

# St. Francis attorney running for district judge

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decisions based on an analysis of the law and the facts.

He has handled legal matters such as real estate law, income tax preparation, farm leases, commercial leases, contract law, entity formation, estate planning, probate, child custody and domestic matters. He served as Cheyenne County Attorney for four years and was a law clerk for the District Court Judges of the 3rd District.

"I have handled legal matters for clients in numerous areas of the law and worked with people in various life situations," he said.

Berens pointed out there are

three branches of government: The Legislative, the Executive and the Judicial branch.

"Each branch has its own duties and responsibilities," he said.

A district judge, he said, should follow the laws as enacted and the decisions of higher courts.

"If a judge disagrees with a law, the judge should encourage change through the legislative process rather than changing the law from the bench," he said.

"As a district judge, I will not legislate from the bench. I will fairly and impartially apply the laws to the facts of a case in reaching a decision. I will protect the rights of the people as provided by the law and will in-

sure the rights of the people to seek a remedy through the courts.

"As district judge, when necessary, people will have their day in court in a timely manner. While I support alternative dispute resolution, if the parties are unable to resolve their differences, I will be objective and impartial in deciding the matter at a trial."

Berens is a member of the American, Kansas and Colorado Bar Associations and American and Kansas Associations for Justice.

He is a member of the First Baptist Church in St. Francis and is licensed to preach. He is a former director and former president of the Cheyenne County Economic

Development Corporation.

While in law school, he served as a representative of the Student Bar Association and as appointed Lt. Governor of Community Service/Work-A-Day program for the 10th Circuit Law Student Division of the American Bar Association.

He was raised in Colby and graduated from Colby High School and attended Colby Community College. He went on to earn a bachelor's in business administration at Fort Hays State University. He graduated from Washburn University School of Law with honors (cum laude) and in the top 15 percent of his class.

He and his wife, Angie, have two sons, Matthew and Joshua.

# County treasurer has primary race

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said. "I would like the next one to be smaller."

Scheopner has eight years experience in banking, two in Wichita, where she earned an Associates Degree in business at Friends University, and six in Denver.

After she and her first husband, Ken Bennetts, had children, she ran a day care in her home. She later worked as a teacher aide for six years at North Elementary before taking the job with the county.

She had been married to Bennetts for 20 years when he died in a car accident in 2001. She then married Joe Scheopner in 2002. She has three children from her first marriage and two step-daughters. And they have a granddaughter. Joe Scheopner rented homes for 40 years, buying his first rental when he was 16, and farmed as well. As he sold the rental properties, he bought more farm land, she said.

Scheopner gives her staff credit for helping her do the job.

# matters of record

## Sherman County Bastille

The following people were booked into the Sherman County Bastille:

June 20 — 11:30 p.m., Miguel Angel Santibanez-Gasca, 35, Good-

land. Arrested by city police for disorderly conduct. Bond supplied.

June 21 — 6:33 p.m., Donald W. Ming, 49, Goodland. Arrested by deputy sheriff for driving under influence

third conviction. Court pending.

June 30 — 1:01 p.m., Kurt R. Winkler, 46, Kearney, Neb. Arrested by state trooper on a warrant and commercial driver's license

required. Court pending.

6:40 p.m., Cameron Nelson Gunn, 28, Mount Pleasant, S.C. Arrested by state trooper for possession of depressant/stimulant/hallucinogen,

first conviction; sale or intent to sell depressant; and use or possession of simulated controlled substance. Court pending.

9:05 p.m., Michael Keith Hart-

zell, 28, Goodland. Arrested by state trooper for driving under influence first conviction and driving while suspended, second conviction. Court pending.

## Sherman County Relay For Life Benefit No Limit Texas Hold'em Tournament

Saturday, July 19, 2008  
Howard Johnson's Hotel-Wild Card Lounge

10:30 to 11:00 a.m. REGISTRATION  
PRE-REGISTER by July 16

STANDARD SEAT-\$45 donation pre-registration  
\$55 donation at the door  
VIP SEAT=\$100.00 donation

Questions or RSVP's to Jim Epperson at  
(785) 890-7088 or J.L. Wilson at (785) 890-8400.

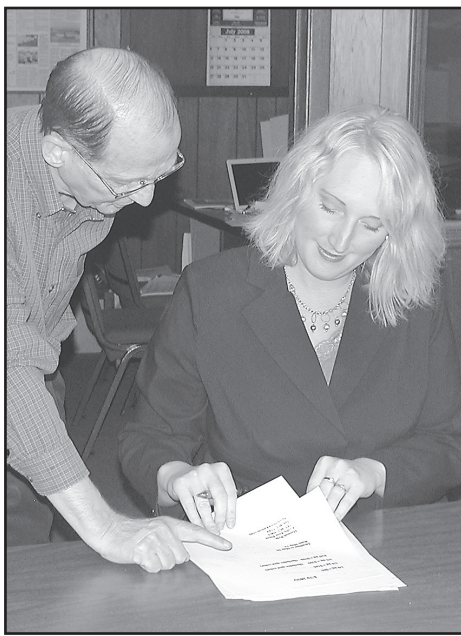
Must be 21 to enter. Lunch will be provided for your donation. VIP's start with more chips.



