

Physician assistant to end his practice

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A Cheyenne County physician assistant is retiring.

Patrick Delano, physician assistant, came to St. Francis in June 1990. After 19 years, he is retiring.

Mr. Delano, better known to his patients only as "Patrick," served as a medical corpsman in the United States Air Force from 1965 to 1986. He was a surgical assistant when he retired from the service.

He wanted the degree to go with his training so he entered Wichita State's physician assistant program. While there, he met Cathy Wier, who was also a student and former St. Francis resident. She encouraged him to come to St. Francis and talk to Dr. Bruce Alter.

Dr. Alter recruited him and he worked with him for 4 years until the doctor moved on. Dr. E.R. Cram was still working at that time but was wanting to retire.

During the next few years, there were a number of doctors which stayed for only a short time. However, Mr. Delano remained. He was sponsored by Dr. Jim Warren, Dr. Chester Kuchnisi, Dr. Stephen LaBash and Dr. Willard Warner.

It was also during that time that he opened an office on U.S. 36.

"My goal was to keep medical service here in the county," he said. "I was dedicated to stay."

The hospital, leased by Great Plains Health Alliance, managed to keep its doors open between 1992 and 1996 and Cheyenne County

residents had medical service. He said that, often, when he felt that the patient needed additional medical attention, would send them on to a larger hospital.

He said it is important "knowing when you don't know." And that was why patients were transported to other facilities.

"I was seeing up to 50 patients a day," he said.

Through the years, he said that Les Lacy, hospital administrator; and Roger and Jackie John, Great Plains Health Alliance, had worked with him. He said he has worked with a number of doctors and specialists. He has also appreciated the excellent nursing staff. From the day he arrived, Vicki Coates and Julie Brunk have worked with him.

"Patrick has spent a good portion of his life helping others have a better life in Cheyenne County," said Mr. Lacy. "I will not forget a time when he had the lion's share of the calls for around 18 months in the early 90s.

"He is one of the reasons the hospital has been able to survive some of the challenges we faced in the past. He was an anchor we could count on when we needed one. I have to

Mr. Delano said he is looking forward to spending lots of time fishing, hunting and golfing. He might even try his hand at farming. He and his wife Brenda live on a farm between St. Francis and Bird City.

Since Mrs. Delano is actively involved in barrel racing, he plans to follow her and, as he said, be her "stable boy."



PATRICK DELANO examines Devon Janicke.

Times staff photo by Karen Krien

A retirement party was held at the hospital on May 12. He said that he has already received cards, gifts and comments from patients. Some of those patients brought him to tears and he said he will certainly miss them.

Mr. Delano plans to keep his credentials current and may help out the hospital on a very limited basis. In the meantime, he will be around to visit with people when sees them on the street or in businesses.

Through the years, he worked with Dr. E.R. Cram, Dr. Alter, Dr. Stan Naramore, Dr. Adam Paoni, Dr. Melody Armstrong, Dr. Eric Jacobson, Dr. Omer Abdullah, Dr. Stephen LaBash, Dr. Willard Werner, Dr. David Reed, Dr. Mary Beth Miller and Dr. Rebecca Allard.

Mid-level practitioners he has worked with include Ken Jenks, Marilyn Barrett, Nadja Button, Kristle Neuhalfen and Tyler Raile.

Team to host dinner

The 2008-09 Cheylin Dance and Cheer team is once again hosting their fundraising dinner for the community 7 p.m. through 9 p.m., on Saturday, June 7 at the High School Gym in Bird City. This year, the dinner takes on a new twist with a new theme, "Wild-Wild West Fest." The girls and volunteers are cookin' up somethin' special for their guests this year.

The team members will once again serve the dinner and guests will be entertained while enjoying some lip smackin' good food. With salad, ribs, country corn on the cob, seasoned potatoes, fresh cheesy biscuits and breads galore...and heaping servings of fresh fruit pie ala' mode...don't miss this wagon!

The 2008-09 Dance team is hosting this fund raiser to purchase supplies and defray camp costs for next season. Dance team members are Nikki Johnson, Naomi Reeh, Teryn Carmichael, and Whitney Churchwell. Cheer squad members are Naomi Reeh, Samantha Robertson, Kayla Stately and Forest Burr (see advertisement).



