



WALKER JANICKE has tough day in Alma at the track with a bad motor.

Photo courtesy of Lori Janicke

## Family competes at race in Alma

Alma, Neb., held the third race of the year on April 27. There were more riders at this race than usual. Walker Janicke was up first and had a decent first moto. In the second moto, he was riding with the most confidence he has shown on the racetrack. On the last lap of the second moto, his

motor went bad and seized up. He pushed the bike off the track, because it would not even turn over.

Devon and Jordan Janicke both had good races. Devon placed third in the first moto. In the second moto, Devon won the second place trophy.

Jordan had two good motos. He finished both motos in third earning the third place trophy.

The Janicke family rode well; there was just a little bad luck with Walker's bike. The company, KTM, is sending a new motor for his bike.

## Grandson to study engineering

Daniel Dorsch, son of Jeff and Sherri Dorsch, Apple Valley, Minn., will be studying engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass., this fall.

Dan, grandson of Stan and Dee Dorsch of Bird City, graduated June 13 from Eastview

High School in Apple Valley. Out of 625 seniors, he graduated as valedictorian with highest honors and a 4.000 unweighted grade point average. While at Eastview, Dan took a variety of honors and advanced placement classes and was also active all four years in instrumental mu-

sic and Science Olympiad.

Highlights of Daniel's high school career include three state gold and three bronze medals at Minnesota Science Olympiad State tournaments, two superior ratings for trumpet solos at regional solo and ensemble contests, being named Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medalist for Eastview in 2007, and being named Science Student of the Year for Eastview in 2008.

Dan serves as a volunteer peer tutor, plays ultimate Frisbee, and flies R/C airplanes and helicopters.



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## Honor Roll

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# Anesthetist talks to board about hospital improvements

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Kim Zweygardt, anesthetist, was at the hospital board meeting on Thursday to talk about how an improvement might be made for physicians using the operating room and visiting physicians. Her proposal was to build on to the hospital but no decision was made.

Mrs. Zweygardt said she had been an anesthetist for 26 years and 15 of those years had been in St. Francis. She had seen the growth in the hospital, drawing patients from the surrounding area.

At a recent meeting with outpatient and operating room physicians and staff, they found that the hospital's physical layout was the problem. Because of the distance from the operating room to the patient care area, unlike facilities with a dedicated outpatient surgery area, it takes more time and steps to provide care. The facility doesn't have an

outpatient area to receive patients. Instead they are doubling up in rooms, and often must be moved at different times to accommodate the next patient. This hospital was built without a recovery room, she said. Therefore patient rooms are utilized and equipment must be moved from room to room. There are challenges, she said.

Before sending a patient home, the doctors prefer that they have a little something to eat. This means someone needs to run to the kitchen and take food upstairs to the patient. It has been suggested that the specialty physician's clinic area be used for this.

"It is just not efficient," she said, adding that there is no suction downstairs so these rooms are not equipped to handle this type of patients.

She said it affects the hospital when no more patients can be accommodated and the traveling doc-

tors may be forced to take their patients to another facility.

"I would like to see an addition of an outpatient area to include a procedure room that could also be used for pain management," she said. "When traveling physicians come, to make it financially feasible for them and the hospital, it is necessary to accommodate a greater number of patients. If we are unable to do this, it may be an incentive for them to take patients elsewhere."

It was suggested that, when traveling physicians are doing procedures, the administrator might have a "dedicated" aide to keep track of patients.

Kari Gilliland, board member, said the board has added a new physician and two new physician's assistants. It is necessary to cover that "gap" before doing more work on the hospital, she said. However, she added that the addition is in the strategic plan.

Mrs. Zweygardt said that she didn't expect the board to break ground tomorrow but felt that the board needed to be looking forward.

## Bird City News

Recent callers at the Meta Dankenbring home were Gerald Wight, Keith and Cinda Dankenbring, Mil Dankenbring, Vic Dankenbring, Jen Padgett, Maynard and Lucille Wright, Donna Wright, Emma Hopp, Marlin and Doloris Peter, Bethel Golt, Anda, Adam and Mary Anne Orten. Phyllis Wright has been recuperating in her mother's home following her foot surgery on April 21.

Mil Dankenbring, Hutchinson, visited his mother Meta and sister Phyllis and then attended his 45th class reunion at St. Francis Community High School.

Brad and Linda Schneider picked up Brad's mother, Dottie Cook, from the St. Francis Good Samaritan and brought her to their home in Bird City for a Sunday meal. After resting a little bit, Brad took Dottie out in the garden and showed her all the vegetables they had planted.

Dean and Joan Smith spent two and one half weeks in Lubbock, Tex. at the home of Dee and Jim Riebel. Joan had replacement surgery and recuperated at the home of her daughter and son-in-law. Frequent visitors were Marilyn Taylor and Kelsey Montgomery and daughters, Kiersten, Brookyn, and London.

## Club Clip

### McDonald Senior Citizens

Thirty-six senior citizens and health nurse, Rose Whitehurst, attended the July 7 meeting of the McDonald Senior Citizens.

Phyllis Wingfield had decorated the tables in a Patriotic theme with a flag at each table. Each place setting had a red firecracker made of a roll of lifesavers, a mint patty and a candy kiss.

Joan Tongish welcomed everyone and July birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. Emma Threlkel gave a reading, "Molly Pitcher and the Midnight Ride of Paul Revere," followed by the meal blessing. After dinner, visiting and bingo were enjoyed by all. Agnes Burk won the blackout game.

At the business meeting, Joan Tongish thanked everyone for their help with the meal, Phyllis Wingfield for the decorations and Ray Johnson for the mowing. All reports were accepted as read.

August committees will be Poem: Ray Johnson; Bingo: Leonard Vyzourek; Prizes: Betty Lewis; kitchen help, Phyllis Wilkinson, Eleanor Swihart and Betty Lewis.

## New ground breaking

Ground breaking for the new Farm Credit of Western Kansas, ACA, office building located at 1190 South Range took place Wednesday, May 28. The new structure will consolidate the Farm Credit staff in a 14,000 square foot brick and stone building.

Farm Credit has housed its local headquarters in Colby since its inception. Originally operating as the Colby Federal Land Bank and the Northwest Kansas

Production Credit Association.

"We brought the two businesses together in 2000 and completed a corporate merger in 2002. Since that time we have continued to operate out of two buildings. In the spring of 2007, we seized the opportunity to purchase what we felt was the ideal location for our business when the J & J Oil and Deep Rock Cafe sight went to auction," said Larry Maxwell, Farm Credit president.

# Upcoming Promotions

## Tri-State Antique Engine & Thresher Show

Featuring stories about the demonstrations, buildings, history, shows and Queens.

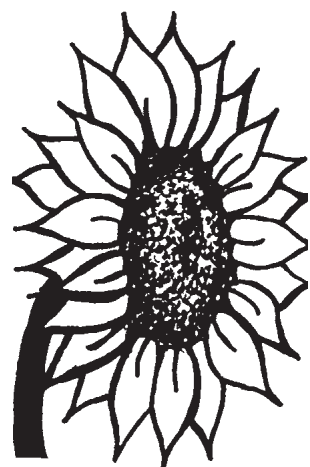


## Cheyenne County Fair



Featuring 4-H'ers, fair and carnival activities, schedule of events and other interesting happenings at fair time.

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