### To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Andrea Wyrick for District Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District

I have worked with literally hundreds of attorneys including Magistrate, District, Appellate, and Kansas Supreme Court along with Federal Judges, U.S. Marshall's, F.B.I., K.B.I. and many other persons within the Judicial Branch of Government. During my 16+ years as the elected Representative to the Kansas Legislature for Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan and Graham Counties I also



have had a great deal of contact with private and County Attorneys and D.A.'s.

Some of my contact has been with Ms. Andrea Wyrick through constituent request for assistance with both State and Local issues of importance to them. She has always been courteous, friendly and helpful. She returns phone calls quickly and researches any request I make in a timely manner. That cannot be said of all attorneys with whom I have had contact.

Ms. Wyrick seems very interested, engaged and always desirous of involvement with any of her client needs and responsibilities to her constituency as County Attorney. I have been impressed with her ability to serve people as County Attorney for more than one County without slighting the availability and accessibility of her services. She works tirelessly and with no apparent bias on all the situations in which we have both been involved.

Andrea has been a wonderful asset to me when I needed advice on how to

proceed with some constituent requests that may have been better directed to an attorney but had a "political" component to the issue making such contact "uncomfortable" to my constituent. Thus I intervened on the constituent request and Andrea was NEVER resistive of helping me without knowing who she was likely helping by helping me. She was not concerned that the problem she was advising me about might damage her case with a client but was ALWAYS interested in seeking the facts of the case and seeing justice be the winner in all cases.

Basic character is MUCH more important to performing as an elected servant of the people than years of other legal experience. Personal bias, self-interest, family issues, honesty and truthfulness are major parts of indicating an elected official's ability to learn the job they must do following their election. I believe Andrea is the best qualified for the position as your District Judge.

No amount of experience can prepare one for just about any elected position. In fact, it is sometimes very helpful to have a fresh "unsoiled" look at issues. By that I mean sometimes one has been so involved servicing a constituency they forget

that they are to serve ALL of their constituencies and not just those they have become conformable with. So less experience in an area often leads to better representation of a constituencies due to lack of "spoilage" with time - a fresh approach.

To bring that fresh approach requires a person dedicated to serving their entire constituency regardless of political party or ideals. Andrea is that person and I strongly support her candidacy for the position of District Judge to replace Judge Burr in the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. A vote for Andrea Wyrick is a vote for competence, strong moral character, accessibility, fairness and above all "unspoiled" with no visible bias and always a "can do" attitude.

Please vote for Andrea Wyrick for District Judge in the August 5th, 2008 primary.

Sincerely,

*Jim Morrison*  
Representative Jim Morrison  
121<sup>st</sup> District, Kansas Legislator

Paid for by Andrea Wyrick for District Judge-  
Jerry Vincent, Treasurer

## SPORTS TELEVISION SCHEDULE

### Saturday

11 a.m. 23/29 ESPN2 LPGA Tournament State Farm Classic: Third Round from Panther Creek Country Club in Springfield, Ill.

12:30 p.m. 3/9 NBC AVP Volleyball AVP Crocs Slam Brooklyn from Brooklyn, N.Y.

1 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 U.S. Open Series Tennis Bank of The West Classic: Women's Semifinal from Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif.

2 p.m. 8/8 NBC Extreme Sports Events AST Dew Tour: Right Guard Open from Cleveland

3 p.m. 7/11 CBS Horse Racing Virginia Derby from Colonial Downs in New Kent, Va.  
23/29 ESPN2 NASCAR Nationwide Series Qualifying Gateway International Raceway from Madison, Ill.

5 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Horse Racing 2008 San Diego Handicap from del Mar Race Track in del Mar, Calif.

99/39 WGN MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Kansas City Royals from Kauffman Stadium

7:30 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 NASCAR Nationwide Series Missouri-Illinois Dodge Dealers 250 from Gateway International Raceway in Madison, Ill.

4 a.m. 28/40 TNT PGA Tournament British Open: Final Round from Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Southport, England

### Sunday

11 a.m. 23/29 ESPN2 U.S. Open Series Tennis Indianapolis Tennis Championship: Men's Final from Indianapolis Tennis Center in Indianapolis, Ind.

