development or whatever needs arise.

# Soil fertility school to be held in Atwood

Clint Milliman

Thomas County Extension Agent

Agriculture crop production and the many new products that come out each year are constantly evolving and changing. Farmers and ranchers are urged to come hear the latest research findings on some of these products and sound soil fertility practices and recommendations.

Thomas County Extension and Rawlins County Extension are sponsoring a Soil Fertility School at the 4-H Building in Atwood on Tuesday, Jan. 24, to aid producers in making sound decisions about soil fertility. The program will start at 1:30 p.m. and adjourn at 4 p.m. Continuing Education Units and CCA credits have been ap-

plied for. This is a great time to get a start on those credit hours to renew your license if needed.

Addressing these ever changing products and soil fertility practices will be K-State specialist Dorivar Ruiz Diaz, soil fertility.

Reservations are requested by Jan. 19 by calling the Thomas County Extension office (785-460-4582) or the Rawlins County Extension Office (785-626-3192).

If you have questions or need more information feel free to call either office. You can also email Clint Milliman, Thomas County Extension Agent at [milliman@k-state.edu](mailto:milliman@k-state.edu) or Cynthia Dixon, Rawlins County Extension Agent at [cdixon@k-state.edu](mailto:cdixon@k-state.edu).

## Handy Tips

- Use empty toilet paper roll to store appliance cords. It keeps them neat and you can write on the roll what appliance it belongs to.
- For icy door steps in freezing temperatures: get warm water and put Dawn dish-washing liquid in it. Pour it all over the steps. The mix won't re-freeze.
- Crayon marks on walls? This worked wonderfully! A damp rag, dipped in baking soda. Comes off with little effort.

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