



THE LINES WERE LONG but moved quickly as around 800 people were served at the barbecue held in conjunction with the 125th St. Francis Birthday Celebration on Friday. Herald staff photo by Doug Sloper

## Market sells to Atwood store owner

If the sale is approved by the bankruptcy court, Bella's Market, St. Francis, will be purchased by Williams Brothers, Atwood.

On June 5, VM Odells, the owner of the market, filed in Federal Court to sell the St. Francis store to Williams Brothers, a grocery operator with a store in Atwood.

"We are excited about the opportunity to purchase and operate the store in St. Francis," said Mike Braxmeyer, Williams Brothers president. "We will restock the store immediately after we take ownership and look forward to joining the St. Francis community."

"I've known of Bella's Market for quite a while. It is unfortunate that they have had the challenges they have, however, I'm sure they will

work through it and get back to operating their other stores very well."

The name of the store will be changed back to Ideal Supermarket.

The sale could be completed within 30 days, however, both the timing and the authorization is up to the court's discretion. All parties expect the sale to proceed with few obstacles.

On Sept. 24, 2012, VM Odells, owner of grocery stores in Akron, Wray, Haxton, Wiggins and Walden, all stores in Colorado, along with the St. Francis store, voluntarily entered Chapter 11 protective bankruptcy proceedings in Federal Court in Denver. Odells is a subsidiary of Village Markets Holding LTD. The parent company did not file for bankruptcy protection.

## Many people attend celebration

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It's over! The 125th St. Francis Birthday Celebration took place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday in conjunction with the St. Francis high school alumni gathering.

We were thrilled with the turnout of people, said Casey McCormick, member of the committee. We have heard many positive comments. It was nice to see the community come together and work together for a great celebration.

The day started on Friday with games in the park for kids. There were some vendors set up on the lot east of the theater along with other areas on Main Street and they were also back the next day. The place to buy memorabilia

The cake decorating contest started at 2 p.m. and the winner

of the adult contest were Priscilla Grice, first; Kate Hoard, second; and Bridgette Pochop and Kelly Leach, third. Winning the kid's division were Hannah and Rian Zimbal, first; Audrey Meyer, second; and Seth Grice, third. The

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## Reception planned for doctor Tuesday afternoon

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 began her career in the county in August of 2007. Before signing, she had come to the hospital to help out on weekends and fill in during vacation times.

What Dr. Allard was best known for was 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.

