

## House 2nd Amendment Legislation

Early this session I had the opportunity to be a co-sponsor for House Bill 2199, the 2nd Amendment Protection Act. This act would exclude from federal regulation any personal firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition manufactured commercially or privately and owned in Kansas. As long as any such firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition remained in Kansas, the bill would provide that it would not be subject to any federal law, regulation, or authority. Also, the bill would prevent any federal agent or contracted employee, any state employee, or any local authority from enforcing any federal regulation or law governing a personal firearm, firearm accessory or ammunition manufactured and owned in Kansas, provided it remained within the borders of Kansas.

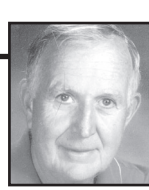
This bill essentially reaffirms the 2nd Amendment, which guarantees the right of Kansans to keep

and bear arms. The bill would also state that because the Constitution does not grant the federal government authority in this area, any leeway to determine how the 2nd Amendment right is exercised is the prerogative of the state. Thus, any attempts by the federal government to regulate the use of firearms manufactured and owned in Kansas would be considered unenforceable in the state of Kansas.

The bill passed the House by a vote of 94 to 29. The bill is now headed to the Senate for further consideration. My best guess is this will become law in Kansas.

There were two other House bills passed this past week in the House. House Bill 2052 would establish a uniform state law addressing unlawful discharge of a firearm within or into a city. This bill would unify the law for all Kansans, ensuring them the ability to use a firearm lawfully to defend themselves or others anywhere in

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the state. It passed 212 to 2.

The third piece of gun legislation passing the House this week was an addition to the Concealed Carry Act. The addition to the Act ensures Kansans have the right to protect themselves in public places where security is not provided. I believe that placing a sign saying guns are not allowed is not a deterrent and does not provide the public with a safe environment. I also argued that legal citizens who have gone out of their way to obtain training from a licensed individual as well as a background check by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation are not the people who shoot up schools and movie theaters. This bill passed the House by a vote of 84 to 38 and I voted for it.

## Obituaries

### Carolyn F. Rosenfelt

Oct. 4, 1931 - March 8, 2013

Carolyn F. Rosenfelt, 81, Benkelman, Neb., died on March 8, 2013, at the McCook Community Hospital in McCook, Neb. She was born in Menlo, Kan., on Oct 4, 1931, to Otis and Esther (Thieler) Cogdill. Carolyn attended school in Kansas.

On Feb 22, 1957, Carolyn married Harold E. "Gene" Rosenfelt in Colorado Springs. They spent 20 years in the Air Force, Gene retiring in 1971 and in 1974 they moved back to Benkelman.

Carolyn worked in civil service, clerical and food sales. She loved to be around her children and grandchildren. Carolyn never met a stranger. She also enjoyed reading, sewing, gardening, and

working jigsaw and crossword puzzles.

A memorial service was held on March 13, 2013, at the Zion Lutheran Church in Benkelman.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Gene, daughter, Jennifer Rosenfelt, son-in-law, Gail Collicott, and nephew, Rodney Cogdill.

Survivors include three daughters, Melinda and Larry Einsphar of Roseland, Neb., Jannelle and Dan Bowers, St. Francis, Melissa Rosenfelt and Ralph Scott of McCook, two sons, Mark and Diane Rosenfelt, and Michael and Maria Rosenfelt all of Benkelman, two brothers, Ronald Cogdill, Colorado, and Roger Cogdill,

Arizona, sisters-in-law Sandy Cogdill, Margaret Guidice and Liz Cogdill.

Grandchildren include Zack Pennstrom of Ashville, N.C., Stephanie and Don Bollinger of Avonmore, Pa., Lacey and Matt Grogan, and Kelsi Bowers, all of Columbus, Ohio, Blaine and Michaela Rosenfelt of Benkelman, Traci and Luke Miller and Christopher Rosenfelt all of Lincoln, Neb., Britni and Danten Downing of Wauneta Neb., and Mitch and Matt Collicott of McCook.

