

## Reception set for physician

The reception for Dr. Rebecca Allard will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, in the clinic conference room in St. Francis. After almost six years, Dr. Allard will be leaving the county hospital to practice in Sidney Regional Medical Center in Sidney, Neb. Her last day at the hospital and clinic is June 30.

Dr. Allard was best known for delivering babies at the hospital. While she was at the hospital, she delivered 115 babies.

In Sidney, she will be sharing obstetric calls with three other physicians. This will give her more time with her family, which she said in an earlier article, it is tough to do in a small hospital.

During her time at the hospital and clinic she has served as the chief of staff, served on the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians on several committees and served on their Foundation Board and been

involved in the community.

Along with the obstetric team, Dr. Allard met the new quality measure last year of having no elective deliveries prior to 39 weeks. This measure is being reported nationwide with improvements coming from all hospitals that deliver babies.

Dr. Megan Brown will be full-time at the hospital in August of 2014 and she will continue the obstetrics and delivering babies. She is already coming to the hospital on weekends and will be here more often throughout the year. Dr. Dallas Walz will be here full-time August 2015 and his plan is to also help with the obstetric program. Dr. Walz will also be covering calls starting the spring of 2014.

Between physicians, the plan is to continue with the obstetrics and administration is in the process of looking for a physician that can cover for a year to keep the program strong.



**STORM CLOUDS** brought 1.5 inches rain to the area Sunday evening. There was marble-sized hail but it did little or no damage. The rain was needed and appreciated.

*Times staff photo by Norma Martinez*



**CHEYLIN SWIMMERS** on the swim team practice daily. Their last match was in Indianola, Neb. Pictured is Isabelle Gabaldon who placed second in the 25m freestyle with a time of 29.38 seconds.

*Times staff photo by Norma Martinez*

## Cougar Tales **By Bruce Bolen, Superintendent**

It is with excited anticipation, yet heartache, that I write my last 'Cougar Tales' article. As I complete my final week at Cheylin Schools I look back over the last four years and know that God has blessed Emily and me by allowing us to work in this school and be a part of the Bird City and McDonald communities. My next stop will be teaching woodworking and carpentry half days at Weskan Schools.

This school and community is fortunate to have many fine teachers, staff, students, parents, and patrons that provide a caring educational atmosphere in which to raise and educate children. It takes the support of everyone to make this happen, and our students are fortunate to live in the two communities that make up our school.

We have enjoyed much academic, activity and athletic success over the past four years. From teams qualifying to state in many athletic endeavors, to our Scholars' Bowl making it to state, and many music students competing at the state level, it was a great ride. Maybe one of the biggest successes that I brag on is our freshman class from last year winning the Western Kansas Liberty League Scholarship Contest, and our school earning League Scholarship Champions this year as well. Academics had always been my number one priority, and this is a great accomplishment by our students, staff and parents.

earned the highest honor possible at State Large Group Music in Colby in April. Both groups received all 1's for their hard work under the directions of Mrs. Hengen. The Cheylin Schools community has much to be proud of as we are one of the very few 1A schools in the state that still has a marching band for football games.

Our golf team qualified for state and we sent four competitors to state track. Although they did not finish as good as we would have liked, we are proud of them and the coaches for their success.

Best wishes go out to three staff members who will be leaving us after this year. Mrs. Havel was our Title I and seventh grade English teacher and will be staying home next year. Mrs. Burton, after serving Cheylin Schools for 36 years, is retiring and will have the opportunity to stay home and enjoy her kids and grandkids. She is very deserving of this time as she was an awesome counselor. Miss Antholz has accepted a job in eastern Kansas and will be moving this summer. She is one of the best fifth grade teachers I have ever been able to work with. Thank you to all three of these fabulous educators for their contributions to Cheylin Schools.

At this time we have hired replacements for those who are leaving. Amy (Grace) Moree, a graduate of Saint Francis Community High School, is coming to us from Liberal. Kara Rodriguez, whose husband is the Cheyenne County Undersheriff,

will be our new Title 1 director/teacher. She comes highly recommended and is fluent in reading and speaking Spanish. Angie Chmielewski will be the new kindergarten through-12 counselor and moves to Bird City from Michigan. Of course many of you already know that Shelly Angelos will be your new pre-kindergarten through 12 principal and superintendent. I am excited for these new staff members to get the opportunity to be part of the great Cheylin Schools system and community.

