

Clinics awarded grant money

Cheyenne County and Rawlins County are receiving grants from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Roderick Bremby, department secretary, said \$6.3 million in primary care clinic and health center grants to help thousands of Kansans, many with no health insurance, will be able to access comprehensive primary and preventive health care services. Of the 39 clinics across the state, the Cheyenne County Clinic will receive \$90,000 and Rawlins County Health Department will receive \$17,872.

The funding will enable these community-based projects to continue assuring access to affordable primary health care services for underserved Kansas residents.

"This grant program demon-

strates the unique relationship and shared responsibility of the state of Kansas, local leaders, health care volunteers, foundations, and the federal government in supporting systems of care to assure access to primary and preventive health services for all Kansans," he said. "The services these clinics provide are critically important, making available needed health care services for families without health insurance or those who cannot afford the high cost of care."

In 2008, nearly 180,000 Kansans received health care at a state-funded primary care clinic. Nearly 60 percent of these patients were uninsured, and over 65 percent were in households that earn less than the federal poverty level.

Farm related accident takes life of rural Sainty man

A farm-related accident took the life of a rural St. Francis man Sunday.

Ted Zielke, 67, was riding a four-wheeler all-terrain vehicle near his home 15 miles south of St. Francis when the accident took place.

Sheriff Craig Van Allen said Mr. Zielke apparently rolled the

4-wheeler about 7 p.m. on Sunday. He said Mr. Zielke's wife, Phyllis, had found him and called 911. He was transported to the Cheyenne County Hospital by ambulance where he was pronounced dead.

The funeral service will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. mountain time at the First United Methodist Church, 305 Broad St., Goodland.



PLAY BALL —Gus Hespici, Robert Ceballes and Caitlin Ray play a T-ball game at Benkelman.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider



GREGOR BURR does the back stroke during a recent swim meet.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Swim team competes at meet

Last Saturday, the Cheylin Cougar swim team traveled to Atwood and competed against St. Francis and Atwood.

Boys swim team

Eight and under year old, 25-meter backstroke style: first place, Gregor Burr, 40.68; second place, Colton McCarty, 48.45; third place, Leigh Brown, 49.13.

Eight and under year old, 25-meter free style: first place, Burr, 34.54; fourth place, McCarty, 48.31; fifth place, Brown, 50.07.

Girls swim team

Fourteen and under year old, 100-meter medley relay: second place, Cheylin, 127.19.

Open, 100-meter relay: first place, Cheylin, 107.20.

Eight and under year old, 25-meter butterfly style: first place, Christina Frink, 87.17.

Eleven and 12 year old, 50-meter butterfly style: third place, Alexis Frink, 82.79.

Thirteen and 14 year old, 50-meter butterfly style: third place, Jessie Smith, 70.31.

Nineteen and over year old, 50-

meter butterfly style: first place, Alexis Weishapl, 63.79.

Eleven and 12 year old, 100-meter freestyle: second place, Alexis Frink, 95.74.

Thirteen and 14 year old, 100-meter freestyle: first place, Forrest Burr, 80.01.

Eight and under year old, 25-meter backstroke style: fifth place, Christina Frink, 59.35.

Nine and 10 year old, 25-meter backstroke style: second place, ElsaCraig Burr, 36.59.

Thirteen and 14 year old, 50-meter backstroke style: second place, Smith, 70.00; third place, Shayla Hubbard, 73.16.

Fifteen through 18 year old, 50-meter backstroke style: first place, Tia Sager, 53.15.

Nineteen and over year old, 50-meter backstroke style: first place, Weishapl, 66.57.

Fourteen and under year old, 200-meter freestyle relay: third place, Cheylin, 252.02.

Open age, 200-meter freestyle relay: first place, Cheylin, 205.31.

Thirteen and 14 year old, 50-

meter breaststroke style: third place, Hubbard, 66.75.

Fifteen through 18 year old, 50-meter breaststroke style: second place, Sager, 59.26.

Eight and under year old, 25-meter short free style: fifth place, Christina Frink, 51.13; seventh place, Miah Hackney, 71.07.

Nine and 10 year old: 25-meter short free style: third place, ElsaCraig Burr, 29.25.

Eleven and 12 year old, 50-meter short free style: third place, Alexis Frink, 60.46.

Thirteen and 14 year old, 50-meter individual medley: second place, Stephanie Busse, 48.59.

Nine and 10 year old, 50-meter individual medley: second place, ElsaCraig Burr, 78.86; third place, Diana Garcia, 83.13.

Thirteen and 14 year old, 100-meter individual medley: second place, Forrest Burr, 133.93; fourth place, Busse, 139.12; fifth place, Smith, 156.60.

Fifteen through 18 year old, 100-meter individual medley: first place, Sager, 116.70

Medical student to work with county physician

KU medical student Dallas Walz, who is originally from St. Francis, will train with Dr. Mary Beth Miller this summer from June 22 through July 31. Both are working with the University of Kansas Medical Center's Healthy Living Kansas and Rural Primary Care Practice and Research Programs.

Through the Healthy Living Kansas program, Dr. Miller will encourage colon cancer testing for her patients who are 50 and older, while Mr. Walz will be inviting eligible patients to take part in an online colon cancer health assessment.

Sixty days after the assessment is completed, a colon cancer information specialist will call the patient to discuss colon cancer testing and provide counseling to those not up-to-date with their testing. The results of the program will help determine the effectiveness of an intervention by rural family doctors and colon cancer information specialists in increasing colon cancer testing.

Colon cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in Kansas, killing nearly 520 people in 2008. These statistics are alarming because this disease is highly preventable and curable if detected early.

The Rural Primary Care Practice and Research Program matches medical students with rural Kansas primary care physicians. It is by shadowing physicians and working on research projects that medical students learn clinical skills and gain an appreciation for evidence-based medicine.

"I am excited to come back home and work with this project," Mr.



Dr. Mary Beth Miller



Dallas Walz

Walz said. "Hopefully it will help Dr. Miller's patients get tested and maybe even save lives."

A grant from the National Cancer Institute funds the Healthy Living Kansas program. Kimberly Engelman, PhD, assistant professor at the University of Kansas Medical Center, is the principal investigator for the grant.



Amelia Banister

99th birthday honored

The family of Amelia Banister is honoring her with a card shower to help her celebrate her 99th birthday on July 4. Cards may be sent to her at P.O. Box 77, McDonald, KS 67745.

