

Students present 'spectacular' program

The St. Francis Grade School music department will present their fall music program at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25 in the grade school gymnasium. The program will feature the kindergarten and combined first, second and third grade music classes. The program is under the direction of Jean Ann Confer, kindergarten through sixth-grade music teacher.

The 20 kindergarten students will present a patriotic program entitled "The Kids of the U.S.A." The 61 first, second and third graders will present "A Disney Spectacular."

A wide variety of songs, dances and entertainment will be performed.

There will be an all-school dress rehearsal at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday morning. Anyone is welcome to attend.

WORKING ON THEIR parts for Disney's Snow White are, l to r, Caleb Todd, Jordyn Faulkender, Hailey Robbins, Eli Mills. Dwarfs are Alvaro Fernandez, Cutter Neitzel, Shannon Semler and Ben Neitzel



General election set Nov. 6

The general election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 6. This should be an interesting election with the office of president of the United States up for election as well as several area and local elections. Area races include the seat of state senator of the 40th district, Ralph Ostmeier and Allen Schmidt.

On the local scene, there is the race for the position of Cheyenne County Sheriff with three contenders, Cody Beeson, Shane Guggenmos and David Warren.

There are several write-in candidates vying for offices including the seat of commissioner of District 3 and the treasurer's seat. Brett Poling won the primary election over incumbent Andy Beikman. Mr. Beikman is running a write-in campaign against Dr. Poling. Dolores Jenik, treasurer, won the primary unopposed. However, a campaign is now being conducted with voters being asked to write-in Melissa Tabor-McAtee.

This week, those running for sheriff, Beeson, Guggenmos and Warren, are being featured in The Herald's and Times' "Meet the candidates." See Page 3 in this issue for more information on sheriff candidates.

County doctor receives volunteer teacher award

Mary Beth Miller, MD, a family physician at Cheyenne County Clinic in St. Francis, Kan., is the 2012 American Academy of Family Physicians Exemplary Teaching Award winner in the volunteer category. The American Academy of Family Physicians selects two national winners - one in the full-time category and one in the volunteer category. Dr. Miller attended the American Academy of Family Physicians Congress of Delegates in Philadelphia this week and received her award at that time.

The Exemplary Teaching Awards recognize family medicine faculty members who have demonstrated exemplary teaching skills or have developed and implemented innovative new teaching models or programs.

She is a volunteer clinical assistant professor at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita; Kansas Primary Care Research Network participant; clinical preceptor, Wichita State University Physician Assistant Program; and clinical preceptor, Fort Hays State Nurse Practitioner Program.

Dr. Miller says she has always



DR. MARY BETH MILLER works on a computer.

liked to "figure things out." She enjoyed science and knew in college that she wanted to go to medical school but doubted herself because she felt that coming from a small town in Nebraska of population 420 meant she wouldn't be "smart" enough. So she settled for being a medical technologist; but

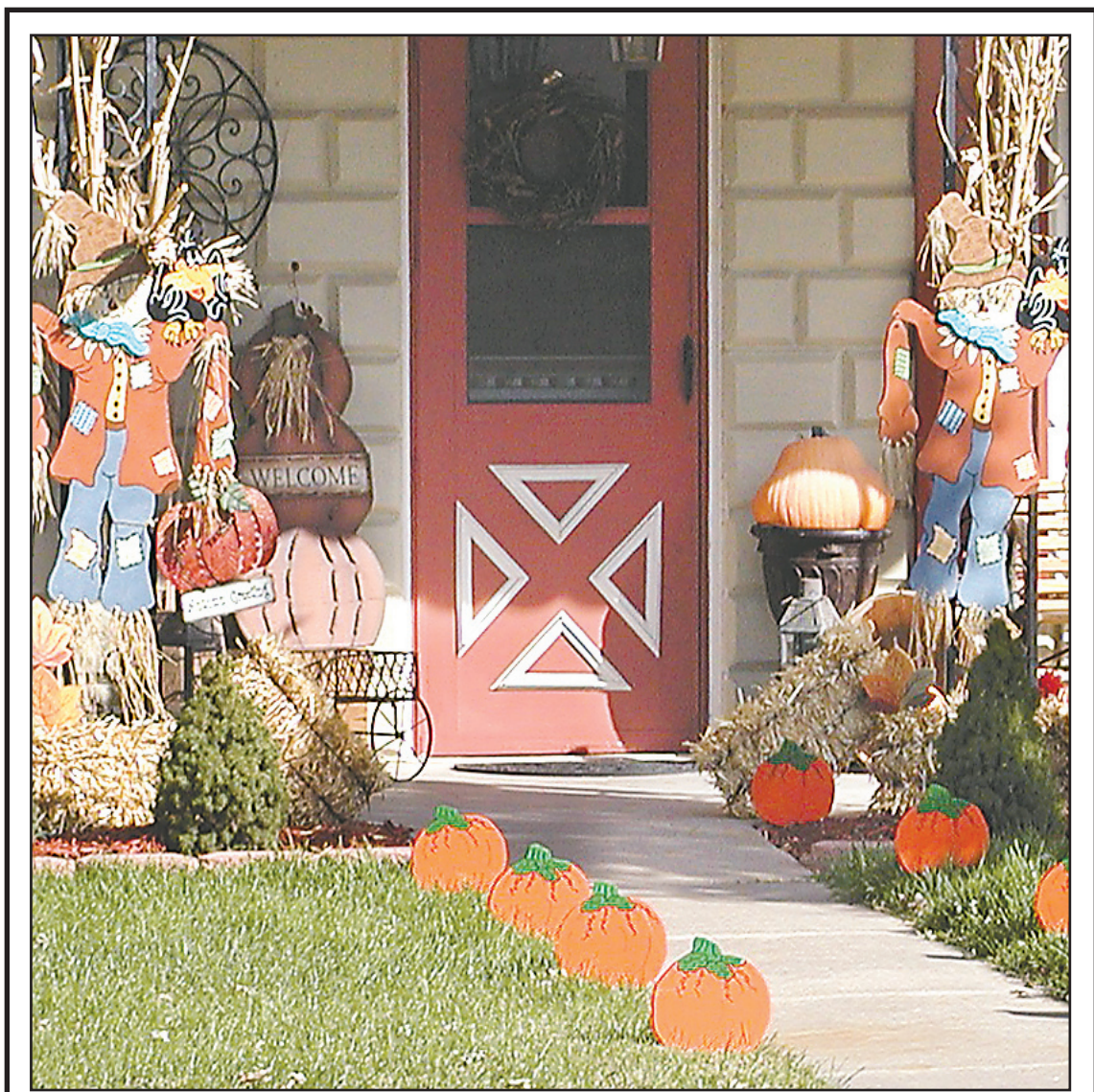
the desire for medical school never left her. She finally completed medical school after being a med tech for 12 years.

