

## Veteran Senator could get a run for his money

Kansas and Virginia? Is there any relationship between the coastal state where voters in the Republican primary last week rose up to smite their party's No. 2 leader in the House of Representatives, and the plains state where a virtually unknown Leawood radiologist is running against a venerable three-term incumbent U.S. senator?

Only time will tell, but the halls of the Statehouse echoed the talk last week, as reported by the Associated Press, after House Majority Leader Eric Cantor lost a Republican primary to retain his seat in Congress.

Supporters of Kansas "tea party" candidate Milton Wolf were cheered by the victory in Virginia of a largely unknown, poorly financed challenger against a top Republican leader. Roberts' backers say things are different here, however.

In Washington, Rep. Cantor was widely seen as the next speaker of the House, with Rep. John Boehner of Ohio expected to step down next year. Now, he'll likely be out of a job — and Mr. Boehner may be stuck with his.

Opponents labeled Mr. Cantor as a Washington insider who'd grown out of touch with his nearby district. His support for a compromise on immigration reform, though widely seen as necessary for the party, may have cost him at home.

Sen. Roberts' campaign says that's not him. After 18 years in the Senate and 16 before that in the House, representing the 1st District of western Kansas, they say he hasn't forgotten who sent him to Washington. He's opposed any "amnesty" for illegal immigrants, played to his conservative base and has support from groups such as the Kansas State Rifle Association and Right to Life.

He has solid backing from farm groups after years of helping craft the "Farm Bill" and serv-

ing as chair of the House Agriculture Committee and, later, the Senate Intelligence Oversight Committee.

Dr. Wolf has been running since October, however. He attacks Sen. Roberts for owning a home in Virginia while listing a rented room in Dodge City as his residence for voting purposes. The challenger claims Roberts really lives in the Washington area and seldom comes "home." In fact, he's worked in Washington since 1967, when he became an aide to Sen. Frank Carlson, later serving Rep. Keith Sebelius of Norton.

A solid record, yes, but there are many who may vote for Mr. Wolf. We've heard more than one person say on the streets of Goodland that Mr. Roberts has been there "long enough." His visits out here have not been that frequent.

If money means anything, Sen. Roberts should have a big edge. The AP reported he has \$2.25 million to spend compared to \$278,000 for Dr. Wolf. Money meant little in Virginia, but observers point out that only 65,000 people voted in that race and five times as many are expected in Kansas, maybe more, making it harder for a determined minority to score a coup.

The senator says he's never taken his race for granted.

"In the first place, I'm not Cantor," he told the Associated Press. "This is not going to happen in Kansas."

In fact, he says he's pumped by the prospect of Republicans taking back control of the Senate.

The night of Aug. 5, we expect the veteran will come out on top, in line for a committee chairmanship, but he'll get a scare. However, at this point, anything's possible. — Steve Haynes



## Reader has exciting card game

To Editor and readers:

It has become a custom for some of us to go to the Village on Saturday night to play pinochle with the residents who like to play. Dave kept looking at the clouds but didn't see anything too bad. The wind began to blowing worse and I saw tree twigs and leaves flying past the door window. The lights went out, but came right back on. All at once we saw someone trying to get in the door (it had been locked for the night), someone let her in and she said, "don't you know you people should be in the west wing, there is a tornado alert!" No we didn't know. She rushed off and we looked at each other and decided we better do what she said. We walked up the long hall and the

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workers were getting the patients into wheelchairs giving them each a pillow and pushing them to the west hallway. We four just tried to stay out of the way. The residents took it quite calmly, sitting there in their night gowns and bare feet. Nobody complained or seemed upset, one lady said she hadn't had so much fun for quite a while. The help had one problem but solved it by pushing the bed through the door instead of taking the time to use a lift. By this time the hail was making a loud pounding on the roof and the wind was roaring. The hallway doors had been closed. The head nurse was

counting heads. I think we were all wondering what was going to happen. The nurses had done a good job of evacuating the rooms in a short time. The roaring and pounding quit and the doors were opened and the nurses began putting the residents back to bed. The person who gave the warning and the Good Samaritan help are to be commended. We visitors ran out into the wind and rain to our cars and scooter. I would say this was the most exciting pinochle night we had ever had. Then we all got home to dark houses.

Marie Holzwarth

## Moments With Mila

The Whooping Cough Vaccine

By Mila Bandel  
County Health Nurse



Whooping cough, which is known medically as pertussis, is a highly contagious respiratory tract infection. Although it initially resembles an ordinary cold, whooping cough may eventually turn more serious, particularly in infants. The best way to prevent it is through vaccinations. The childhood vaccine is called DTaP. The whooping cough booster vaccine for adolescents and adults is called Tdap. Both DTaP and Tdap protect against whooping cough, tetanus, and diphtheria.