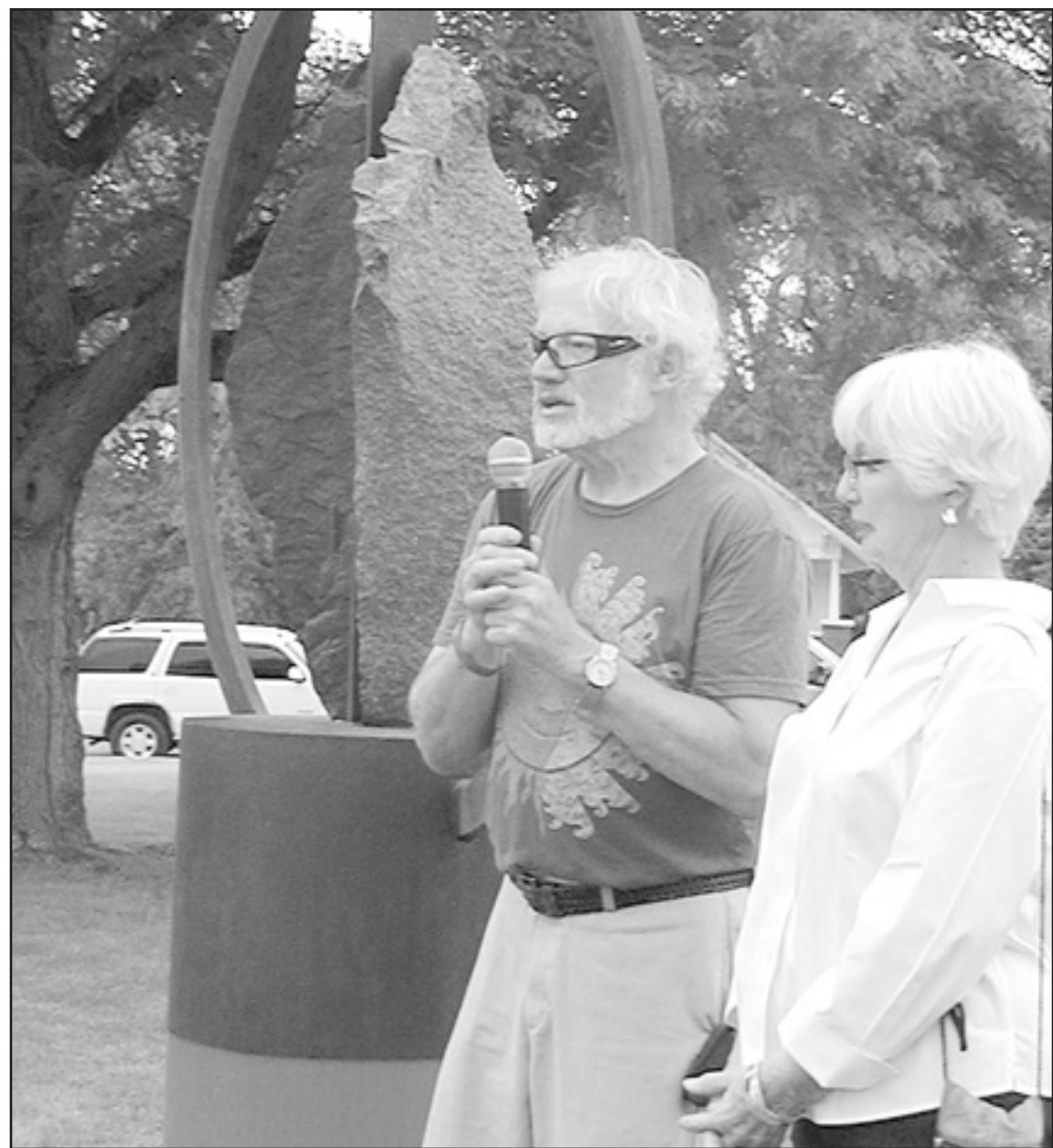
Along with the obstetric team, Dr. Allard met the new quality measure last year of having no elective deliveries prior to 39 weeks. This measure is being reported nationwide with improvements coming from all hospitals that deliver babies.

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.

"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."



GLENN ZWEGGARDT and his sister, Ruth Britton, dedicated a sculpture in honor of their parents, Gus and Martha Zweggardt, on Friday evening. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Sculptor gives art to city in memory of his parents

Glenn Zweggardt, nationally-known sculptor, was in St. Francis over the weekend to display some of his work. One sculpture, "Earthen Parents," was donated to the city and placed in Sawhill Park with another piece which he had donated in 1972. It was given in memory of his parents, Gus and Martha Zweggardt.

I donated this sculpture, he said, in my hometown in a way of remembering the people who developed this community.

My sister, Ruth, and I grew up on a diversified farm north of town. From humble beginnings, my parents planned and worked hard with nature to help build a local economy and way of life.

"Earthen Parents," he said, started with a granite stone that I altered slightly. I then made a mold of the altered stone to make a clone casting of it in ductile iron.

He placed the two forms of stone and iron together which developed a sense of yin and yang, male and female, or an elementary duality which is the basis of life itself. The circle of steel that encloses the stone and iron forms represents the continuum of life.

"Earthen Parents" is dedicated to all of our parents who lived and loved and gave life to all of us," he said.

The yellow sculpture, "Bingo," located on the southwest corner of the park was the second sculpture he ever made.