Great-grandchildren include Jordyn Pennstrom, Andie Bollinger, Danielle Grogan and Lilianna Miller.

### Melvin D. (Ike) Isernhagen

March 23 1936 - March 16, 2013

Melvin (Ike) Isernhagen, 76, died March 16, 2013, in Fort Collins, Colo. He was born March 23, 1936, in St. Francis, Kan., to William J. Isernhagen and Ida M. (Wolff) Isernhagen.

Melvin was baptized and confirmed in the Salem Lutheran Church, northwest of St. Francis.

He graduated from St. Francis Community High School in

1954. He and his family moved to Fort Collins in August 1955.

Melvin married Barbara Saxbury on March 3, 1957, in Fort Collins and moved to the family farm in St. Francis. Daughter Julie was born in St. Francis on April 2, 1958.

After three years of crop failures they moved back to Fort Collins. Daughter, Keri, was born in Fort Collins on Aug. 5, 1960.

Melvin started his career as an electrician. After working in Colorado for some years, he took a job with a national electrical contractor which took him many places across the United States. He worked in Oregon, Maryland, Georgia, Nevada and Texas.

In 1988 Melvin married Verna Swain in Portland, Ore. Verna worked for the same contractor as they moved around the country. In 1998, Verna died from cancer while they were living in Copperas Cove, Texas.

Shortly after, Melvin retired and traveled for awhile in a motor home. He lived in Canon City, Colo., for a couple of years before moving to Fort Collins in 2000.

Melvin is survived by daughters, Julie Isernhagen of Louisville, Colo., and Keri (Kelly Losey) Isernhagen of Milliken, Colo.; two granddaughters, Reilly and Erin Ross. Also surviving are brother, Bill and sister Dorothy (Don) Rein both of Fort Collins and sister, Irma Smith of Fort Wayne, Ind., several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Verna and brother-in-law, Ron Smith.

## Co-director plans to hire full-time person

By Karen Krien

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The co-director of the 911 dispatch center told the commissioners at the Friday meeting that he planned to hire a full-time person and would like to hire a part-time person.

Terry Rieger, co-director of the center, said he planned to hire Vanessa Feldman to fill the full-time position in the center. He said she was certified and well qualified, having worked in Larned for three years.

Mrs. Feldman is the granddaughter of Benny and Kathy Weber. She and her husband plan to move to St. Francis and she will be able to start work the first part of April.

Mr. Rieger said they still need

to hire another part-time person. He will review the applicants again. Laurie Knebel, who has put in her resignation as a dispatcher, has agreed to work until the second week of May.

Mr. Rieger was concerned that their portable phones will not work when they take them to the bathroom. The courthouse, he said, is a large, old building with lots of steel and concrete. He ran across some estimates on what it would cost to install a restroom closer to the dispatch center.

We do not want to put the public or the staff at risk, he said.

Mr. Rieger said Lance Long, contractor, had put window coverings over the jail windows. The coverings will protect the new radio equipment.

## Book Review

### A Christmas Wedding

By James Patterson

The tree is decorated, the cookies are baked, and the packages are wrapped, but the biggest cause for celebration this Christmas is Gaby Summerhill's wedding. Since her husband died three years ago, Gaby's four children have drifted apart, consumed by the turbulence of their own lives. They haven't celebrated Christmas together since their father's death, but when Gaby announces that she's getting married - and that the identity of the groom will

remain a secret until the wedding day - she may finally be able to bring them home for the holidays.

But, who the groom is - is anyone's guess.

The wedding isn't the only surprise - there is one more unexpected gift, and it could change all their lives forever. With deeply affecting characters and the emotional twist, this book is a fresh look at family and the magic of the season.

## Development Opportunity

426 and/or 430 E. Emerson, St. Francis. The City of St. Francis is offering title to above lots in exchange for clean up of the properties within a reasonable time as established by the parties. Interested parties are asked to submit their proposal to the City office by 5:00 p.m. March 25, 2013. Any inquiries should be directed to the City Superintendent, JR Landenberger at 332-3031.