GARRETT BRUNK works with his heifer before the spring show to be held on Saturday at the Cheyenne County fairgrounds.

Barn alliance sponsors workshop

The Kansas Barn Alliance is sponsoring a free workshop, "Old Barns-New Ideas," on Saturday, May 31, at the Stan Carman farm, south of St. Francis. There will be a morning and afternoon session. The morning session will begin at 10.

Robert Metzmer, a timber frame specialist from Ness City, will talk about the construction of old barns and renovation possibilities. Special recognition will be given to the 4-H photography group members who documented several area barns.

At noon the Cheyenne County Historical Society will provide lunch. Donations for the meal will benefit the Cheyenne County Museum.

The afternoon session will begin at 1:00 and will feature a roundtable discussion: "Help pay the restoration bill. Find new uses for your old barn."

Barn Alliance president, Sally Hatcher, writes, "Many of the wonderful old barns across Kansas are a resource for memories and not much else. The goal of our May 31 workshop in St. Francis is to share ideas about ways these barns can be used again."

According to Ms. Hatcher, some old barns in Kansas are reviving as owners try unusual

niche agriculture enterprises. One farmer is raising tilapia in concrete tanks in his old barn. Another is milking sheep for cheese making.

The St. Francis workshop will offer participants the opportunity to discuss some of these niche agriculture ventures that might just help pay the restoration bill!

This workshop is for those who have an old barn and don't know what to do with it.

"If you have an old barn and have done something with it, come and share your story!" said Janet Carman.

"We are pleased that the Kansas Barn Alliance chose Cheyenne County for this workshop. We want to give them a warm welcome," said county Historical Society president, Lea Keller.

The Stan Carman's farm is located at 1625 Road G, from St. Francis, travel 7 miles south of U.S.

36 on Road 16. From K-27, travel 2.5 miles west on Road G: (Look for the two story farmhouse.) Please call Stan at 785 332 3569 by May 24 to reserve a spot.

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Ads and copy DEADLINE for the
May 29
The Saint Francis Herald
and Bird City Times
will be Tues., May 27th
at 5 p.m.

Offices will be closed on
Monday, May 26th.
Newspapers will be
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We will also be
closed on
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South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Lynn and Rita Officer attended the graduation of Kale Regier from Heartland Christian High School Friday evening in Colby. They also attended a graduation party for Kale Saturday at the home of Randy and Melissa Regier.

Marilee, Seth, and Gracie Gundlach of Flower Mound, TX and Michael, Erin, and Lucy Officer of Broken Arrow, OK attended the graduation and festivities of Kale Regier in Colby Friday and Saturday and then came to visit Lynn and Rita Officer at their home Saturday evening.

Marilee and children will be returning home Monday, but Michael and his family will be spending the week here. Ratha Lee Loker was an additional Sunday dinner and afternoon guest of the Officers.

Joe, Charlene, and Dennis Kramer helped Kailey Anne Shay

celebrate her 10th birthday at the St. Francis Bowling Alley Thursday.

George, Kathy and Debbie Banister attended the Cheylin Super Band Concert in McDonald Monday evening.

David Banister arrived home Thursday from Salina and is home for the summer.

George, Kathy, David, and Debbie Banister spent Friday through Sunday in Topeka where they attended the Commencement and Nurses Pinning Ceremony of Amanda Banister Saturday from Washburn School of Nursing. They were house guests of Lonnie and Stacy Martin and Nicole.

Jerry and Sandy Binning and Garrett and Donna Binning and girls attended the graduation of John Binning from Rawlins Co. High School Sunday afternoon and the reception afterwards.

McDonald News

By Vera Kacirek

On Thursday evening, Phyllis Wilkinson was pleasantly surprised for her May 16 birthday. Family members gathered at the Frosty Mug for supper. The surprise was planned and carried out by Lisa and Rod Johnson. Attending were Phyllis and Kenny Wilkinson, Rod and Lisa Johnson, Josh Johnson, Greg and Cheryl Wilkinson, Jamie Harris and Katie of McCook, Shawn Wilkinson and Laddie and Vera Kacirek.

