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 teacher and youth leader. She was an integral part of the women's groups at the local and district levels.  
 The family routinely sat in the third or fourth pew from the rear and to the left-hand side of the sanctuary.  
 "Mom was never quick to anger," John said. "But I do remember, while squirming in the pew one Sunday, there was a thump on the leg.  
 "I rolled my eyes and I said, 'One more thump and you're going home.'"  
 As a youth, John enjoyed sports, scouting, playing the trombone and participating in piano recitals. He also sang in several vocal groups. As a member of the boys trio, he said he never forgot being marched out on the stage three different times to sing. Each time, the boys ended in convulsions of laughter.  
 "The trio was finally deleted from the program," he said.  
 John was busy in those days, working at different jobs. He pumped rationed gas at Carmichael's Skelly station on the hill; "jerked" sodas and malts at Thompson's Drug Store, and later, as an employee of Cooper's Rexall Drug.

At Cooper's, he said, I made John's guaranteed fresh peach ice cream with peaches "fresh" from a can.  
 At times, he accompanied his dad in traveling through the District. During the war years, the speed limit was 35 miles per hour. John was allowed to drive part of the time but his dad would occasionally look at the speedometer, telling him that he must be getting close to 40 miles per hour and to "slow down — the limit is 35."

John didn't grow up wanting to be a lawyer — he wanted to be a doctor, following in the footsteps of Dr. J.H.A. Peck. In fact, Dr. Peck let him sit on the stairs of the hospital (the old hospital which was located on the corner of Spencer and Scott streets) to observe him during surgery.  
 His career choice changed when he was drafted into the Army in 1951. He attended the United States Army Counter Intelligence Corps (CIC) school in Baltimore and was assigned as an investigative agent.  
 "This was the turning point of my life," he said. "I chose to follow my father into the practice of law."

He received his undergraduate degree in 1954, and a Juris Doctor in 1957 from the University of Kansas, then returned to St. Francis to begin his law practice. Two years later, he was elected Cheyenne County Attorney and serve in that position for 12 years.

**Memorable**

Memorable events in his career include the estates of Wilhelmina Neitzel and Garnette and Ethylene Greene.

"It was my privilege to be the scrivener of their wills," he said.

As the executor, Mrs. Neitzel bequeathed her estate, one-third each, to the Peace Lutheran Church and the Cheyenne County Hospital. It was



**JOHN KITE rides a cart pulled by goat.**

with the funds to the hospital that the Cheyenne County Clinic was built. She also gave one-sixth of her estate to the ABC Preschool.

The remaining one-sixth was gifted to the St. Francis Public Library. This became the seed money for the construction of the present library building.

Mr. and Mrs. Greene left their estate in a "trust" and established a fund for scholarships. In 2007, 18 Cheyenne County seniors received scholarships in the amount of \$25,500.

**Gut-wrenching**

"The most gut-wrenching experience as a county attorney was the prosecution of Tolly Bolyard for the double murders of father and son, Fritz and Larry Kehlbeck, respectively, from the Bird City community," Mr. Kite said.

"Kansas Bureau of Investigation agents, Alvin Dewey and Clarence Duntz, were assigned to assist the sheriff and Mr. Kite in the murder investigation by gathering evidence, securing the crime scene and interviewing witnesses," he said.

These two agents were also involved in solving the homicides of the Herbert Clutter family in Holcomb. That case was the inspiration for Truman Capote's book, "In Cold Blood."

Later, the two agents helped Sheriff Edward Schultz and Mr. Kite in solving the Stuart Jewelry burglary which was committed by Rufus Suggs, Plez Dilly and others.

**Changes**

Mr. Kite said the most notable changes in the practice of law have been from manual typewriters and full keyboard adding machines to the present day use of electronic instruments.

"No carbon paper today!" he said.

**Appointments**

Mr. Kite has been admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court; U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit; U.S. District Court, District of Kansas, and all state courts in Kansas. He is also a member of the Northwest Kansas, Kansas and American Bar associations.

His civic and state leadership is significant as he has served on boards of the Citizens State Bank, Cheyenne County Hospital, United Methodist Church, St. Francis Li-

brary, St. Francis Chamber of Commerce and ABC Preschool.

The Governor appointed him to four-year terms on the Kansas Arts Commission Advisory Council, the Kansas Arts Commission and the Kansas Crippled Children's Commission. He has also been a Webelo leader, scoutmaster, a member of the Metropolitan Opera Guild, the Masonic Lodge and Shrine. He served 30 years as city attorney for Bird City as well as attorney for the St. Francis Board of Education for many years.

