

St. Francis News

Guests of Neil and Nancy McCumber on two recent occasions were their son, Steven McCumber, and grandson, Stephen McCumber, from Aurora, Colo. They were here to help Neil build his new garage addition and because Stephen will be going into the Army Reserves at the end of the month.

Barb Stevanson of Austin, Texas, was a house guest of her mom, Wilma Lampe, from Thursday to Monday of last week. While here, several May birthdays were celebrated.

Friday noon they enjoyed the monthly birthday lunch at the senior center and that evening joined Wilma's birthday club group for dinner at Park Hill.

Saturday evening Wilma and Barb, along with Gina Krien and Linda and Larry Gutsch, all celebrated with steak dinners at Big Ed's in Bird City and had birthday cake and ice cream after at Gina's home.

Sunday night all gathered again at the Gutsch home in Goodland, for a delicious lasagna dinner and

birthday desserts. Barb left Monday afternoon to return to her home in Austin by way of the Denver airport.

Friday evening guests at the home of Larry and Linda Gutsch of Goodland were Mr. and Mrs. Lance Gutsch, Gatsby and Georgia of Denver, Gina Krien of Bird City and Wilma Lampe.

Dinner was enjoyed by all along with visiting and going over family genealogy.

Uncle Ernie and Aunt Marlene (Lebfrom) enjoyed visiting Jason, Jennie and Pepper Elmore of Waukomis, Okla., for a week over the Memorial holiday.

Donna and Norvin Northrup and Debra Harper flew to Lewisburg, W.V., on May 28, to the home of Bonnie and Gary Brown, on the beautiful Greenbrier River. They were joined by Donna's other brother, Noel and Pat Brown of Novi, Mich.; and her sister, Beverly and Dave Andrews of Eugene, Ore. for a three-day reunion.

Debra returned home on Monday, and Donna and Norvin returned with Diana and Gordon Jenkins to their home near Chesterfield, Va., and were guests until Wednesday morning, June 3. They also enjoyed visiting with their grandson, Michael and Ginny Dankenbring and daughters of Petersburg, Va., and Troy Dankenbring, Autumn and Tyler.

Hospital board studies finances

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board met in regular session on Wednesday, June 3. The meeting had been moved from May to this date.

Administrator, Les Lacy showed a "Paying for it Spreadsheet" that he has created to identify how the hospital and board can pay for needed improvements in the kitchen while meeting other obligations and needs. He noted the bottom line was very sensitive to several issues including hospital cash needs, Recovery Audit Contractor liability, support received from the county, and the bid cost of the project.

The administrator reported the hospital's cost report for 2009 shows a receivable of \$309,924.

It is time for the board and administrator to take the proposed hospital budget to the commissioners. Mr. Lacy said he felt the board should ask for \$650,000 again. He pointed out that, during the current year, the board had received significantly less than they have in prior years. He noted that only 5 percent of the total operations of the facility come from the county. The board approved the budget request of \$650,000.

Mr. Lacy said he had been in contact with architect, Kent Carmichael, about the facility improvement plan. Mr. Carmichael's concern is the items that need to be improved will require additional space. He is working on a plan incorporating these into a smaller project that would consist of an addition to the front of the hospital for offices and that would clear out the business and administration wing for clinical needs.

The board's consensus was that it would be wise to incorporate a basement under any planned addition. This project would be around \$1 million.

Jackie John, Great Plains Health Alliance area director, recommended considering United States Department of Agriculture grant/loan to meet this need. Discussion that followed centered around the loan nature of the loan portion of this funding mechanism and the impact on the cost report. The matter will be investigated further.

A transmitter for the fetal heart monitor was discussed. This allows the mother to walk around and the nurses still can monitor what is going on with the baby. Right now, if the mother chooses to get out of bed and walk around during labor they have to take the monitor off. Nurse Candi Douthit had found one for around \$6,500. The Hospital Guild has offered to put around \$1,700 toward a monitor. This would leave a balance of \$4,800. The board agreed to purchase the monitor.

Cardiologist to leave
Dr. Warren, cardiologist, will end his local practice in July. A

search is being conducted to get replacement cardiology coverage. It has been confirmed that Dr. Curtis from Hays will be starting in July. A physician from Health One in Denver has also indicated interest.

Joy Anderegg, member, asked if another orthopedist had been identified. Mr. Lacy said he hasn't had a chance to work on that issue yet.

