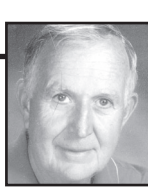


# Legislative News

By  
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120th State Representative

Week 10 proved to be very busy yet productive for the House with a passage of a budget and tax plan, setting the stage for the end of the session. The only requirement for the Legislature is to pass a budget each session. I have concerns about both but voted for them to get to conference.

The next stage for the session is for the House and Senate to meet in a conference committee. This is the process by which differences in bills are discussed and negotiations between different positions take place. Each chamber presents their bill and position along with what they like and don't like about the other chamber's bill. The top three members of each committee represent their respective chamber's position in the negotiations. This will be my first experience being on conference committees.

When both sides believe they have an equitable agreement, they submit their report back to their respective chambers and each body votes on the plan. If it passes both chambers, it goes to the governor for his signature or veto. If either house rejects the agreement, they go back to conference to find another agreement. The conference committee process happens for each bill which has differences from what the other chamber passed.

Some highlights from the past week: Kansas exports increased \$1.75 billion since 2010. Exports from Kansas for 2012 were \$11.66 billion. In the five state regions, the average of exports was 9.2 billion, placing Kansas squarely ahead of the regions average.

The House passed HB 2253, a very strong Pro Life bill which I voted for and the bill passed 92-31. No taxpayer dollars will be used to subsidize abortions.

I enjoyed talking with Senator Bill Bradley, the famous New York Knick basketball player this week. He was in the capitol to discuss options for the Kansas Public Retirement Plan. It appears that there will be no new legislation this year on retirement system. The retirement system continues to be a financial concern to all involved and I feel the director, Alan Conroy, is outstanding. He will be a strong leader in solving the problem associated with the Kansas retirement system.

This past week I was appointed as chairman for the Legislative Educational Planning Committee. There will be six state senators and six representatives meet this summer for two days to review pending legislation for the 2014 session. There are many topics to study. I have elected to research the costs that will be associated with Common Core testing and the reports required to be submitted by each school district on our children.

## New welding business opens

By Karen Krien

A new business has opened in St. Francis.

Adam Peter has opened Adam's Welding and Fabrication at 104 W. Whittier.

He will offer portable welding and in-shop welding is also available. He is willing to build and repair corrals, and is set up for welding mild steel, stainless steel and aluminum.

A St. Francis Community High School graduate, Adam went on to graduate from Salina Area Technical College. While attending college, he worked for Great Plains Manufacturing in Salina where air drills for drilling wheat are built.

Following graduation, he

worked for Soloman Corporation in Soloman where he helped build and rebuild electrical transformers. He was there 2.5 years before returning to St. Francis to open his own business.

### Materials in stock

Adam also sells oil field pipe 2 3/8-, 2 7/8- and 4-inch pipe in stock and other sizes are available on request. He also has 5/8- and 3/4-inch sucker rod in stock. Delivery, he said, is available.

He also has an inventory of mild steel, round stock, angle iron, flat strap, square tubing as well as other types of iron and steel.

For more information, to place an order or to do some welding, call Adam at 785-332-4039.



LIVING LAST SUPPER — Ryan Culwell, Spencer Schlepp, and Pastor Warren Cico study their lines before the performance.  
Herald staff photo by Tim Burr

## Tips shared to control bed bugs

By Mila Bandel, County Health Nurse

Recently there have been bed bugs found in Cheyenne County. Humans are generally responsible for introducing bed bugs into new areas; they have a limited home range, and spread slowly by themselves. So with some "will power," you should be able to eliminate the infestation using an integrated pest management approach.

Bed bugs are small, oval, non-flying insects that bite people. Bed bugs have flat bodies and may sometimes be mistaken for ticks or small cockroaches. Bed bugs feed by sucking blood from humans or animals. Adult bed bugs are reddish brown in color, appearing more reddish after feeding on a blood meal.

Bed bugs can live in any area of the home and can live in tiny cracks in furniture as well as on upholstered furniture. They tend to be most common in areas where people sleep and generally concentrate in beds, including mattresses, box springs, and bed frames. They do not infest the sleeping surfaces of beds as commonly as cracks associated with the bed frame and mattress.

Other sites where bed bugs often live include curtains, edges of carpet, corners inside dressers and other furniture, cracks in wallpaper (particularly near the bed), and inside the species of wicker furniture. They are also found in clothing and bedding.

