

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

I picked up a flyer from Swedish Medical Center last weekend. It states, "Patients here are ill and as such, need an environment that is quiet, peaceful and healing." Two of our neighbors from Cheyenne County are in the Critical Care Unit there in Denver. Jason Barnhart injured his head in a 4-wheeler accident and Dave Robertson suffered brain trauma when he fell from his roof.

It is never easy when tragedy strikes. But luckily there is a place like Swedish for patients and their families.

I feel I can say this from experience.

Several years ago, I became ill and my personal physician was at a loss to determine what was wrong. As I got weaker and weaker, he continued to perform tests. In a way it was reassuring to know all of the diseases I didn't have. But each breath seemed to be a labor and I couldn't do anything but wait for news.

It was the morning of the Columbine shooting. As I was watching the news I got a call from my doctor who told me to go straight to Swedish and check in.

They rushed me to a room at the

same time some of the victims from the high school were arriving to the emergency room.

Remember it being a pretty exciting and crazy place to be. A lot was going on but I just felt tired and weak.

The nurses stuck tubes in me, drew more blood and additional tests were run. Finally they performed a video-assisted thoracoscopic procedure. In layman's terms, a tube was shoved up my nose so they could take a look at my lungs and scrape a sample.

From that they realized that I had contracted an airborne virus called boop (bronchiolitis obliterans organizing pneumonia). It was sort of a one-in-a-million deal. I was put on steroids and oxygen and, with time, I gained back my breathing and strength.

Months later I was shown an X-ray of my lungs from when I was admitted to Swedish. The image was similar to a heavy, London fog. I'll never forget the tears in the nurses eyes and my doctor telling me thanks for hanging in and believing in him.

My hopes are that Jason and Dave both have a positive outcome as well. I know they are in great hands.

Card shower for 80th birthday

The family of Bill Leach is encouraging relatives, friends and neighbors to help him celebrate his 80th birthday on Aug. 24. Cards will reach him at Bill Leach, HC 1, Box 26, Bird City, Ks. 67731.

Bird City Community Club

Happy Birthday to you! If that's the greeting you want to hear on your special day, make sure we know when it is. The Bird City Community Club is publishing a 2007 Community Calendar with birthdays, anniversaries, school and community events. Jane Brubaker (734-2722), Barbara Waters (734-2635) and Marlene Young (734-2695) have made numerous phone calls to find the information to include. If you haven't been contacted, or haven't yet returned their call, please do so before August 17. Don't worry, we won't include the year of your birth.

Cards needed

Jason Barnhart is a patient in Swedish Medical Center and reported to be slowing recovering. He and his family would appreciate cards sent to him at Swedish

Medical Center, 501 E. Hampton Ave., Englewood, CO 80110. At this time, he cannot have flowers, gifts or phone calls.

Herald/Times closed Labor Day

The Bird City Times and St. Francis Herald will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4 in observance of Labor Day. The paper will be delivered one day late that week, going to the post office Thursday afternoon, Sept. 7 and on the routes Friday, Sept. 8. The deadline for all ads, news and pictures that week will be 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Hospital Board

The next meeting of the hospital board has been set for 3 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 24, in the basement of the clinic in St. Francis.

Association to Benefit Cheyenne County

The Association to Benefit Cheyenne County meets every third Thursday of the month at the Diamond R.

Tag deadline

All residents with last names beginning with M, N and O should purchase their car, pickup, motorcycle and motorized bike tags and pay their vehicle personal prop-

erty tax by the end of the month to avoid paying a penalty.

Horticulture Field Day

The Kansas State Research and Extension is presenting 2006 Horticulture Field Day from 5:30 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 24, at the Northwest Research-Extension Center in Colby.

Drought Management Strategies

"Drought Management Strategies" will be held Aug. 29 through Aug. 31 at Camp Lakeside, Scott Lake, north of Scott City. Registration deadline is Aug. 25. For more information call (785) 462-2602 or (785) 889-3070 Ext. 35.

Small Wind Workshops

A Small Wind Workshop will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6 at the Rawlins County 4-H building in Atwood. Other workshops are planned for Holyoke, Colo., on Thursday morning Sept. 7 and Pine Bluffs, Wyo., on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 7. For more information contact Cheyenne County Development Corporation at (785) 332-3508.

Vet rep in St. Francis

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, at 9:30 a.m. central time today (Thursday) will be at the county clerk's office in St. Francis to assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims work. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs in St. Francis, you may contact the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday. That phone number is (785) 462-3572.