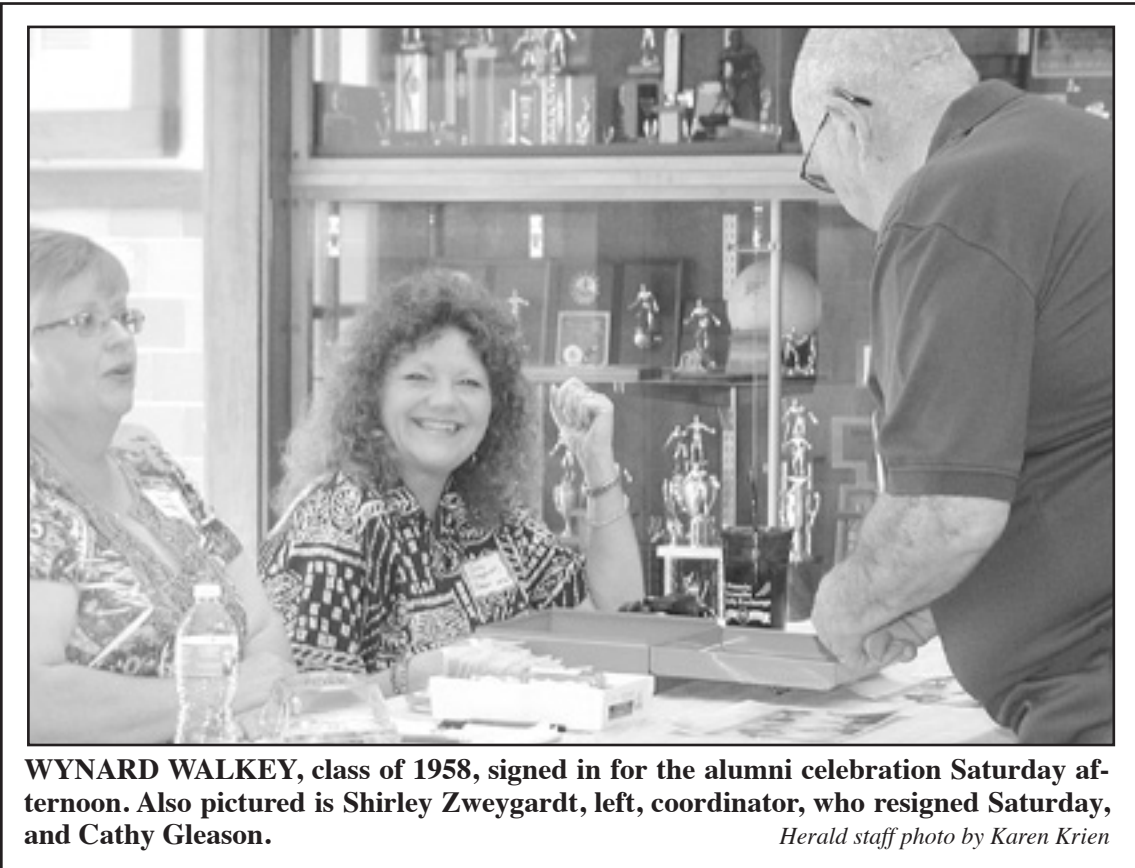
In the park Friday evening, he told about each of the sculptures - how they were made, what they were made of and a little behind the name of each. His sense of humor as he talked kept the audience interested and amused.

At the Cheyenne Center for Creativity, there were 14 smaller

sculptures. Mr. Zweggardt said he originally planned to leave them for a period of time but the space was so limited that he will be taking part of them in the near future. Some are for sale.

Mr. Zweggardt and his partner, Christine, arrived in St. Francis in a big truck loaded with sculptures on Wednesday. He, Eddy Schultz and others helped set six sculptures in the park with the use of a crane mounted on the truck. They were then bolted down. All of these sculptures with the exception of the one donated to his parents, are for sale. For more information on the sculptures, contact Mr. Schultz, Kary Zweggardt or Janet Carman for more information.

Glenn's sister, Ruth and husband, Jack Britton, were in town for the dedication to their parents.



WYNARD WALKEY, class of 1958, signed in for the alumni celebration Saturday afternoon. Also pictured is Shirley Zweggardt, left, coordinator, who resigned Saturday, and Cathy Gleason. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Harvest contest in second week

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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,

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