Cheney joins Frasier & Johnson law firm

By Amy Williams
Staff Writer

Katie Cheney, attorney at law, has recently joined the firm of Frasier and Johnson LLC. She is a hometown girl that has returned.

Katie is married to Adam Cheney with two children, Shea seven years old and Reagan three months. Adam has started his own business Cheney Plumbing located in Beloit. Katie is the daughter of Jane Pruitt and Dave Pruitt both of Beloit. Her in-laws are Darrell and Bonnie Cheney of Hunter.

Cheney is a 2001 graduate from St. John’s High School. She attended Kansas University where she received her Bachelors of Business and Bachelors of History. During her third year of school she choose to focus on law school for graduate studies that added three more years of education.

Cheney became involved with Frasier and Johnson during the summers of 2006 and 2007 as she did a clerkship program. She graduated from law school in May of 2008.

As Cheney was studying for the Kansas State Bar exam and had a growing desire to be back in Beloit and raise her children here, she approached Curtis Frasier and Jim Johnson about working for them in their firm. Cheney was pleased to be accepted to work with the Frasier and Johnson firm.

Cheney moved back to Beloit in December of 2008 and began her career with the law firm in January 2009. She will be practicing general law with cases such as criminal, civil, guardianship, probate, estates, and more.

Cheney has interests in KU football, baking, and activities with her children. She hopes to become more involved with the community activities.

Cheney is a member of the Kansas Bar Association, American Bar Association, and Beta Sigma Phi.

The new lawyer has gotten into the swing of things already. She has been helping with research and gaining a case load. "I’m looking forward to a wonderful career here in my hometown," Cheney said.
Join law firm

Curtis Frasier and Jim Johnson welcome Katie Cheney to their law practice.
KU considers cutting private plane use

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — In another tough budget year, University of Kansas officials are considering cutting back on using their private air flights.

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She says departments may have to cut back on flights because of budget cuts.

Bretz says the majority of flights are logged by the KU Medical Center's medical outreach program serving rural Kansans but the planes are also used by the athletics department, the provost and the chancellor.
Hali Baker was among the more than 40 students in 25 disciplines at the University of Kansas who recently completed the Global Awareness Program. It recognizes students for studying abroad, taking courses with an international focus and being involved in international co-curricular activities.

The students earned certification on their KU transcripts and will be honored at a luncheon in the spring. Baker is a senior majoring in Spanish.

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KU will honor 33 high school seniors

Students from 10 Kansas high schools will be honored, Monday, Feb. 9, by the University of Kansas Alumni Association and KU Endowment.

A total of 33 seniors from high schools in Cloud, Jewell, Mitchell and Republic counties will be recognized for their academic achievements and named Kansas Honor Scholars at a 6:30 p.m. dinner program at Belleville Country Club, 2208 Country Club Drive, Belleville.

Cloud County seniors being recognized include Skye Balthazor, Heather Bergmann, Mallory Gilliland, Karlie Hood, Katie Johnson, Levi Kindel, Alexandra Muff and Kaftlin Weilhofs, Concordia High School; Lisa Kindel, Glasco High School; and Jael Hamel, Miltonvale High School.

The Kansas Honors Program began in 1971 and has honored more than 100,000 students. Scholars rank in the top 10 percent of their high school senior classes and are selected regardless of curricula, majors, occupational plans or higher-education goals. Honorees are listed below.

During the ceremony, each student will receive an American Heritage Dictionary in hardcover and CD versions, presented by Jennifer Sanner, senior vice president for communications at the KU Alumni Association.

David Johnston, director of marketing and Internet services for the alumni association, will speak to the students and their parents and guests.

Honored students will be guests of the alumni association and KU Endowment; parents and area alumni are welcome to attend for the cost of the meal.

Community volunteers collect reservations, coordinate details and serve as local contacts for the event. Marilyn Haase of Belleville is site coordinator and county coordinator for Mitchell County. Michele Heidrick of Beloit is county coordinator for Cloud County and Cathy Dauner of Mankato is county coordinator for Jewell County.