They spread by crawling and may contaminate multiple rooms in a home. They may also be present in boxes, suitcases, or other goods that are moved from place to place or from a hotel to home. Bed bugs can live on clothing from infested homes and may be spread by a person unknowingly wearing infested clothing.

Although bed bugs are not known to transmit disease, they are a pest of significant public health importance. Bed bug bites can be very itchy and irritating. Most welts heal in a few days but in unusual cases, the welt may persist for several weeks.

Usually an anti-itching ointment will help, but if bites become infected, people should see their medical provider. On humans, they tend to feed on exposed surfaces such as the face, neck, arms, and hands.

Preventing bed bug infestations is the best approach to getting rid of bed bugs. This involves thoroughly searching for bed bugs or signs of infestation in any suitable hiding place, such as bedding, upholstered furniture, or packing materials that might be introduced into your home.

You should search for feces, eggs and shed "skins" of larval bed bugs, as well as for active bed bugs. If you do encounter a bed bug infestation there are some options for pest management. You can call the Cheyenne County Health Department at 785-332-2381 for names of pest management companies that deal with bed bug infestations.

Besides pest management control you as a home owner or tenant can do some things. It is best to vacuum each area thoroughly, every day. Tilt the mattress, box spring, and furniture upside down so you can reach all sides. Concentrate on seams, creases, folds and around any tufts or buttons.

Empty the vacuum immediately. If your vacuum has a bag, you can close the bag, and then place the bag in a freezer for at least 24 hours before disposing of it; this will kill the bed bugs.

Bed bugs are sensitive to extreme temperatures in all of their life stages; the young are more vulnerable than the adults. Throw your sheets, pillowcases, bed skirt and blankets into a hot (140° F) dryer for 20 minutes to kill bed bugs.

Steam cleaning is another option if it is done thoroughly at a high temperature. Move your bed away from the wall, and make sure the linens, bed skirt, and blankets do not touch the floor.

You may also want to slip the mattress into a cover that zips closed all the way around. Make sure all cracks are filled with caulking, repair or remove peeling wallpaper, and tighten any light switch covers.

Whatever techniques you use to manage the infestation, give them time. It's extremely difficult to penetrate all of the bed bugs' hiding places. Keep using your pest management system if it is working - it will take one week to 10 days of getting rid of the pests.

## Obituaries

### Phyllis Jean Coulter Hemsher

March 24, 1936 - Feb. 27, 2013

Phyllis Jean Coulter Hemsher was born on March 24, 1936, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to John and Charlotte (Oberdorf) Coulter. She died on Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013, in St. Francis, Kan.

Phyllis grew up in Oxford, Ohio, and graduated from Stewart High School in 1954. She attended and worked at Miami University briefly until moving to Boulder, Colo., to work at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colo., she also worked in Estes Park, Colo., as a waitress at the Waffle Shop owned by her cousins, Leon and Jane, during the summer months.

On May 6, 1961, she married Albert Hemsher in Boulder at the First Presbyterian Church. They were blessed with two children, Rita and Jim.

They made their home in Boulder for a couple of years then moved out to the country in Longmont, Colo. Phyllis and Al-

bert were members of the Central Presbyterian Church where they attended many church events and groups. They also enjoyed square dancing, bowling leagues, going on family camping trips and living the country life.

Phyllis was a homemaker and enjoyed raising her children, sewing, reading, bowling and making many different crafts, which she would give as gifts, especially the knitted, personalized Christmas stockings she made for many family and friends. When Phyllis entered the work force again, she worked for Storage Technology Corporation in Louisville, Colo., for 10 years, and McData Corporation in Broomfield, Colo., for 20 years. And her last job before retiring was as an administrative assistant at CableLabs in Louisville.

In her retirement Phyllis became very involved with the

Senior Center, Red Hat Society and a Senior Club in Erie, Colo., and went on many day trips and events around Colorado. When Phyllis moved to St. Francis in 2010 she enjoyed exercising and eating lunch at the local Senior Center.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her loving husband in 1987; her son Jim in 2000. Phyllis is survived by her three brothers Donald, Arthur, and David Coulter, daughter Rita Keeker and her husband Don; three grandchildren, Brandon Keeker, Maverick Flowers and Cheyanna Hemsher.

A Celebration of Life service was held in St. Francis on March 23.

If desired, memorials may be made to St. Francis Community Church, 204 N. Quincy Street, St. Francis or the St. Francis Senior Center.