**Community involvement**

Mr. Kite and his wife, Elaine (Raile), worked as a team to support and improve the community. Mrs. Kite, as Pride chairman, led the way for the restoration and preservation of Sawhill Park, including the band shell. The city earned a first place award in the state program. The park was rededicated in 1978 with Governor Robert Bennett present.

The Kites were also responsible for Fourth of July fireworks displays for a number of years.

"Because of her passion for teaching and love of children, Elaine has taught Sunday school for 27 years at the United Methodist Church," Mr. Kite said. "She cleverly involved me as a teacher, also, with her puppet projects, and as co-editor of 'The Jesus Post,' a newspaper published by the students."

City beautification projects include:

- Razing Judge Kite's office and Angel's Cafe which was followed by the erection of the Kite and Day office
- Razing of Dr. Peck's hospital which became a lot for the Kite's to raise a huge garden with much of the produce being given away on Sundays. Later, Ervin and Edith Rogers built on the lot.
- Clearing off the gingerbread house where the Kite children were born, now the home of Kenneth and Janette Roberson.
- Clearing off the Edith Gawith house, now the home of Sparky and Eilene Nolan.
- Later, remodeling the Victorian building occupied by the Cheyenne County Development Corporation.

**Partner**

Michael J. Day joined the Kite law practice in 1974. Subsequently, they formed the partnership of Kite & Day, L.L.P., a legal partnership for 33 years.

**Family**

Son, Greg, continues to practice law in Wichita, a total of 25 years to date. Daughter, Mindy, a paralegal for 10 years, is married to Hadley Bradbury. They reside in Overland Park where Mindy enjoys being a stay-at-home mom with sons Collin and Chase.

FATHER

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ments and characteristics which insure for him a full measure of honor and success in his chosen profession." The article went on to say that Mr. Kite had a general law practice, real estate and insurance business and gave prompt attention to collections.

As the District Judge of the 17th Judicial District, he served the counties of Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Norton, Phillips and Smith. He was often gone weeks at a time, especially when he traveled to Smith County.

In the early 1920s, Mr. Kite's eyes fell upon a young woman named Ruby Caroline Henry, a college graduate who taught school and also worked as a bookkeeper for the St. Francis Equity. He made advances, but Ruby failed to notice until he mailed her a formal invitation: "I

would be honored if you would accompany me to the lecture next Saturday night at the high school."

After courting Ruby, she accepted his hand and they were married in 1922. Mrs. Kite died in Lincoln, Neb., in 1976.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman, sports which he was able to fit in-between his practice.

Mr. Kite helped shape the law, community and served as an inspiration to others, including his son, John, who pursued law and followed in his footsteps of serving his community.

John recognized the important part his father played in the community and their 100 years in law. Both will be honored at the open house on Saturday at the Kite and Day Law office. People are welcome to stop by from 2 and 4 p.m.

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 around \$360 for radio. Several of the member felt they needed to possibly advertise on McCook, Wray and Burlington stations also. Mr. Bursch will check into and not go over what was spent last year. Lacy Reed said that Western Distributing and Wholesale Beverage would print up the flyers also.

**Cement slab**

Nick Ketzner was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Ketzner asked Mr. Bursch to get approval from the board to go ahead and pour the cement for the ambulance/handicap slab south of the grandstands and also the area by the show ring with the profits of the fairbook sales.

Mr. Ketzner is pouring cement at his farm and thought this would be a good time to pour the cement needed at the fairgrounds. The board gave approval.

**Arena rental**

Shawna Blanka, St. Francis, again asked Mr. Bursch to reconsider allowing the barrel racing association to use the arena as a non-profit organization.

Mrs. Blanka said that all fees collected are put back into prizes won. It was bought up that Mrs. Blanka had saved the fair board around \$800 last year, so the majority of the members agreed to let them use it but that the deposit would still be needed to cover any damages.

It was brought up, where they would draw the line? There are others who do things for the community who will feel that they shouldn't have to pay either. They decided to go on case-by-case.

**Teen dance**

Mr. Douthit said he had been ask by the group doing the Movies in the Park about maybe holding a teen dance at the fair. Years ago teen dances were held on the cement slab in the parking area. The members said they would have no problem with having a dance. The rules still apply as far as liabilities. The members need to check and see if there is still electricity there. Mr. Douthit said that the group had a really good turn out for the first movie in the park without advertising. (It should be noted that the movie was advertised.)

**Fair book**

Ms. Lehman has finished reading the fair book and all changes have been made. The book is ready to be printed.

