



Baby doctor plans to go to Nebraska

"The Miracle of Life" was brought back to Cheyenne County Hospital in December 2005 when Dr. Rebecca Allard signed her contract with the hospital which included that babies would be delivered again in the county.

Dr. Allard began her career in the county in August of 2007 but before signing, was coming out on weekends and helped cover during vacations.

Prior to Dr. Allard there was an emergency delivery in 2003 and in 1999. Then Dr. Melody Armstrong delivered in 1995 and Dr. Bruce Alter in 1992 and prior to that was Dr. Richard Cram.

The first baby that Dr. Allard delivered was November of 2007. Since then there has been a total of 115 deliveries at the hospital.

Dr. Allard has chosen to accept a position at Sidney Regional Medical Center located in Sidney, Neb. There she will be sharing obstetric call along with three other physicians. This will give her more time with her family which is tough to do in a smaller community like St. Francis.

"It was a bittersweet decision," said Dr. Allard. "I have definitely enjoyed my time here working and getting to know everyone in the community."

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.

Dr. Allard's last day will be June 30 at the hospital and clinic.

"I am looking forward to having more time to spend with my two girls, Sidney and Sara, and have more family time," Dr. Allard said.

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 facility 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.

So, what will happen in the interim? 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.

"Dr. Allard and the obstetric team have built a great program and the intention is to continue that with Dr. Brown and Dr. Walz," said Judy Rockwood, chief executive officer. "As a hospital, we wish Dr. Allard nothing but the best in her new endeavor and we thank her for her time and commitment to the obstetric program and the facility."



YUMMY! CONNOR HATHAWAY was enjoying his cupcake treat following the Easter Egg Hunt in the park on Thursday. Connor was among the first graders enjoying the great spring weather. *Herald staff photo by Tim Burr*



THE GENERAL ELECTION was held Tuesday. **Bonnie Henderson**, standing, talks to those working the table, (left to right), **Brenda Nelson**, **Sherry Schultz** and **Carolyn Culwell**. *Herald staff photo by Tim Burr*

Only 17 percent turn out for election

The general election is over and the empty seats on the Bird City City Council and Cheylin School board were filled as were those on the St. Francis council and school board.

Terry Miller, election officer, reported that only 17 percent of the voters turned out to cast their ballot. The total in the Cheylin area was not available.

There were five people running for three seats on the St. Francis City Council. Winning were the incumbents, Bruce Swihart, 115 votes; Carla Lampe, 112 votes; and Paula Keller, 104 votes. Also running were Randy Wieck, 49 votes, and Bud Erskin, 41 votes.

In District 2, position 5, on the St. Francis Board of Education, Kelly Gienger had resigned and was not running. However, when the votes were tallied, Gienger had received five votes and is officially the winner. Others running were incumbents, Derrick Tice, 145 votes, and Ed Marin, 154 votes.

Cheylin Board of Education

On the Cheylin Board of Education, four members were needed and five people were on the ballot. Winning were Anita Pochop, 137 votes; Jane Brubaker, 146; Brian Miller, 168; and Kelly Leach, 144. Kendra Hesse, with 127, had the least amount of votes.

The Bird City mayor will be Hal Sager, who picked up 41 votes. Brendon Haack had 24 write-in votes. Only two people were needed on the council and only two were on the ballot: Wade Carmichael, who received 88 votes; and Charles Ned Smith, 96.

Sunflower Extension District

On the Sunflower Extension District 6 board, two members were needed. Winning were Tammy Grice with 100 votes and Shawn Blanka with 96 votes. Danielle Holzwarth had 75 votes.



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Students do well at music contest

Thirty-one students represented St. Francis at the Northwest Kansas League Junior High Music Festival held at Colby Community College on Wednesday, March 27. The festival was originally scheduled for Feb. 20, but had to be moved to a later date due to blizzard conditions on the February date. Students performed in the mixed choir and small ensembles, and several also presented vocal or instrumental solos.

Earning I ratings were Jenna Confer, Katie Schmid, Taryn Zweygardt and Reagan Beims - vocal solos; Jenna Confer - piano solo; Jenna Confer - clarinet solo; Jylian Laten and Nick Paulsen - trumpet solos; seventh grade vocal ensemble (Hanna Bracelin, Emileigh Dinkel, Madison Tice); eighth grade vocal ensemble (Jenna Confer, Danielle Frink, Makayla Rogers, Katie Schmid, Sophie White); brass trio (Quinton Cravens, Luke Lampe, Taryn Zweygardt); trumpet trio (Nick Paulsen, Jylian Lat-

en, Sayed Fierro); and the clarinet trio (Jenna Confer, Makayla Rogers, Katie Schmid).

Receiving II ratings were Emileigh Dinkel, Corey Jenkins, Tressa LaBarge, Jylian Laten and Devin Patton - vocal solos; Emileigh Dinkel - flute solo; Jessica Pacheco - clarinet solo; woodwind ensemble one (Emileigh Dinkel, Hanna Bracelin, Jessica Pacheco); woodwind ensemble two (Tressa LaBarge, Devin Patton, Corey Jenkins); saxophone trio (Zoe Sundstrom, Trayton Doyle, Reagan Beims); percussion trio (J.R. Landenberger, Coy Cassaw, Jake Faulkender); percussion sextet (Taylor Rogers, Tate Busse, Ryan Grover, J.R. Landenberger, Matthisen Witzel, Madison Tice).

The mixed choir received I-, II+ and II ratings from the three judges.

Jean Ann Confer was the accompanist for the mixed choir. Students were directed by Debbie Fiala, music instructor.

