

# Hospital receives multiple grants

Last week, the Cheyenne County Hospital received two grants to help with different programs.

Candi Douthit, R.N. is the obstetric and education manager, and also wrote the grants for the programs. She reported that one of the grants was for \$1,500 from the William H. Gerber and Velma C. Gerber Charitable Trust of Idaho to support the purchase of new teaching curriculum, student materials, and equipment for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), First Aid, and Neonatal Resuscitation classes.

The grant will be used to purchase materials reflecting the newly released 2010 practice guidelines so healthcare providers and lay persons of the region can provide the care according to the latest research.

"We are very grateful to the Gerber Charitable Trust for once again providing funds to support the hospital in providing education to healthcare providers and community members," said Mrs. Douthit.

The second grant received was from Kansas Public Health Association for \$10,000. These funds will be used to create a more solid

breast-feeding support network for new parents of Cheyenne County Hospital as well as to restart the Healthy Start Home Visitor program.

These two programs will provide in home visits to new parents and newborns, educating them on infant cares, breast feeding, developmental milestones, and other education topics as needed. In addition to the visits, moms will be able to meet with the lactation consultant before delivery to talk about breast-feeding, be fitted for bras, and order breast pumps at reduced costs.

After delivery, the lactation consultant will be available for consultation, have a stock of breast-feeding supplies (not readily available) and she will hold breast-feeding support groups as needed.

"We are really excited to provide this new program for the community as the state goal for breast-feeding is to continue until six months of age," Mrs. Douthit said. "On average, most moms within the county have only breast fed for one to four months so we are working to improve Cheyenne County rates to state goals."



**CELEBRATING DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS** were John DaPron, Leah Rambat, and (Higg) Darwin Higgens. Absent were Helen Frisbie, Carol Marsh, Rod Klepper, Walley Underwood, Ervin Peters, Jo Eggers, Shirley Brethower, Melvin Mast, Gerald Wright, and Mabel Carsten.  
*Times staff photo by Norma Martinez*

## Lady wins drawing again this year

By Karen Krien

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There were 44,000 tickets in the box and, for the second year in a row, Danielle McAtee's winning ticket was pulled out at the Christmas On Us drawing on Monday.

The grade school gym seating was full, people were sitting on the floor and standing in the back. Some had boards with tickets attached, others had their number listed on envelopes and others just had the strings of tickets, all hoping they had a matching number.

Winning second was Mary Beth Zwick, who took home \$100 in scrip. Two other gift prizes left from the Instant Giveaway promotion during the last four weeks were Barb Holzwarth, who will receive a gift from Republican Valley Auto Parts, and Dennis Habiger, who will have a gift waiting for him at St. Francis Super's. Before the drawing, Zippi Jerzy and Robert Lucy who will pick up a gift from Schultz's.

A total of \$1,500 scrip was given away during the Christmas On Us promotion.

Winning the last two \$50 scrip Instant Winner prizes were Sharon Penton, who got her ticket from Hilltop General and found the number in the United Methodist Church ad, and Bud Houtman who got his ticket from the Thrift Store and found the number in the St. Francis Tire and Service ad.

The drawing was combined with the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce's Christmas promotion. Gloria Bracelin, Chamber secretary, announced the winners of the coloring contest and the Christmas lighting contest. See related articles for list of winners.

The Chamber also awarded three \$100 scrip prizes. Having winning numbers were Frances Williams, Margie Ppageorge, and

Sharissa Andrist.

The Chamber scrip can be spent in any Cheyenne County business which also includes the city and county offices. In other words, that scrip can be used to pay the electric bill or taxes. However, no cash can be returned.

Throughout the day which was mild and sunny, people could be seen carrying their green Treasure Hunt numbers, trying to match them with the new numbers posted in business windows. St. Francis Tire and Service also announced the winners of "What's In Your Tire" jar that was filled with items they have taken out of tires through the year. There was a total of 1,616 and the winners, Shane Wurm with guess of 1,610

and Paula Austin's guess was 1,625. They will need to pick up their prizes.