Tetanus (Lockjaw) causes painful muscle tightening and stiffness, usually all over the body.

It can lead to tightening of muscles in the head and neck so you can't open your mouth, swallow, or sometimes even breathe. Tetanus kills about 1 out of 5 people who are infected.

Diphtheria can cause a thick coating to form in the back of the throat. It can lead to breathing problems, paralysis, heart failure, and death.

Pertussis (Whooping Cough) causes severe coughing spells, which can cause difficulty breathing, vomiting and disturbed sleep. It can also lead to weight loss, incontinence, and rib fractures. Up to 2 in 100 adolescents and 5 in 100 adults with pertussis are hospitalized

or have complications, which could include pneumonia or death.

These diseases are caused by bacteria. Diphtheria and pertussis are spread from person to person through coughing or sneezing. Tetanus enters the body through cuts, scratches, or wounds. Before vaccines, the United States saw as many as 200,000 cases a year of diphtheria and pertussis, and hundreds of cases of tetanus. Since vaccination began, tetanus and diphtheria have dropped by about 99% and pertussis by about 80%.

Tdap vaccine can protect adolescents and adults from tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis. One dose of Tdap is routinely given at age 11 or 12. People who did not get Tdap at that age should get it as soon as possible. Tdap is

especially important for health-care professionals and anyone having close contact with a baby younger than 12 months. Pregnant women should get a dose of Tdap during every pregnancy, to protect the newborn from pertussis. Infants are most at risk for severe, life-threatening complications from pertussis.

A similar vaccine, called Td, protects from tetanus and diphtheria, but not pertussis. A Td booster should be given every 10 years. Tdap may be given as one of these boosters if you have not already gotten a dose. Tdap may also be given after a severe cut or burn to prevent tetanus infection. For more information on the Tdap vaccine please call the Cheyenne County Health Department at 785-332-2381.

**GOD SAYS**  
If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.  
John 12:26

## Casey's Comments

Father's Day blessings

By Casey McCormick



Things are bad in the Middle East, Ukraine, and the wrong neighborhoods of Chicago. But they are not so bad as to ruin a memorable Father's Day.

Our second grandchild will be here in a few weeks, so it was a good weekend to hold a baby shower for daughter-in-law, Brooke Hilt. That brought most of the kids home, my Mom and sister from the Denver area, and the local family together.

Of course, good food plays a major role when the clan gathers. Each meal becomes a well planned presentation, and breakfast is about the only meal that isn't followed by dessert!

Speaking of desserts, my lovely wife made one of my favorites for Dad's Day. Our dear Aunt

Sissy loved anything Paula Dean (I suppose our Kentucky roots are to blame) and she introduced us to a hit several years ago. What could be more Southern than a cake named after the great general, Robert E. Lee. All I can say is you better like lemons if you ever give it a shot.

In addition, during the girl's time at the baby shower, sons Travis and Trevor took me out for a round of golf. It had been many moons since I swung the clubs, but it seemed to come back and I was thrilled to have a few hours out with the boys.

Family time is what we live for and having family want to be together is what gives holidays, like Father's Day, meaning. To know that they like you as much

as you like them makes being a parent such a blessing, no matter what's happening elsewhere.

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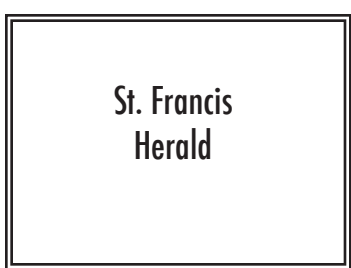
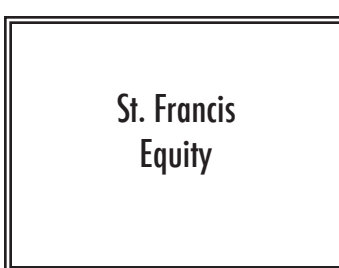
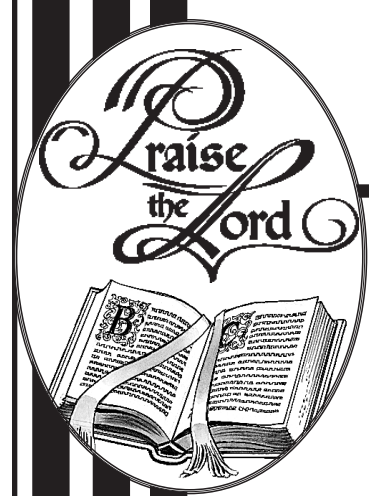
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