Recovery Today/Narcotics Anonymous

Recovery Today group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. on Sunday nights at the United Methodist Educational Building. Call (785) 332-6542 or 8607 for more information.

Sainty Serenity Seekers/Alcoholics Anonymous

Sainty Serenity Seekers open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous is held at 7:30 p.m. each Thursday evening at the United Methodist Education Building at 104 W. Webster, St. Francis. Call (785) 332-6542 for more information

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7 day-a-week services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available for women and children within the northwest Kansas area. For information or if you are in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

Honor Roll

New and renewed honor roll: Kite and Day, St. Francis; Eugene Marrs, Brewster; Gary Moore, Bird City; Frank Serrano, Bird City; Glen Fisher, Wichita; Lynn Glasco, Bird City; Brittany Kehlbeck, Hays; Lucile Long, Colby; Wright Insurance, Bird City; Dennis Wright, Bird City;

Peg Thompson, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; Mary Elley, Fort Collins, Colo.; Dan Busse, Bird City; Mike Mapel, Butler, Okla.; Connie Huxman, Moundridge; Greg and Erika Likens, Leawood; Don Atkinson, Sewickley, Pa.; Ed Kogel, Commerce City, Colo.;

City of Bird City, Bird City; Beth Meyeres Ellinwood; David Hensarling, Plattsburg, N.Y.; Marlin Brethower, Yamhill, Ore.; Jean Cook, Stark; Mrs. Kay Davis, Broomfield, Colo.



Family reunion held at Methodist Church

The Glasco reunion was held Aug. 13 at the United Methodist Church fellowship hall in Bird City.

Those present were: Glenn and Millie Glasco, Lynn and Candy Glasco, Terry, Tiffany and Kenneth Glasco, Ron and Connie Huxman and granddaughter Sloan Nicole Cain of Moundridge, Prof. Dennis Glasco of Lawrence, Don Glasco of Monterey, Calif., Tom and Priscilla Glasco of Fort Morgan, Colo., Jim Glasco of Bayard, Neb., Samuel Pancake of Tahoma Park, Md., Lavaughn Glasco of Goodland, Calvin and Vickie

Glasco of Ozark, Mo., Lauren Glasco Cunningham of Cedar Falls, Iowa, Terry and Judy Mann of Hutchinson, Gary and Linda Lovelace of Goodland, Daniel and Kandis Mong of Newman, Ga., Kent and Karen Kamla of Aurora, Colo., Emily Kamla of Lake-wood, Colo., Freeman and Marla Sloan of Madison, Wis., Evelyn Winter of Salt Lake City, Utah, Lucille and Maynard Wright of Bird City.

The family enjoyed spending time with those they had not seen for a long time and the potluck meal seasoned with fellowship tasted wonderful.



St. Francis nursing home is fined \$5,000

The Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis has been fined \$5,000 by the Kansas Department on Aging.

Karen Sipes, communication specialist with the Kansas Department on Aging, reported that the fine was imposed because of a violation which effected the health, safety, nutrition of the adult care residents of the facility. She said, based on observation, record review and an interview, the facility staff failed to provide supervision to prevent a confused resident from leaving the facility without staff knowledge on three separate occasions.

Rick Reeser, administrator of the St. Francis Good Samaritan Village, was asked about this deficiency.

"Yes, this initially involved a resident who left the facility on July 1 for about 5 minutes to go to the K-Store without knowledge of the

charge nurse," he said "This resident's husband often takes her out and has her use the pass code to get out, so she knew the pass code and had decided to go to the store."

He said that other incidents were noted by the state surveyor, but those times the residents had not left the facility grounds.

"However, those were included since the definition of 'elopement' was changed to mean any resident with dementia (that could affect their ability to get back home) is found outside the building without the nurse's knowledge," said Administrator Reeser. "We had a communication breakdown due to the nurses not knowing that the definition had changed.

"We have taken appropriate action, including educating our staff and changing our pass code, to do what we can to prevent this in the future."

Colby Community College Outreach Class

Introduction to Literature or Creative Writing
Lucille Rossbach, instructor

Enrollment will be Tuesday, Aug. 22, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the St. Francis High School

For more information or to enroll at another time, call Carol Wolters: (Day) - 785-332-2928 (Evenings) - 785-332-2580; or Mrs. Rossbach: 785-332-8903.

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The Cheyenne County Hospital would like to invite you to Barbara Barnhart's Retirement Celebration on August 21 from 2 to 4 in the hospital lobby.

We hope you can join us in showing our appreciation for her 19 years of dedication