The Kansas Honors Program is made possible through KU Endowment and proceeds from the Jayhawk license plate program.
Don’t miss chance to check health

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The Health Fair is scheduled for 8-11 a.m. Saturday at the Northwest Kansas Technical College student union with free health screenings to be offered.

For those who had blood drawn prior to the fair, their profiles will be available the day of the health fair for review with one of the Goodland Family Health Center physicians who will be on hand, said Tina Goodwin, director of marketing and volunteer services at the hospital, unless they asked for the profile to be mailed at the time of the blood draw.

Several free screenings are available, free child care will be provided by the 4-H junior leaders and a scavenger hunt and coloring pages are planned for the kids.

The hospital, Goodland Activities Center, Sherman County Health Department, tech college and the Sunflower Extension District of the K-State Research and Extension Services are planning the fair.

This is a wonderful opportunity for residents to update their medical records and visit with a physician who can interpret the results of their blood profiles for a very affordable price, Goodwin said.

There is no charge to get into the fair, she said, and if someone has the blood profile and PSA (prostate-specific antigen) test done and the PSA level is suspicious, they can get a prostate screening for free at the fair.

The hospital’s diagnostic imaging staff will provide carotid artery screenings, she said, but the department has asked this year for those interested in the screening call ahead to set up an appointment prior to the health fair.

If you were not screened last year and would like to make an appointment, she said, call the department at (785) 890-6033.

The department will conduct free screenings for Body Mass Index prior to the health fair. This is a new service offered at the hospital, and appointments can be made by contacting the department at the number above.

Another free screening being offered prior to the health fair is the pulmonary function test, Goodwin said, which measures lung function and will be conducted the respiratory therapy department. To make an appointment for this screening, call (785) 890-6023.

Another interesting health care service that will be available at the fair, Goodwin said, is free blood lead testing. The blood test is a simple finger prick and can be done on children age 6 months through 6 years, she said.

The tests will be conducted by the staff of the Sherman County Health Department, who will be available to answer questions about lead hazards around the home. Results of the tests taken at the health fair will be sent to the Health Department and then sent to the participants.

Physicians from the University of Kansas Cancer Center will be on hand, Goodwin said, to conduct a variety of cancer screenings. Two dermatologists will be available that day for free skin cancer screenings and urologists will be available for digital rectal screening for prostate cancer.

The Goodland Regional Medical Center Diagnostic Imaging Department will offer bone density screenings at the fair, she said, and the KU Cancer Center will have a wide range of materials to distribute explaining the screenings and other issues including breast cancer early detection and colorectal self-screening.

Goodwin said, medical professionals from the Goodland hospital will participate in the health fair. Several areas will be represented, she said, including physical therapy, nutrition, diagnostic imaging, pharmacy, cardiac care and volunteer services, just to name a few.

Thirty-six vendors, besides the hospital departments, have signed up for booths, Goodwin said, and

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door prizes will be given out. Among the vendors, she said, is Eagle Med, the fixed-wing emergency air service in Goodland. They will have information about their membership service that can save people a great deal of money if they ever have to use this emergency service.
AG offering student consumer workshops

In an effort to educate young people about consumer threats, the Attorney General's office is hosting two student consumer workshops for Kansas high school students during National Consumer Protection Week in early March. The workshops are free and will educate students about consumer issues before they head out on their own to make important financial decisions.

The first workshops of this kind hosted by the Attorney General's Office - one at the University of Kansas and one at Kansas State University - will focus on teaching students financial skills to succeed in life.

It is important that our teen-agers learn the ins and outs of being a smart consumer early. These workshops will help students be better equipped to make important financial choices, protect their identities, and maintain good credit throughout their adult life. Students in this age group consume the most debt and are seen as an easy target.

Each workshop will consist of multiple presentations from public speakers, including Attorney General Steve Six. The topics will include: the ABCs of personal finance, Contracts: a foreign language, Student Loan Practices, Protecting your Identity and other issues affecting today's students.

Consumer protection is a priority for my office. Students are encouraged to join Six for this learning opportunity. He encourages teachers and school officials to share this opportunity with their students. By teaching students more about financial literacy early, we can protect their credit in the future.

