

# Clinic receives recognition for innovative practices

The Kansas Hospital Association has honored six innovative hospital programs with the Community Connections Award. These hospitals were selected because they have undertaken extraordinary efforts to improve the health and well-being of their communities.

The Cheyenne County Hospital/Clinic, St. Francis, received the Primary Care Clinic award. The goal of Cheyenne County Clinic is to increase access to care for a challenged segment of county residents, thus minimizing the utilization of the emergency room, acute care and other more expensive avenues of care.

The hospital and each of the other six hospitals were recognized at a Kansas Hospital Association-hosted media and award event in their community and received an award of \$1,000.

Other recipients of this year's Community Connections Awards are:

The Republic County Hospital, Belleville, which received the Community Outreach Regarding Excellence in Students award. This program brings together coaches, sports medicine professionals, athletic trainers, nutritionists, sports psychologists, sports management directors and Republic County youth grade seven through college in order to develop core strength and agility followed by educational programming.

Sabetha Community Hospital, Sabetha, received the Healthy U - A New School of Thought. It is free-of-charge, 12-week, healthy lifestyle education program that features weekly lectures educating participants on successful weight loss management and healthy living. The program lectures are led by a physical therapy assistant/health promotions specialist, a registered dietician and a medical doctor.



**THE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS Award was presented to the Cheyenne County Clinic. Helping Les Lacy, administrator, accept the award is (left) Mila Bandel, county health nurse, and Erika Zimbelman, clinic manager.**

Labette Health in Parsons received the Healthy Kids Initiative award. The Healthy Kids initiative offers education and assistance to children with type 1 Diabetes and helps to prevent type 2 Diabetes in Labette County and surrounding communities.

Kingman Community Hospital received the Connections' Support of St. Gianna Health Clinic award. The St. Gianna Health Clinic provides free or reduced-cost health care services to Kingman County and surrounding area citizens who are uninsured or at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Basic health care, including treatment of acute or chronic conditions, follow-up care from emergency room visits, disease prevention education, instructive care for chronic conditions and referrals to specialists are provided to those who qualify.

Satanta District Hospital, Satanta, received the Community Health Organization Committee Youth Development award. The

Community Health Organization Committee provides free and preventative youth development programs to Haskell County children in kindergarten through 12th grade. In a safe environment, kids hear other kids share that it's okay to refuse negative peer pressures.

This year, the Kansas Hospital Association received 70 entries from 47 hospitals. The entries were judged on the following criteria: leadership, community need, community benefit, creativity and impact. Awards were given to one hospital in each hospital district of the state.

Community Connections annually recognizes hospital-based programs that provide a significant community benefit. This award program is a partnership between the Kansas Hospital Association and the American Hospital Association and is helping hospitals reaffirm their rightful place as a valuable and vital community resource.



**THE KANRED JOURNAL, being shown by Diane Kribs, describes the group's activities beginning in 1921. The book has been compiled by local members and is on display at the Bird City Library.**

*Times staff photo by Norma Martinez*

## Book on display at library

The Kanred Journal for the Family Community and Education Group, is now on display at the Bird City Library.

Kanred Homemakers was organized in 1921, and later became a unit of the Family Community and Education group in 1929.

Last year, the group decided

to put together a journal with information of this group that has been in existence for over 88 years. This journal contains a copy of the history of this group compiled by Minnie Busse from 1921 - 1985. There is a list of the charter members, details of what this group did when it was first organized and highlights of

lessons and activities throughout the years.

There are pictures showing bread making, quilting as well as other projects for this club. Stop in at the Bird City Library and read through this journal to see how this group has been involved with many items of interest to the community.

## Obituary

### Eldean Marie Cahoj

Sept. 11, 1931 - July 11, 2010  
Eldean Marie (Reinert) Cahoj, 78, McDonald, Kan., was born on Sept. 11, 1931, and died on July 11, 2010.

She is survived by her husband, Henry E. Cahoj, of which she met as a handsome sailor, and her being a stunning nurse. God united them in the sacrament of marriage Aug. 10, 1954, at the Sacred Heart Church in Atwood.

She is also survived by their five children: Collette, and husband, Bruce Roscoe of Westminster, Colo.; Tonya of Seattle, Wash.; Brenda and husband, Mickey Weiser, of Grinnell; Teresa Prochazka of Greeley, Colo.; and Emery and wife, Teresa Seymour of Castle Rock, Colo.

She was loved dearly by all her grandchildren Leah Rutz, Rachel and husband, Justin Yates, Annelise Matt of Seattle Wash.; Marcus Weiser and wife, Meghan, of Wichita, Devan Weiser and wife, Brianna, of Colorado, Brock, Kimber, and Mackenzie Weiser of Grinnell, Chace and Aaron Prochazka of Colorado, and her five great-grandchildren: Derek, Dominek, Adrianna Yates, and Lillie and Alexa Weiser.

She served the community as a registered nurse for 28 years, working at the Rawlins County Hospital and Prairie Development Center in Atwood. She was an active member of St. Joseph Altar Society in Bird City.

Eldean lived a full and wonderful life, finding enjoyment in doing the things she loved. Her family always came first, but she had a great love for many things such as gardening, creating beautiful quilts for her children, making porcelain dolls for her grandchildren, crafts, ceramics, and all of her family can attest that she was the absolute best when it came to baking, canning, or cooking. She was always ready and willing to sit down and play cards with whoever was brave enough to play. She loved to take your money, as "she was very competitive!"

This past Memorial Day, the family had a small "Reinert Reunion" for her in Grinnell, of which they are so grateful. She looked forward to it, and had a most wonderful time with her loved ones. It will always be a great memory for them.

They also celebrated her "kidney transplant" of 23 years, which is a miracle from God. (She had received Denver's sixth transplant on Memorial Day in 1987!)

She hated to leave her family, but her little, frail body just couldn't

continue. The family knows she is happy and content now.

Preceding her in death were her mother and father, Anna (Arendt) and Henry Reinert, her brothers and sisters, Sister Dorothy Ann Reinert, Peter Reinert, Frank Reinert, Vincent Reinert, Virginia McMahon and Dr. Robert Reinert.

There will always be a great void in the family without their mother. But they will never forget the memories they have of her, and she will be in their hearts forever and ever.



Cahoj

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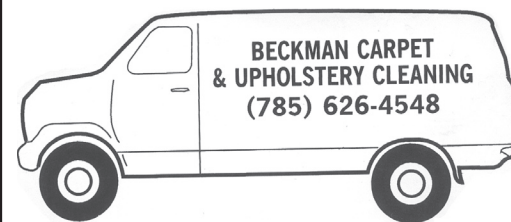


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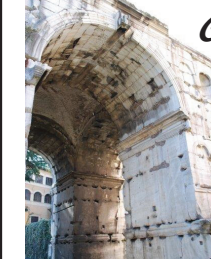
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