25/38 IND MLB Baseball Oakland Athletics at New York Yankees from Yankee Stadium

11:30 a.m. 4/6 ABC IndyCar Series Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio from Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio

12 p.m. 99/39 WGN MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Houston Astros from Minute Maid Park

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2 p.m. 3/9 NBC Extreme Sports Events AST Dew Tour: Right Guard Open from Cleveland

3 p.m. 7/11 CBS MotoGP World Championship US Grand Prix from Laguna Seca, Calif.

23/29 ESPN2 U.S. Open Series Tennis Bank of The West Classic: Women's Final from Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif.

4 p.m. 22/28 ESPN MLB Baseball Boston Red

Sox at Los Angeles of Anaheim from Angel Stadium of Anaheim

### Monday

5 p.m. 22/28 ESPN MLB Baseball Milwaukee Brewers at St. Louis Cardinals from Busch Stadium

7 p.m. 30/27 FXSP MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Colorado Rockies from Coors Field

### Tuesday

5 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 WNBA Basketball Los Angeles Sparks at Detroit Shock from The Palace of Auburn Hills

7 p.m. 30/27 FXSP MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Colorado Rockies from Coors Field

### Wednesday

5 p.m. 22/28 ESPN MLB Baseball Teams TBA

7 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Wednesday Night Fights Jeff Lacy vs. Epifanio Mendoza from Morongo Casino Resort & Spa in Cabazon, Calif.

### Thursday

10 a.m. 28/40 TNT Champions Tour Senior British Open: First Round from Muirfield Gullane, East Lothian, Scotland

5 p.m. 22/28 ESPN MLS Soccer 2008 All-Star Game MLS All Stars vs. West Ham United F.C. from BMO Field in Toronto, Ontario

7:30 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 WNBA Basketball Detroit Shock at Houston Comets from Reliant Arena

### Friday

10 a.m. 28/40 TNT Champions Tour Senior British Open: Second Round from Muirfield Gullane, East Lothian, Scotland

11 a.m. 23/29 ESPN2 U.S. Open Series Tennis Rogers Masters: Men's Quarterfinals from Rexall Centre in Toronto, Canada

12:10 p.m. 99/39 WGN MLB Baseball Florida Marlins at Chicago Cubs from Wrigley Field

5 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 U.S. Open Series Tennis Rogers Masters: Men's Quarterfinals from Rexall Centre in Toronto, Canada

30/27 FXSP MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at Cincinnati Reds from Great American Ball Park

6 p.m. 22/28 ESPN USA Basketball Pre-Olympic Game USA vs. Canada from Thomas And Mack Center in Las Vegas

7 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Friday Night Fights Raymond Joval vs. Buddy Mcgirt Jr. from Saratoga Springs City Center in New York

9 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 U.S. Open Series Tennis East West Bank Classic: Women's Quarterfinals from The Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif.

## Crossword Puzzle

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### ACROSS

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- Terrific twos, e.g.
- Euro fractions: Abbr.
- Wipe clean
- Edmonton skater
- Go bad
- Cost of a marten?
- Tram load
- Deleted
- Tricky pool shot
- Brewpub fixture
- Clip with shears
- "Shoot!"
- Radio problem
- Like an oboe's sound
- "The Sopranos" creator David
- Greedy one
- Compass doodles
- Held up
- Building block brand
- Kauai keepsake
- Lent support to
- PC timesaver
- Made dirty
- Peddled
- Trained with a pug
- In place
- Answerer's word
- Manages
- Tolkien creature
- Cost of a bovine?
- Santa \_\_\_ winds
- At full speed, at sea
- "M\*A\*S\*H" extra
- One of Lee's boys
- Bite-sized pastries
- Knight's mount

### DOWN

- Hightailed it
- Met tune
- Goalie's need
- Tennis's Arthur
- Shuttle flight return
- Easy chance on the diamond
- "Java" trumpeter
- Boxer played by Smith
- Dry, to a vintner
- Religious recluse
- Cost of a religious symbol?
- Sculpted form
- Take the helm
- Horse coloring
- "... far \_\_\_ can see"

- Christmas tree holder
- Beer bash buy
- Like the Sabin vaccine
- Roll-call yell
- Cost of a kind of fraction?
- Much spam
- Reduce to confetti
- In secret language
- Cruel dude
- Well-behaved
- City messenger's transport
- Murphy's \_\_\_
- Tightrope walker, e.g.
- Dignified women
- Bookmarked addr.
- Crusty end of a loaf
- Clip wool from
- Tubular pasta
- Reaches across
- "Think nothing \_\_\_"
- Touch on
- Poop out
- Ultimatum ender
- Iditarod vehicle
- Film/dom's Thurman
- Not at hand

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