The free workshops will be held at KU on March 3 and at KSU on March 6 and include complimentary lunch. Information on the workshops has been disseminated to all high schools across the state. Registration information is also available online at www.ksag.org.
University of Kansas awards scholarships to area students

KU awards $29.6 million in scholarship support to students for 2008-09. KU awards $29.6 million in scholarship support to students for 2008-09 in the past five years. KU Endowment has provided more than $118 million in scholarships, fellowships and awards to KU students.


**Columbus**: Michael William Aldighetti, son of Mike Aldighetti, Pre-Business, Freshman Nontraditional Undergraduate Student Scholarship, Columbus Unified High School, Columbus; Jacqueline Dawn Bowin, daughter of Thomas and Mavis Bowin, History BGS, Senior, Charles Buddy Rogers Scholarship in Theatre and Film, Columbus Unified High School, Columbus; Amanda Kay Carpio, daughter of Craig Carpio, PharmacyPD, Prof 1, Plough Pharmacy Student Scholarship, Columbus Unified High School, Columbus; Amanda Kay Carpio, daughter of Sharon Carpio, PharmacyPD, Prof 1, Plough Pharmacy Student Scholarship, Columbus Unified High School, Columbus; Morgan L. Cheeseman, daughter of Bruce and Joie Cheeseman, Communication StudiesBA Decl., Sophomore, Nontraditional Undergraduate Student Scholarship, Columbus Unified High School, Columbus; Andrew L. Fouts, son of Thomas and Patricia Fouts, Juris DoctorJD, Prof 2 Help of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ Scholarship, Columbus Unified High School, Columbus; Andrew L. Fouts, son of Thomas and Patricia Fouts, Juris DoctorJD, Prof 2, Adrian W. Wallace Fund, Columbus Unified High School, Columbus; Timothy Allan Holding, son of Don and Ellen Holding, PharmacyPD, Prof 1, Plough Pharmacy Student Scholarship, Columbus Unified High School, Columbus; Timothy Allan Holding, son of Don and Kay Holding, PharmacyPD, Prof 1, Plough Pharmacy Student Scholarship, Columbus Unified High School, Columbus.

**Galena**: Katie Leeann Homer, daughter of Susan and Alfred Homer, Chemical EngineeringBS, Senior, Arthur S. & Helen May Johnson Fund for Women in Engineering, Galena High School, Galena; Kyle S. Mock, son of Steven and Connie Mock, BiochemistryBS, Senior, Orlin A. Weede Scholarship, Riverton High School, Riverton; Galena Amanda Jean Taylor, daughter of Sandra Taylor, Elementary Education BSE, Junior, Chris and Marilyn Anderson Scholarship, Galena High School, Galena; Amanda Jean Taylor, daughter of Sandra Taylor, Elementary Education BSE, Junior, Chester L. Mize Memorial Scholarship, Galena High School, Galena; Stephanie Joan Watson, daughter of Kelly and Patricia Watson, Pre-Pharmacy, Freshman, David and Emma Dunbar Scholarship, Galena High School, Galena.

**Scammon**: Nicholas Jay Benedict, son of John and Debbie Benedict, Strategic CommunicationsBSJ, Junior, W. Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications Scholarship, Columbus Unified High School, Scammon; Nicholas Jay Benedict, son of John and Debbie Benedict, Strategic CommunicationsBSJ, Junior, Roger N. Wooldridge Journalism Scholarship, Columbus Unified High School, Scammon; Nicholas Jay Benedict, son of John and Debbie Benedict, Strategic CommunicationsBSJ, Junior, Howard Reed Sailors, Thelma Sophia Ally Sailors Scholarship, Columbus Unified High School, Scammon.

**Weir**: Jesse Kaye Mitchell, daughter of Harry and Rita Mitchell, PharmacyPD, Junior, Nontraditional Undergraduate Student Scholarship, Pittsburg High School, Weir.

More than 6,500 students at the University of Kansas will receive an estimated $29.6 million in privately funded scholarship support during the 2008-09 academic year.