Statistics

In the physician volume Dr. Miller has been very busy. Both of the clinic encounters were up for the month. The acute discharge days are good which reflects a busy past 4 months. Lab numbers were strong as were X-ray and CAT scans.

Financials

The Accounts Receivable is high and this is related to being behind in coding which relates to providers being behind on charting among other issues. The hospital has resumed funding depreciation and will be repaying this account at an accelerated rate of \$30,000 per month following receipt of the cost report settlement.

The hospital's total patient service revenue was above budget but so were the expenses. Contractual adjustments from Blue Cross Blue Shield was down but Medicare was above budget. The Medicaid contractual adjustment is significantly higher than budgeted due to volume. Mr. Lacy reported that Medicaid obstetrics is one area that is well reimbursed.

In other business

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• The administrator said there are 79 confirmed cases of H1N1 in Kansas right now.

Next meeting

A discussion was held on the day and time for the board meetings. It has been the fourth Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. Jane said she preferred later in the month and liked the 3 p.m. That was the consensus of the board so the meetings will stay as they are.

Editor's note: The above article was taken from the unapproved hospital board minutes.



Clark

Introducing Jatta Marie Clark

Jetta Marie Clark, daughter of Roger and Janice Marie Weber Clark, was born April 9, 2009, at Claremore, Okla. She weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces and was 18 1/4 inches long. A sister, Zoe Dew, welcomed her home.

Grandparents are Liz Weber of St. Francis and the late Darrell Weber and the late Lawrence and Donna Clark.



Student News

Sterling College

Addie Swihart of St. Francis was recently named to the Sterling College dean's list for the spring semester. Swihart is the daughter of Bruce and Shirley Swihart. She was one of 151 students named for the spring semester.

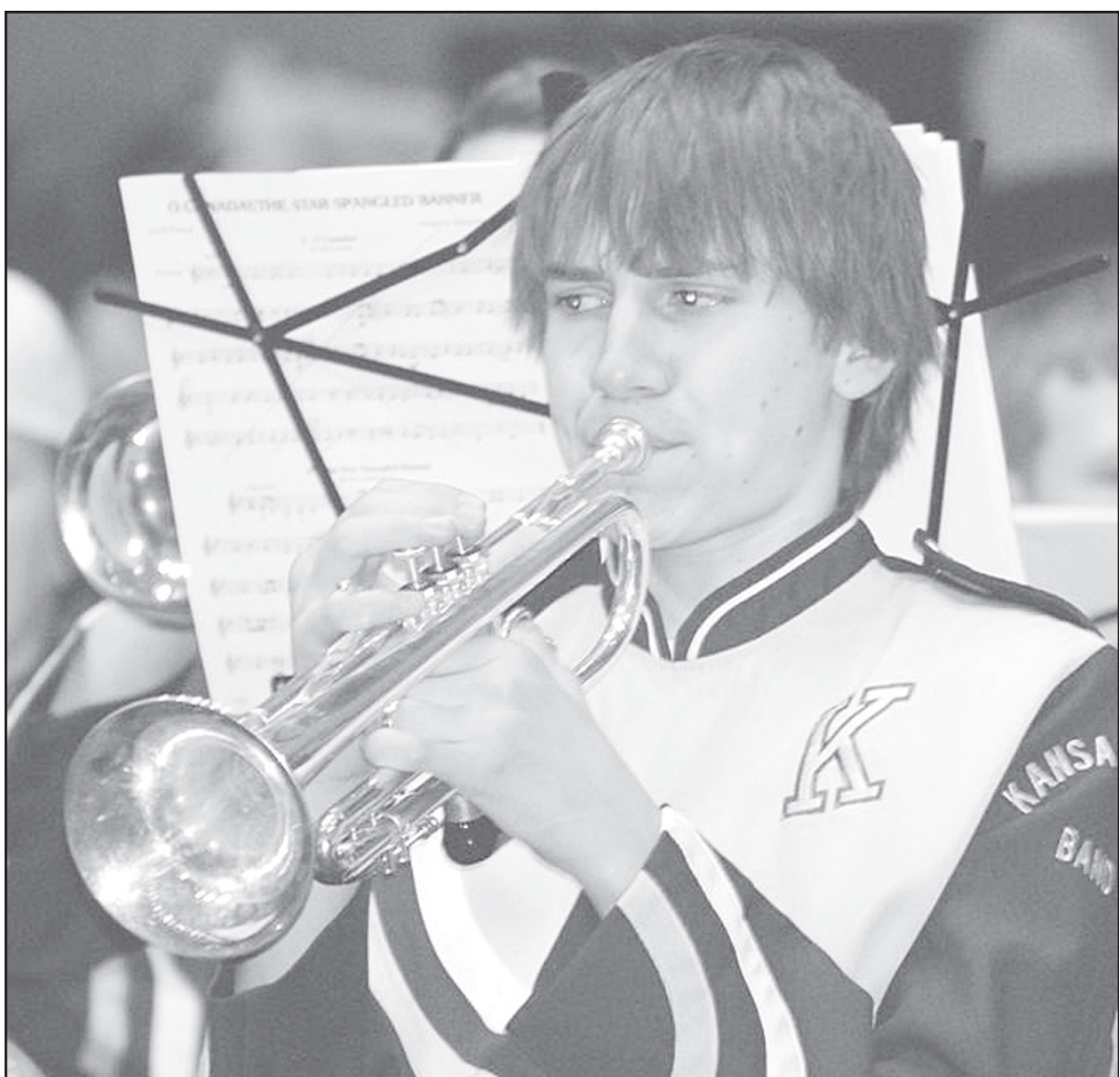
Criteria for the dean's lists include the completion of at least 12 graded credit hours and a