Laddie and Vera Kacirek, Susie Sabatka, Jennifer Sabatka and John left on Saturday morning to drive to Weston, Mo. where they will attend the high school graduation of Annie Kacirek. Annie is the daughter of Dave and Becky Kacirek and the last grandchild of Laddie and Vera. They will also visit Garrett and Chanda Dowling in Springfield, Mo. They will meet Melissa Lowe and husband, Drew, who live close to Springfield.

Club Clip

Kanred Club

The Family Community Education group, Kanred, met on Monday, May 5, at the LeBow Manor in Bird City. There were four members present, Jerry Cress, Treva Henry, Dorothy Mast and Wanda Dowdy. Two visitors attended the meeting, Rosemary Powell and Wuanita Stately.

At the beginning of the meeting, everyone enjoyed a meal prepared by Treva Henry and Jerry Cress. Using recipes with maple syrup as one of the ingredients, they were maple spring chicken, fresh vegetable salad with maple and balsamic vinegar dressing, sweet rolls with maple butter frosting and maple syrup nut cake. This

was really a delicious meal to try.

For the meeting, everyone watched slides on Wanda's computer using Power Point. The name of the lesson was "Destination - Vermont." These pictures gave a good view of the countryside, which is very beautiful in the fall as the leaves change colors. This was really interesting and enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 2, at the LeBow Manor. The lesson will be on the Cyber Highway. There will be a craft next month...decorating straw hats. Bring glue, flowers, ribbon and scissors.

Anyone who would like to join the group, may come next month.

REAL ESTATE AUCTION 3 GRAIN STORAGE & HANDLING FACILITIES FOR COLORADO COMMUNITY BANK

Saturday, May 31, 2008 • 11:00 a.m.
Auction Site: 19211 Co. Rd. 54, Burlington, CO
(5 mi. E of Burlington on Hwy. 24)

An excellent opportunity to purchase grain storage and handling facilities at a fraction of replacement cost. With today's record high grain prices & the upcoming wheat harvest, there will be a growing demand for grain storage.

PARCEL #1 -- 10.5 ACRES W/RAIL SPUR. Property Address: 19211 Co. Rd. 54, Burlington. Property Description: 6 metal grain bins w/a total capacity of 336,600 bushels • 11 bulk bins w/9810 bu. total capacity • 4 warehouse storage buildings totaling 29,000 sq. ft. (includes approx. 2,400 sq. ft. processing area) • mobile home 14' x 56' • 1,200 sq. ft. office • 60 Ton 70 ft. scale • dump pit, truck & rail docks, conveyors & grain legs. Utilities: well and septic. Excellent access near Interstate I-70 and next to UPRR. **SUGGESTED OPENING BID: \$500,000**

PARCEL #2 -- 5.24 acres. Property Address: 2520 Colo. Avenue, Burlington. Located adjacent to UPRR (no spur). Property Description -- 4 metal grain bins with a total capacity of 170,000 bu. • 672 sq. ft. office w/unfin. basement • 60 Ton 70 ft. scale • 2 dump pits, 4 bean ladders, 2 conveyors and grain legs. City water and sewer. **SUGGESTED OPENING BID: \$115,000**

PARCEL #3 -- 1.46 acres deeded & 1 acre leased from Burlington Northern Railroad. Property Address: 275 E. Woodward Ave, Keenesburg. Property Description: 5 concrete & 8 metal bins grain bins w/a total capacity of 172,000 bu. • 3,600 sq. ft. warehouse • 4,100 sq. ft. quonset • 1057 sq. ft. office • 50 Ton 70 ft. scale • truck dump with (2) 600 bu. hoppers & 50 T. scale. City water and sewer. Easy access to I-76. **SUGGESTED OPENING BID: \$150,000**

REAL ESTATE AUCTION TERMS: All three parcels will be sold from the Burlington location at 19211 Co. Rd. 54. Property will be offered as three separate parcels, and then the two Burlington parcels will be offered together as one unit, with the highest total bid prevailing. A earnest money deposit of 10% of the contract price shall be required for each contract. Properties will be sold to the highest bidder(s) subject to a minimum total bid of \$1,185,000. Closings will be scheduled no later than June 27, 2008. For complete details, please call for information packet or visit our website.

EQUIPMENT AUCTION • 12:30 p.m.

TRACTOR & FORKLIFT: Clark Forklift, propane; Moline Tractor w/belly mower

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