Lincoln Pochop has been hired as high school assistant coach for both football and basketball. Mr. Hengen will take over the duties of junior high assistant football coach, and head junior high boys basketball coach. We are still looking to fill the junior high head volleyball and high school head volleyball coaching positions.

My last official day of work for Cheylin Schools will be Wednesday, June 19. I want to thank each and every student, staff, parent, and community member for their support these past four years. This has been a rewarding experience for Emily and me, and we are fortunate to be able to count many of you as friends. We will try to come back and support our Cougars as time permits. Keep supporting these fabulous kids and school. God has blessed us with our time here.

For the last time,

Bruce Bolen  
Superintendent/Principal  
Cheylin Schools

## Harvest Countdown begins

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The Harvest Countdown contest has begun! Containers are located in participating businesses in St. Francis and Bird City along with the entry forms.

The question is "what is the date and time of the first cutting in Cheyenne County?"

Last year, the first load of wheat in Cheyenne County came in on June 9. This year, after a very cool spring, is a different story. This is what makes the contest interesting.

There are seven businesses sponsoring the contest this year. They have entry tickets for anyone wanting to register their guess of the minute, hour and day of the first load of wheat brought into one of the county elevators.

There will be three people winning a total of \$100 in scrip money (\$50 first prize, \$35 second prize, and \$15 third prize).

Last year, Jon Waters brought in the first load at 1:49 p.m. on June 9. It was brought in to the Wheeler Equity and had a test weight of 60.2 pounds and the moisture was 13.9 percent.

Winners of the contest were Shelley Culwell, first; Dave Fry, second, and Shawna Blanka, third.

### Rules of the contest

Rules are:

- Guess the day, hour and minute of the arrival of the first load that has a moisture content of 14 percent or less.

The contest allows anyone over 18 years who is not employed at the newspaper or related to someone who is to try to guess when the first load of wheat will be brought in to one of the elevators in Cheyenne County.

- The winners of last year's contest are not eligible to win this year.

- The scrip money won will need to be spent in participating businesses.

The Herald is sponsoring the contest but it would not be possible if it were not for the participating businesses: Pizza Hut, Majestic Service and Truck Stop, St. Francis Equity, Captain Hook's, and Western State Bank in St. Francis and The Bank in Bird City. Boxes and entry blanks along with the contest rules are located in these businesses.

Be sure to check their merchandise and services while in the business and check their ads in this week's issues of The Herald and Times. The contest tentatively ends on June 28.



**DORTHY MAST, center, checks out the new automated external defibrillator which was bought with Melvin Mast memorial funds and given to the Cheylin Wellness Center by the Cheyenne County Emergency Medical Technicians. Also pictured, back row: (left to right) Bruce Bolin, Laurie Leonard, Darci Schields; front row: Jannelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, and Wendi White.**

*Times staff photo by Tim Burr*

## Center receives lifesaving gift

A few months ago, Rodney Klepper came into the emergency medical service office wanting to know where to order an automated external defibrillator (AED) for the Cheylin Wellness Center.

The "A" stands for automated, due to its automated nature of checking for heart rhythm, instructing the operator when to and delivering the shock.

The E stands for external. The first successful defibrillation was used in open-chested patients (open-heart surgeries); modern defibrillators are used on closed-chested patients. The pads are placed on the patient's chest and side, external to the heart.

The D stands for defibrillator. AEDs are defibrillators for use on people with abnormal heart rhythms

(fibrillations). The machine will check for these abnormal or absent heart rhythms before advising shock, then will perform the defibrillation shock to the patient once the appropriate action is taken by the operator.

Mr. Klepper and I visited about the automated external defibrillator, said Jannelle Bowers, emergency medical service director. I told him that I would get back with him about where to purchase the equipment.

Cheyenne County Emergency Medical Technicians occasionally receive memorial donations from a loved one's family. The memorial donations are to be spent on ambulance equipment, or any equipment that will be used within the community.

At their monthly meeting, the technicians chose to purchase an automated external defibrillator for the Wellness Center, in memory of Melvin Mast who had recently died. Melvin was an emergency medical technician in Cheyenne County for many years, along with his wife Dorthy.

Melvin and Dorthy served as emergency medical technicians, instructors and directors of the service for 34 years.

The equipment was presented to the Wellness Center in Bird City on Thursday, June 6, with Mrs. Mast present.

The technicians have also placed automated external defibrillator equipment at the Cheylin and St. Francis schools.