cumulative and semester grade point average of 3.5 or better.

Washburn University

Gavin Smull of St. Francis has been named to the spring semester president's honor roll at Washburn University.

To be named to the list, a student must be enrolled in at least 12 graded semester credit hours and attain a semester grade-point average of 4.0.



LOGAN WHITMORE pictured above and Ross Nicklos below, both of St. Francis, were selected to participate in the Kansas Lions All-State Band in Wichita from May 26 through May 30.

Students attend band camp

Music students, two from St. Francis and one from Cheylin, attended the Kansas Lions All-State Band May 26 through May 30.

Logan Whitmore and Ross Nicklos, St. Francis, and Max Hengen, Bird City, were among the 234 band students from across the state. This year's program was held at Friends University in Wichita. There were 121 schools represented making it the second largest band in the past 7 years.

Logan, who plays the trumpet, and Ross, playing the trombone, were sponsored by the St. Francis Lions Club. Max, who plays the tuba, was sponsored by the McDonald Lions Club. Both clubs provided funding for the three musicians to attend.

Each year, the band is directed by the state's top college and high school music faculty. This year, the band was under the direction of Dr. John W. Taylor, professor of music education and instrumental music at Friends University. Assistant directors were Bryan Kirk, band director

for Maize Public Schools, and Jacqueline Charbonneau, band director for Kingman High School.

The Kansas Lions All-State Band was created in 1951 as a service to the youth of Kansas. Since then, over 10,000 high school musicians have participated in the band.

The program provides students an opportunity to rehearse, compete, and perform with their peers from across the state. It also offers opportunities to gain increased musical knowledge and skill, to form lifelong friendships, and is a stepping stone for many to further their musical careers.

The band rehearsed several hours each day, learning 15 music arrangements ranging from ballads to "The Stars and Stripes Forever," and presented an hour-long concert on Saturday morning to a large audience of family and friends. St. Francis Lions club members attending the state convention and concert included Elmer and Dorothy Kellner.

In addition to the band, the students



Nicklos

were also grouped into chamber ensembles by instrument. During daily sectional rehearsals, various music educators provided individualized instruction to the students for their specific instrument. An ensemble concert was presented Friday evening, with each group performing musical selections they had learned during the week.

Next year's Lions Band will be hosted by Baker University in Baldwin City.

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This position maintains computers, network, and related items in a serviceable condition to enable the hospital and clinic to meet its' mission. Ensures compliance with applicable laws and regulations to include HIPAA security standards and completion of PACE quality reporting documentation.

Previous Information Technology experience in a hospital setting preferred but not required, including computer proficiency. Experience in Microsoft 2003 Server administration and terminal server. Knowledge of desktop operating environments: Windows 2000, and Windows XP, experience with Office 2003 and Crystal reports preferred.

Manage activities including network administration, network security management, site maintenance and trouble shooting, and hardware/software installation and diagnosis and data backup and archiving.

Overall support and maintenance of servers, desktops, and applications including day-to-day troubleshooting and support, overall server administration, planning and deployment, and some project management.

Need to be a self-starter and work independently. For more information contact Tabetta Ketzner, Human Resources at 785-332-2104 or fill out an application at www.cheyennecountyhospital.com

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