**Vendors**

Ms. Lehman said there has not been much interest in vendors so she was planning to send out a letter to Gloria Bracelin, Chamber secretary, to have her send it to all the businesses to invite them all to set up booths at the fair.

**Raffle**

The board had talked about having a raffle for the fair. A grill had been donated. Members thought they might be able to get a ATV also. Ryan McAtee said that he thought Aurora Honda was interested when he had talked to the owner but he has not heard back from him.

**In other business**

In other business:  
 • The pen behind the crows nest has been torn down and the panels are so heavy that the board would have no use for them. Mr. Bursch asked if the members wanted to advertise for bids or what to do with them.

Mr. Douthit again felt there was no reason to advertise and thought they should just consign them to Western Auction's next consignment sale — the board agreed.

• Mr. Douthit will check with Bill Ehrman to see if the Amusement Authority wanted the pile of junk beside the train tracks in the carnival. If they don't want it, it will be hauled away.

• Ms. Lehman said The Knight of Columbus are not sure if they will be doing the barbecue or not. They won't know until their meeting on July 18.

• The members signed a thank you card for Jim Miller for rewiring the fair building. Mr. Miller will be wiring the east side of the hog barn at a later time.

Mr. Bursch said he appreciated the work that Dave Flemming and the county crew did at the fairgrounds. All the post have been pulled, mowed and the early weed spraying was ap-

preciated. Jared Douthit also mentioned that Clay Zimbelman borrowed the Douthit's tractor and mower to mow around the arena.

• Francis O'Leary, 4-H shooting instructor, asked to put a pin in the door to the food court at the fairgrounds. The door doesn't open properly and it is getting bent. He also asked if it would be possible to install a gun storage cabinet attached to the wall in the food court building. The cabinet is a 14-gauge steel and welded. The board approved both.

• Former fair board member, Tobe Zwegardt was present to thank the board for keeping the fair going and all they have done.

**Next meeting**

The July meeting will fall on the 5th. Members voted to move the meeting to the next Thursday which will be July 12 at 8 p.m.

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 getted, \$5,000, but in checking with other counties, she had found that the corporation was greatly underfunded.

She and Mr. Butler went over several items of interest in which the organization would like to accomplish if the funds were there. She noted that one project they had done was to advertise in a business expansion magazine that features Kansas. The magazine goes to over 20,000 executives looking for places for businesses to relocate. If a business would inquire to relocating to the county, Mrs. Zwegardt explained that the only thing they would have to offer of the county was an outdated video tape. To produce a new DVD would cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000. She noted that the hospital had offered \$4,000 to \$5,000 toward updating to a DVD.

She also explained that the corporation would like to have Mr. Butler receive additional training; complete a Kansas Business Retention and Expansion Survey (KBREES); update the website and do more advertising on Colorado front range.

The council will take into consideration the request at the budget planning next meeting.

**Superintendent report**

Superintendent J.R. Landenberger was not present at the meeting, so acting president Roger Jensen gave his report. He explained that the wind storm which hit St. Francis on May 29 leaving the town without lights was due to the city's DC batteries failing.

The next day, 20 deep cycle 20-volt batteries were put in place until the regular type could be purchased. A bid of \$10,077 from CD Technologies to replace the batteries would be similar to what the city had, which had lasted 23 years. It will take approximately two months to receive the batteries and in the meantime Superintendent Landenberger felt the batteries bought would be adequate.

The other bid was from Whole Sale Batteries for \$12,383.

**Police report**

• Chief Troy Gardner told the council that he, along with three others, had attended a Community

Response to Disease class in Atwood. Those attending were Gary Rogers, emergency preparedness director; Susan Roelfs, Cheyenne County health nurse and Kevin Berens, Cheyenne County public information officer.

• On June 11, Chief Gardner said the department would have a fire-arms training course.

• He said he had been approached by Bird City concerning cost-sharing with St. Francis' dog pound. He noted that to operate the pound costs the city \$200 a year for a license, plus utilities through the winter and upkeep. The council asked that Chief Gardner and City Clerk Mary Lampe research the figures and to come with a proposal of cost-share for the next meeting.

**Other business**

In other business:  
 • Council woman Natalie Knodel had estimates from Kary Zwegardt for framing and matting the pictures for the board room. For regular glass the cost would be \$600 and for the conservation glass the cost is \$700. She noted that the conservation glass would better protect the pictures. The council approved the conservation glass.

• The council approved to meet 6 p.m. on June 19 for the budget planning meeting.

• The council approved to allow Rowland Roelfs to use the band shell on July 4 from 3 to 9 p.m. for an entertainment.

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