

Medical student trains with local physician on research

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 evidenced-based medicine.

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



Walz



Miller

Mr. 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.



Johnson

St. Francis News

Gathering at the Diamond R Bar and Grill Saturday for lunch were Lowell, Krystale and Tuff Neitzel, Lawrence; Lindsey, Cassidy Rae and Chase Goodard, Haxton; Lynne Ferguson, Holyoke; Leslie and Matt Carlholm, Imperial, Neb.; Mindy King, Bryce and Emily Mirack, Bella Vista, Ark.; Willie Klie, Wray; Pat Carman, St. Francis; Paul Klie, St. Francis; A.J., Talon and Echo Jones, St. Francis; Cindy, Jennifer and Lane Henderson, St. Francis, Bonnie Jones, St. Francis and Dallas Reed of Kanorado.

In the afternoon, Lowell, Krystale and Tuff; Cindy, Jennifer, Lane and Mike Henderson, Royce and Cindy Neitzel, Lindsey, Cassidy Rae and Chase Goodard, Lynne Ferguson and Sherry Jones gathered at the Jones home for visiting.

Afterward Lowell, Krystale and Jennifer attended their alumni celebration while their parents baby sat the youngsters.

Recent visitors at the Rowland and Phyllis Roelfs home, were Ed Baker, Rowland's brother-in-law, Ed's son, Ted and grand-

daughter, Ashley, all from Dothan, Ala. They spent the week visiting family and friends.

Milton and Betty Lampe attended the wedding of Jared Kellner and Patricia Farley in Topeka at Faith Lutheran Church on Saturday, June 20. A reception, dinner and dance followed at the Ramada Inn ballroom.

On Sunday, there was a family worship service and luncheon following at the senior center in Silver Lake, hosted by Wayne and Barbara Kellner and family. The service was conducted by Pastor Mark Beottcher of Jackson, Mo.

There was also a surprise birthday celebration at the center in honor of Milton Lampe and Vern Hass's belated 80th birthdays. Wayne Kellner gave a special talk honoring Milton and Vern.

Kirk and Debbie Grizzell of Macksville, Travis Grizzell and Tiffany DeWitt of Hays and Kyle Grizzell of Pratt were also guests who joined the Lampe's for the wedding and the luncheon and birthday celebration at Silver Lake.

Therapist receives award

Physical therapist at the Cheyenne County Hospital, Shara Johnson, was recently notified that she was one of 13 people to receive a scholarship award from Kansas health care organizations

The Kansas Hospital Association announced the successful completion of the eighth annual Health Care Scholarship Program through the Kansas Hospital Education and Research Foundation. In addition to nine Kansas Hospital Education and Research Foundation scholarships, the Kansas Hospital Human Resources Association and the Kansas Association of Health Care Executives provided four additional scholarships for a total of 13 scholarship recipients and 12 alternates. The Scholarship Review Committee reviewed 165 applications from 115 individuals.

Mrs. Johnson is working on a doctorate in physical therapy and received the master's scholarship, Cheyenne County Hospital;

Each application was reviewed by two members of the Scholarship Review Committee according to established criterion. The highest scoring applicants for each category became finalists and were reviewed by the entire committee.

Student News

University of Nebraska Kearney

Derek Ross, a St. Francis Community High School graduate, was awarded the Dean's Academic Excellence Award for the 2009 Spring Semester by the College of Fine Arts and Humanities of the University of

Nebraska Kearney. Colby Community College

Katherine Jones, St. Francis, was one of 71 students who was named to Colby Community College spring semester president's honor roll. Forty-four students were on the dean's honor roll.

To earn a place on the college's honor roll a student must earn 15 or more credit hours and have no failing grades. The president's honor roll includes only students with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average.



SARAH GUTHMILLER is being crowned as Grand Bethel Junior Princess during the annual convention held in Topeka. Photo courtesy of Kristi Guthmiller

Annual convention is held

The local Job's Daughters of St. Francis recently attended their annual convention in Topeka. The girls had a fun week of competitions, as well as receiving new Grand Bethel offices.

During the formal opening, Sarah Guthmiller, Cara Hunt and Taylor Kennedy were each awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to further their education. In all, seven scholarships were given.

Throughout the year, the girls have been collecting pop tabs. When put together, they took second place in having one of the longer strands of tabs. The total of all participating was a 6,000-foot string of pop tabs. They are en-

tering the strand in the Guinness Book of World Records.

All of the girls who attended were chosen for a Grand Bethel office or representative. Those installed as officers were: Sarah Guthmiller, Grand Bethel Junior Princess; Cara Hunt, Grand Bethel Librarian, Taylor Kennedy, Grand Bethel Chaplain; Kylie Sherlock, Grand Bethel Senior Custodian; Dallas Reed, Grand Bethel Outer Guard; and Aubrey Miller, Grand Bethel Representative to Indiana.

On the adult side, Kristi Guthmiller was installed as Grand Guide and Susan Dinkel was installed as Grand Musician. Tom Stevens also received the Golden

Cloak award which honors an adult member who has given 10 or more years to the organizations.

Others attending the convention were Sharissa and Andrew Andrist, Donna Stevens, Shawna and Shadryon Blanka, Sondra Bracelin, Emileigh and Brady Dinkel, Hanna Bracelin, and Carl, Gina and Jasper Hunt.

Swimming party
On Sunday, the girls are meeting at the swimming pool for an afternoon of swimming and urge anyone who might be interested in Job's Daughters, to join them from 2 to 5 p.m.

What is Job's Daughters?
Job's Daughters presents an outstanding opportunity for involving young women in the Masonic family. The mission is to present the ideals of leadership, teamwork, self-reliance, community service and friendship.

Job's Daughters learn how to work together to achieve their goals, how to raise money and spend it wisely, how to speak to an audience, the fundamentals of parliamentary procedure and how important community service is to everyone.

Meetings
Bethels meet twice a month and split the year into two-six months terms. Meetings are usually followed by treats and socializing for a short time.

For more information on joining Job's Daughters or attending the swimming party, contact Kristi Guthmiller at 785-332-2448.

Obituaries

Arline Mazon

March 13, 1919 - June 22, 2009

Arline Mazon was born on March 13, 1919, the daughter of Grover and Maria Runyan in San Diego, Calif., and died on June 22, 2009, at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo Mazon; daughter, Beverly Meeks, parents, Grover and Maria Runyan; brothers, Albert (Sonny) Runyan and Saul Runyan; sisters, Emma Pena and Victoria (Vicky) Troutt; nephews, Richard Cuthbert and Robert Runyan.

Left to grieve are son, Leo G. Mazon, nephew, Roy W. Troutt Jr.; granddaughters, Angela Arline Mazon and Dori Eichelkraut; son-

in-law, Paul Meeks, grandson, Paul Meeks Jr., great-grandsons, Paul Meeks III, Evan Eichelkraut and Makyah Meeks; great-granddaughters, Heather Meeks, Tonya Meeks and Hallie Eichelkraut; great-grand-granddaughter, Victoria Meeks; niece, Carol Jones and husband, Donald and their daughter, Hannah Jones and son, Patrick Kunick and nephew, Anthony Runyan.

Funeral services will be held June 27 at St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City with burial at the Bird City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Good Samaritan Center, Atwood.

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