

New director of nursing introduces herself to board

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The Cheyenne County Hospital Board met on Jan. 26. The new director of nursing, Judy Rockwood, introduced herself to the board and told about her education and previous nursing and administrative experience. She said timing of the position opening and family living close by were factors that made this hospital a good fit for her.

Also on hand was Deb Harris, who gave the nursing report. She discussed where the hospital was at regarding Tuberculosis skin tests and Fit Testing procedures. She also talked about how they

were progressing with electronic medical records and a Pyxis automated medication dispenser.

Board chairman Jerry Toler said the B.E. Smith company had sent out a list of the top 10 health care trends of 2012. It said that a big concern for the coming year was a shortage of medical professionals.

Hospital administrator Les Lacy reported that the CT had been paid for in one year and that 100 percent of the tax program was fulfilled. He also said that longtime employee Dave Penton was retiring. Mr. Lacy said he wanted to thank Mr. Penton for his years of service in the maintenance department and his exten-

sive knowledge of the building.

Mr. Toler addressed the election of officers to the board. Treasurer Jane Young's term was at an end but she said she would remain on the board, if there were no objections. Other members also felt she had been doing a good job and Kari Gilliland motioned for the board to remain status quo, which was accepted.

Shawna Blanka, board recorder, said she had received the fourth quarter report for risk management and quality and safety, and that there had been no critical violations.

The next meeting will be at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23.

Obituaries

Cecil Raymond Felzien
Oct. 15, 1918 - Jan. 30, 2012

Cecil Raymond Felzien died on Jan. 30, 2012 at the Cheyenne Manor Nursing Home in Cheyenne Wells, Colo.

Cecil was born on Oct. 15, 1918 on the family farm south of Wheeler. He was confirmed in the Lutheran faith on July 15, 1934, and was a member of First St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Burlington, Colo., at the time of his death.

He graduated from St. Francis Community High School in 1938 and then went to Hays State until March of 1942. At that time he enlisted in the Army serving in World War II as a radio operator in the Aleutian Islands.

In 1945, he returned to Kansas and opened his own filling station in Bird City. This is where he met a cute waitress, the love of his life, Elouise Pittman, whom he married on Dec. 21, 1946. To this union, two

children were born: daughter, Marsha and son, Gregory.

In 1950, he moved his family to Burlington where he was an active businessman having Felzien Cleaners and Clothing and W-B Liquor Store. He and his brother Harold were partners in business. Burlington at the time was a booming place with lots of businesses on Main Street and downtown was full of people on Saturdays. He also was the rural mail carrier for 18 years, retiring in 1986 from the postal service.

In his earlier years, he loved to fish and hunt. Also in his "spare time" he did some farming and ran

some cattle. He really loved his cows and spent a lot of time with them; still owning a few head at the time of his death.

He and Elouise loved to dance and took ballroom lessons. And later started square dancing often going to dances two and three times a week. They also liked to travel and went on several wonderful trips.

He was a lifetime member of the VFW Post No. 6491 and a past Commander in 1963. He was an active member of the Chamber of Commerce as well as many other organizations through the years. He served on the Fairview Cemetery District Board for over 20 years.

Preceding him in death were his father, Emil Felzien; mother, Edna (Bowans); brothers, Leland, Roby, Harold, Lowell; and sister, May Sabatka.

He is survived by his wife Elouise of 65 years, daughter, Marsha Jackson and husband Rick, and son Gregory; a sister-in-law, Rosalie Felzien (Harold); seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services for Cecil were held on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012, at the First St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Pastor Jeff Hanson officiating. Burial followed in the Fairview Cemetery in Burlington. Visitation was held on Feb. 1 at the Love Funeral Home in Burlington.

Memorials may be made in Cecil's name to the First St. Paul's Lutheran Church Building Fund and may be left at or sent to the Frontier Bank in Burlington.



Felzien

Open House



TABLES SET — Cathy Loop and Deb Gohl are getting the dining room open for residents. The open house is Sunday, 2 - 4 p.m.

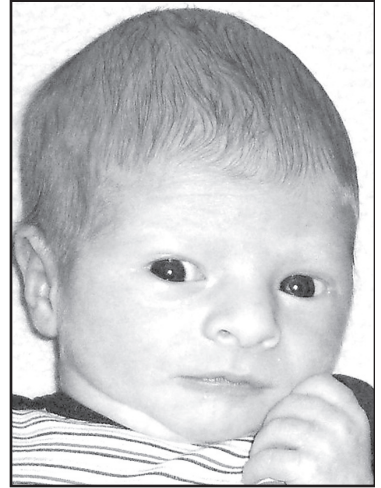
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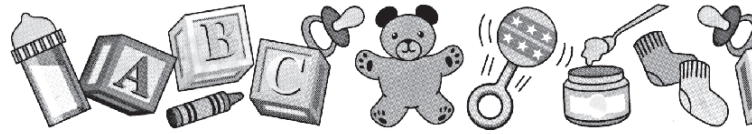
Will Ralstin Keller arrived quickly on Jan. 14, 2012, at 5:19 a.m. His initial weigh-in was 5 pounds, 12 ounces. He stretched just 8'4.5" short of the orange rim (19.5 inches). His dad and granddads do not know what his future holds.

Two-year-old Dillon is now

contemplating the inevitable sharing of his trucks and tractors with his little brother. Will's parents are Jim and Melissa Keller, of Littleton, Colo., and his grandparents are Mac and Sharon McDonald of Mullinville, and Tom and Lea Keller of St. Francis.



Keller



Dorothy Mildred "Dot" Firestone

July 19, 1921 - Feb. 1, 2012

Dorothy Mildred "Dot" Firestone, 90, Topeka, died on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012.

Dot was born July 19, 1921, in Steinauer, Neb., the daughter of Bryan H. and Mildred (Tiess) K e h m e i e r . She graduated from St. Francis Community High School. She attended Wantland Business College in Denver, Colo.

She worked at The Brown Palace Hotel in Denver and Merchants National Bank in Topeka where she met her husband, Sims. Dot was a homemaker for many years and she loved spending time in her kitchen and was a wonderful cook.

She was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Shawnee Country Club and the Ladies Auxiliary Antique Automobile Club.

Dorothy married Sims V. Firestone, Jr. on Aug. 3, 1959, in Denver. He died Jan. 14, 1998. Survivors include daughters, Marla (Richard) Malloy, Topeka; Jane Firestone, Aurora, Colo.; grandchildren, Bryan (Sandy) Cowsert, Angie Malloy, Joel Brajkovich, Alison Malloy; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by daughter, Terri Takish; sister, Korean Warner; and brother, Keith Kehmeier.

The family received friends on



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