"Mentors like Dr. Rick Kellerman, Dr. Chuck Allred, and Dr. Richard Ohmart played a big part in that insight. I never knew I liked teaching, it just happened. Again, initially, I felt I wasn't smart enough to teach. Now I realize teaching is more about connecting with each student in the specific way that helps them learn.

"All the years I spent feeling I wasn't 'smart' enough to do things, I have finally realized that any of us can learn anything. But our success with that is largely affected by how we get along with people. I think a person is better at any career when they work well with others. I also realize there is no end to the learning. As long as you like that, medicine is the field to be in. I have always enjoyed being on the learning end! Even when you teach, you learn." Dr. Miller said.

"Some people make a permanent imprint on your psyche, said Rick Kellerman, MD (Professor and Chair, Department of Family

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DECORATED FOR HALLOWEEN - Michelle Wolff and her daughters always have their home on Spencer Street decorated for the holidays. Herald staff photo by Tim Burr

Leader accepts new duties

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About a year ago, Judy Rockwood joined the Cheyenne County Hospital as the director of nursing. Today, she is not only the director of nursing but has taken on the job of administrator, taking the position of Les Lacy, who resigned to take on the vice presidency of Great Plains Health Alliance. Great Plains is the company which leases the county hospital plus a number of others in Kansas and Nebraska.

Ms. Rockwood has many qualifications to fill the position including being the director of nursing at Rice County Hospital in Lyons and the director of the Children's hospital in Cheyenne, Wyo., but most recently, she was in nursing administration at West Virginia University Hospital in Morgantown, W. Va.



NEW HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR, Judy Rockwood, right, talks with Heidi Tice, chief financial officer.

She came to the Cheyenne County Hospital because, she said, it was almost like coming home. She came from the small Kansas

town of Little River. She also has a daughter, son-in-law and two grandsons, ages 1 and 4, living on a farm near Logan.

She said the director of nursing position actually goes hand-in-hand with the administrator's

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Halloween fun offered for all

Halloween doesn't have to be scary or dangerous.

Three churches have put together the Fall Festival from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 13, at the fairgrounds 4-H building.

There will be games such as wet sponge toss in the face, ring toss, bean bag toss, football throw through a hoop, ping pong, face painting, arts and crafts and bottle-stack throw, just to name a few. In addition, there will be a hay ride.

It will be an evening filled with fun and laughter, said Pastor David Butler, St. Francis Community Church.

Not to miss out on the trick or

treats, each child will receive a bag of candy.

There will be a chili cook-off and a brownie cook-off. Winners will have bragging rights for the year.

This is a come and go event, Pastor Butler said. And, it is absolutely free!

Hosting the festival are the Peace Lutheran Church, Christian Church and the St. Francis Community Church.

For more details, contact: Diane Shay - 332-3209; Gwen Keller - 332-2067; or Jeff Landers - 332-2956.

Spook parade is Wednesday

The St. Francis grade school "Spook Parade" will start in the grade school gym at 10:30 a.m. and students will then start walking down Main Street on Wednesday. Grades include kindergarten through sixth grade.

