



ENJOYING THE MEAL— Tina Clemans, Jana Diers, Neil Cheylin Dance team during the Cajun Boil. Diers, and Jacob Diers are among those who supported the *Times staff photo by Melinda Basnett*

Sainty student receives scholarship

Brittany Lucas, 2007 graduate of St. Francis Community High School, was named the recipient of the Cheyenne County Historical Society Scholarship. Seniors from St. Francis and Bird City high schools competed for the scholarship.

One of the requirements of the application was to write an essay on why it is important to know the history of Cheyenne County. An excerpt from Brittany's es-

say reads, "We use our history to tell stories, predict crops and talk about what the weather will do. Without our history, it is hard to base our future. The history of Cheyenne County reminds us who we are. Remembering our past is what teaches us about the future...It is important to preserve our history in Cheyenne County so that it will be here for years to come to pass on to the next generation. Thank you, Historical

Society, for making our history in Cheyenne County available for our future."

Brittany is the daughter of Rick and Dawn Lucas of St. Francis. She will attend Colby Community College and plans to major as a medical/business assistant.



Brittany Lucas



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Pursuant to an Order of Sale entered in *United States vs. Donald W. Dawes; Phyllis C. Dawes; and David Larry Smith and Derek Dane Dawes as Trustees of the Plainsman Property Trust also known as Plainsman Property Company* defendants, Civil Action No. 03-1132-JTM, United States District Court for the District of Kansas, the United States will offer to sell at public auction, to advertise and sell, without appraisal and subject to any unpaid real property taxes or special assessments, to the highest bidder, according to law and pursuant to the terms and conditions set in herein, the real properties in which Donald W. and Phyllis C Dawes have an interest.

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"I was going to the cardiologist in Wichita and was not too happy..."

John Strobel, Retired Professor of Music

A couple of episodes of afibrillation two years ago sent John Strobel to seek specialized cardiology services in Wichita. A heart catheterization and angiogram showed a major blockage on the right-hand side of his heart. Fortunately, the left-hand side of his heart had channeled over the right and was covering the problem. While the diagnosis was encouraging, the overall cardiology experience in Wichita was not.

"I was going to the cardiologist in Wichita and was not too happy with a number of things...the distance to get down there, one thing, and just the whole procedure was not up to my expectations," he said.

When it was time for him to go back for another treadmill, instead of returning to Wichita, Strobel requested a referral to Hays and the DeBakey Heart Institute. In addition to the treadmill, the DeBakey cardiologists also performed a carotid artery Doppler to make sure he wasn't in danger of a stroke.

"When we did the tests in Wichita, it took two weeks before we had the results and when we had it at DeBakey Institute in Hays, we had the results within the hour," he said.

"At the DeBakey Institute in Hays, the people were more interested in me and in seeing to it that I was happy with what was going on and that I was comfortable."

"And then, of course, too, the drive to Wichita is kind of a hectic drive," he said. "The drive itself becomes a trauma...Two hours down there and then have to fight the traffic after you get there...and then worry about trying to find a place to park...It's an easy hour to Hays and you don't fight city traffic."

"It was just a much more pleasant experience," he said. "I can drive an hour and have absolutely state-of-the-art cardiology."

"I just go on and live a normal life now."



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