### Rita Helen Schuricht

Dec. 23, 1923 - March 1, 2013

Rita Helen Cook was born in Kansas City, Mo., on Dec. 23, 1923. She came to St. Francis with her mother, Viola R. Heinrich in 1925. Viola married James Cook. She was baptized Jan. 12, 1941, at the Christian Church in St. Francis.



Schuricht

Rita grew up near St. Francis on a rural farm community. She attended country school and graduated from St. Francis Community High School with the class of 1942. She went on to teach in School District 32, the Plum Creek school, from Sept. 6, 1943 until April 14, 1944. The students aged from seven to 14 years old and the grades taught were second through eighth.

On Sept. 6, 1944, she married the love of her life, Leo Schuricht in Walla Walla, Wash., where Leo was serving on a combat crew in the United States Air Force dur-

ing World War II.

Rita worked for Pacific Data Service as an accountant and joined Pacific Supply Company in 1947, where Leo was already working. They both worked in Walla Walla for 18 years before moving to Portland, Ore., in 1962.

Rita became a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Beaverton, Ore., on Sept. 18, 1966. Her church family was very important to her and continued to be important to her when she made the move to Colorado. After retirement, there was Friendly club and she enjoyed many activities including quilting, preparing bulletins for Church services and special occasions, and prepared food for special events.

She especially loved her humming birds and her flower garden which included many tulips, daffodils, roses and hydrangea. She was involved in a garden club where she would get the latest tips on growing the perfect flowers. Her yard and flowers were as beautiful and well kept as her

home.

In April 2011, Rita moved to an assisted living facility in the Colorado Springs area to be closer to family. She so missed her "Portland" friends and looked forward to those weekly letters, notes and telephone calls. In September 2011, she moved to Pikes Peak Care Center nursing home in Colorado Springs.

Rita died at Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs on March 1, 2013, at the age of 89. She just gently went to sleep. She was blessed with the love and care of family and friends.

She is survived by one brother, Keith Cook of Goodland, and several nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death was her husband, Leo Schuricht, her parents, two brothers, Klifton Cook and Kendall Cook, and one sister, Jean Brenner.

A memorial service for Rita was held Saturday, March 16, at St. John United Church of Christ, Idalia, Colo., with Pastor Chuck Wright officiating. Inurnment will be in the St. John Cemetery.

## Book Review

### The Litigators

By John Grisham

The partners at Finley and Figg - all two of them - often refer to themselves as "a boutique law firm." Boutique, as in chick, selective and prosperous. They are, of course, none of these things. What they are is a two-bit operation always in search of their big break, ambulance chasers who've been in the trenches much too long making way too little.

Their specialties, so to speak, are quickie divorces and DUIs, with the occasional jackpot of an actual car wreck thrown in. After 20-plus years together, Oscar Finley and Wally Figg bicker like an old married couple but somehow continue to scratch out a half-decent living from their seedy bungalow offices

in southwest Chicago.

And then change comes their way. More accurately, it stumbles in. David Zinc, a young but already burned-out attorney, walks away from his fast-track career at a fancy downtown firm, goes on a serious bender, and finds himself literally at the doorstep of the boutique firm. Once David sobers up and comes to grips with the fact that he's suddenly unemployed, any job - even one with Finley and Figg - looks okay to him.

With their new associate on board, Finley and Figg is ready to tackle a really big case, a case that could make the partners rich without requiring them to actually practice much law.

## Wray Community Health Fair

**Blood Draw Dates: Wray Hospital:** Weekdays April 1st thru 15th from 6 - 9 a.m.

**The Cornerstone (Idalia):** April 16th and 17th from 7 - 9 a.m.

May take normal medications prior to test

Fast for 12 hours (but **DRINK** plenty of water!)

Cost: \$30.00 - Chem Panel (glucose, blood count, electrolytes, thyroid & more)  
\$15.00 - PSA (prostate blood test for men)

**Call for a Blood Draw appointment: (970) 332-4811**  
**(Appointments Highly Encouraged)**

**Health Fair Date:** April 20th, 2013 at the Wray Schools Kitzmiller Building 8-11 a.m.

**Door Prizes:** \*Exercise Equipment \*Fruit of the Month Membership  
\*Fitness Shoes \*Health Information Bracelet

To be eligible to win you must have health fair blood draws and you must attend health fair to pick up your lab results.

Call for any questions 970-332-2245

Jennifer Kramer, RN; Karen Keller, RN; Jeannie Neubauer, RN; Rachel Cure, ACSM, CES  
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