This represents a $1.9 million increase over the 2007-08
academic year, in which KU students received $27.7 million in scholarships, fellowships and awards.

Virtually all scholarships, fellowships and awards at KU come from private contributions to KU Endowment. So far, 8,555 scholarships have been awarded for the current academic year.

Many students receive more than one scholarship. KU divides many scholarships between the fall and spring semesters, and there are some students who receive scholarship support for the summer term as well.

This year’s recipients represent 103 of the 105 counties in Kansas, 45 other states and Puerto Rico and 45 other countries. To see the list of honored students, visit www.news.ku.edu/2008/dece

tember/19/scholarships.shtml.

“It’s rewarding to look across KU and realize that thousands of our students are here because of scholarship support provided by donors,” said Dale Seuferling, president of KU Endowment. “Endowed scholarships span the generations, enabling students to earn degrees at KU and move on to productive careers. For many of these students, these accomplishments would not have been possible without scholarship support provided by generations of KU alumni and friends.”

In the past five years, KU Endowment has provided more than $118 million in scholarships, fellowships and awards to KU students. Donors created 43 new endowed scholarships in fiscal 2008, with gifts totaling $12.3 million.

Though KU Endowment raises support for scholarships and other student aid, the university determines the distribution of available support. The figure fluctuates each year based on several factors, such as the number of students who apply for and receive them, the investment performance of endowed scholarship funds and new gifts for scholarships.

Scholarship funds are managed by KU Endowment, the independent, nonprofit organization serving as the official fundraising and fund-management organization for KU. Founded in 1891, KU Endowment is the first foundation of its kind at a U.S. public university.
Kansas leaders sign pact to chase K-State cancer institute

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TOPEKA—Fresh from their success in landing a national food safety laboratory, Kansas higher education officials are taking aim at cancer.

On Tuesday, Kansas State University President Jon Wefald and University of Kansas Chancellor Robert Hemenway signed an agreement to collaborate in the state’s pursuit of a National Cancer Institute designation.

The agreement means the state’s two largest universities will work together to gain the designation, which would mean additional clinical trials and cancer research for Kansas. The deadline for the application for designation is 2011.

Earlier this month, the Department of Homeland Security announced a site near Kansas State had been selected for the National Bio and Agro-defense Facility, which will conduct animal disease research.
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(Medical education)

Wichita's successful model of graduate medical education has helped stock the state with primary care physicians. And it's at risk, in part because of the state budget crisis and changing accreditation standards but also because of a failure to communicate.

Wesley Medical Center and Via Christi Health System say they no longer can spend $3 million a year on the Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education, on which they are partners with the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita. In addition, the program must ramp up research and paid faculty if it's to comply with new accreditation standards. Leaders at the nonprofit WCGME, which has a budget of $55 million largely funded by Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements, say it needs at least $6.6 million annually to sustain itself.

But Gov. Kathleen Sebelius' proposed 2010 budget lacked the requested $2.5 million for WCGME. And unless elected officials and leaders of the medical community successfully explain and defend WCGME at the Statehouse in the coming weeks, it could be in trouble. Eventually, so could the clinics, hospitals and patients in 70 Kansas counties that have relied on the physicians the program trains.

Earlier this month, Sebelius expressed frustration to the Kansas Health Institute News Service at not being able to get an "objective number that I can take a look at" from both WCGME and KU of what kind of money the program needs.

The Kansas Bioscience Authority has committed $6 million to WCGME for research over three years. The Legislature's Physician Workforce and Accreditation Task Force has also recommended that WCGME's current-year state funding of $2.5 million be spared from cuts, and that $6.5 million in funding that otherwise would go to the bioscience authority instead be committed to WCGME next year in the name of economic development, as well as $1.4 million to offset current-year budget cuts for graduate medical education at the KU campus in Kansas City.

It's important that hospital officials, physicians and community leaders in all the affected counties express support for the program at the Statehouse, so state lawmakers don't dismiss WCGME as a local issue.

State and local leaders must ensure that it works out a new funding model so that WCGME can continue to recruit top-quality residents and faculty and plan for its future.