## Coming Soon!

(Approx. Mid April)

### The County Seat Greenery

We will be a small retail greenhouse that will feature vegetable and flowering bedding plants, hanging baskets, planters, small trees, shrubs and accessories.

Our location will be U.S. Hwy 36 & River St. in St. Francis.

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MAKING RAVIOLI— Cindy and Kylie Sherlock were among those that participated in the St. Francis Rec sponsored ravioli class taught by AJ Marin on Sunday in the high school Home ec room.

## Basketball scrimmage to be held

The Saint Francis Recreation Commission Little Kids Basketball program will be participating in a basketball scrimmage on Tuesday, March 26. The event will begin at 7 p.m. at the St. Francis Grade School gym.

The second and third graders will scrimmage first at 7 p.m. followed by the fourth, fifth and sixth graders. The players will be announced before scrimmaging. Indian high school basketball players will be on hand to help with the scrimmages.

T-shirts will be awarded to the participants that have attended practice on a regular basis and basketballs will be awarded in a drawing with high school basketball player's signatures.

It will be a fun-filled evening, said Mila Bandel, one of the coordinators, and please feel free to invite anyone you would like to attend. The event is free of charge and open to the public.

The St. Francis Recreation Commission's Little Kids basketball program started its basketball year in November and has been practicing every Monday night through March 26. The program focuses on teaching the youth the fundamentals and concepts of basketball to grades; second through sixth grade for both boys and girls.

The program has two sessions one for fourth, fifth and sixth graders and the second session is for second and third graders. The kids learn ball handling drills, passing and catching drills, rebounding, shooting drills, they scrimmage, and most of all learn

how to play as a team.

Basketball, Mrs. Bandel said, is an excellent way for kids to obtain the exercise they need, and helps youth develop large motor skills and hand-eye coordination. Playing basketball involves knowing the rules of the game, and learning how to work as part of a team.

The coaches for the program are Matt Bandel and Noel Ketzner.

Participants of the program include:

Fourth, fifth and sixth grade session: Connor Keller, KC Krien, Joslyn Ketzner, Lauren Johnson, Lindsey Johnson, Cody Baxter, Draven Houtman, Tayton Weeter, Rylan Doyle, Jesse Confer, Alex Queen, Kobe Tice, Jesse Baxter, Emma Johnson,

Karly Bandel, Taighe Weeter, Audrey Meyers, Wyatt Hilt, Brady Dinkel, Colton Neitzel, Katie Wurm, Garin Cooper, Adam Krien, Cassidy Busse, Isaiah Lee, Emmanuel Fierro, Jordan Raby, Mason Schmid, and Shalyn Zwegardt.

Participants in the second and third grade session include: Haddleigh Hilt, Jesslyn Houtman, Jayce Landers, Ben Busse, Bree DeWaal, Ellee Krien, Talaxa Weeter, Preston Witzel, Jordyn Faulkender, Lyden Lampe, Kaden Lee, Mia Morrow, Amanda Neitzel, Cutter Neitzel, Ben Nelson and McKenna Poling.

Some of the participants have been putting their new basketball skills to use by participating in 3-on-3 and 5-on-5 basketball contests in the surrounding area.

## Easter Bunny to visit Saintry on March 30

There will be candy, prizes and the Easter Bunny at the Easter Egg Hunt set for 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 30, in the St. Francis Grade School gym. Children should bring their baskets to collect the candy and prizes.

Be sure to bring a camera as there will be opportunities for par-

ents to take their child's picture with the Easter Bunny.

There will be four age divisions: 1-2-year-olds; 3-4 year-olds; 5-6 year-olds and 7-8 year olds.

The Easter Egg Hunt is sponsored by Ross Manufacturing, Ken Bracelin Cattle and Milliken Law Office.

## New Equity Station C-Store



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