Santa made an appearance at the drawing. Children made their way to him after the drawing so they could tell him what they wanted for Christmas and to have their pictures taken with him.

While people waited for the drawing to begin, many stopped by the ABC Preschool table to pick up a cup of hot chili, crackers and hot cider.

This was the 11th year for the Christmas On Us promotion. This year, Casey McCormick, *Herald* and *Times* ad salesman, estimated that \$440,000 stayed in St. Francis because of the promotion.

Keeping dollars in the commu-

nity is the goal of the merchants. This year, as in year's past, everything came together to give the Christmas season a little excitement and make the season a little brighter.

Those businesses participating in the Christmas On Promotion were:

- Bier's Hometown Store
- Bumper To Bumper
- Hilltop General Store/Uptown Market
- Majestic Service
- Republican Valley Auto Supply
- St. Francis Super's
- Schultz's
- St. Francis Tire and Service
- The Saint Francis Herald
- United Methodist Thrift Store

### McDonald News

By Vera Kacirek  
Death Notice

Bud Frisbie died at the Cheyenne County Hospital on Sunday evening. The communities of McDonald and Bird City have lost a fine man and member. He was a friend of everyone and a promoter of the school and the communities.

The Federated Church had a ladies Soup Supper "Christmas Chicken Soup of the Soul". Many of the ladies of the church attended the supper on Sunday evening.

Jerry and Betty Knapp baby-sat

with their grandchildren, Kamie and L.J. Purvis last Tuesday.

Susie Sabatka and Grace Sabatka spent from Wednesday to Sunday in Manhattan taking care of the Mallett children while Rachel was in Kansas City.

Jennifer Sabatka was a Monday visitor of Laddie and Vera Kacirek and put up some Christmas decorations.

The December meeting has been cancelled. There will not be a Cookie Party this year. Next meeting will be in December.

### South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Friday evening and supper guests of Lynn and Rita Officer were Mike, Shirley and Tony Marino of St. Francis.

Rita Officer attended the Cheylin Christmas Dinner Wednesday.

Lynn Officer took Ratha Lea Loker to Greeley Wednesday to visit Jeanie Payne.

Ratha Lea Loker was a Sunday dinner guest of Lynn and Rita Officer.

Rita Officer and Margie Hubbard attended the Federated Church ladies Christmas Supper Sunday evening.

Kathy Banister attended the Sagebrush Shoot Out Friday evening.

Kathy Banister attended the funeral of Bernidine Samson in Atwood, Thursday morning.

Rachelle and Ken Williams and children of Topeka were Wednesday through Sunday guests of Dan and Margie Hubbard.

Joe and Charlene Kramer visited Phyllis Scott in Loveland, Colo., Wednesday and were overnight guests of Roland and Linda Query in Firestone.

Diane Montgomery was a weekend guest of Mark and Catina Montgomery and family of Denver.

Bethel Goltl and Don Bruder attended the Cheylin Christmas Dinner Wednesday.

### Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Robert Jones, Bella Vista, Ariz.; Lynn Query, Bird City; Frank Serrano, Bird City; Rogene Johnson, Bird City; Robert Johnson, McDonald; Harvey Black, McDonald; Greg Hubbard, Smith Center; Debbie Grace, St. Francis; Robert Dorsch, Mesa, Ariz.; Prairie Land Electric, Bird

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### Helpful Hints

**Clean your glass shower**

To clean the glass in your shower easily, apply lemon juice to the glass with a sponge. Then, take newspaper and wipe the lemon juice off the glass. It will be clean and sparkle with no scrubbing!

**Easy Deviled Eggs**

Put cooked egg yolks in a zip lock bag. Seal, mash till they are

all broken up. Add remainder of ingredients, reseal, keep mashing it up mixing thoroughly, cut the tip of the baggy, squeeze mixture into egg. Just throw bag away when done easy clean up.

**It's not too late!!!**  
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**No Games to Make Up**  
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