



**CHERYL LEE, director of the St. Francis Home Health Department shows Rick Reeser, Good Samaritan Village Administrator and Tammy Howard, Home Health administrative secretary the new medication dispensers.**  
*Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

## Service receives donation

**By Karen Krien**  
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Recently, the Good Samaritan Village Home Health in St. Francis received part of a \$1,200 donation from the Lucille Stephenson foundation. With the money, they purchased six MedReady automated medication dispensers.

The medication dispensers hold 28 doses of pills or capsules: four doses for seven days; three doses for nine days; two doses for 14 days; or one dose a day for 28 days.

There is an alarm in the dispenser that can be set to go off up to four times a day. When it is time for the patient to take the medicine, the alarm begins to beep continuously until the medication door is slid open which shuts the alarm off. The patient need not worry

about hearing the alarm because it is loud enough and, if sounded long enough, becomes rather irritating. If the patient is deaf, the alarm has a flashing light.

As the alarm goes off, the medications to be taken at that time, automatically slide into place. There is no way the patient will be able to take his/her medications before the alarm goes off. If the patient misses a dose, the pill dispenser denies access to the missed dose.

This is a very useful tool to help provide health care to patients, said Cheryl Lee, director of the St. Francis Home Health department.

The department already had two automated medicine dispensers and were excited about having six more.

We are so grateful to have people donate money that we can use

in this way, Mrs. Lee said.

The dispenser can be plugged into a lifeline. If the patient does not respond to the dispenser, Lifeline is notified. An operator, in turn, calls three designated numbers previously selected by the patient, one or all of those people answering the call will check on the patient.

"The automated medical dispenser offers safety to our clients and the elderly," Mrs. Lee said. "It also gives reassurance to the patient's family as there are no overdoses or underdoses.

It has been found that those having the dispenser have fewer hospital or emergency room calls and less side effects from not taking their medication properly.

For more information on the automated dispenser or to talk to personnel about home health, contact Mrs. Lee or Tammy Howard at 785-332-3588.

**Dedication**  
The David Clark Memorial Toy Museum will hold its building dedication and ribbon cutting at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 31.

The building is located next to the Quilt Building on the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Association grounds.

**Open house for 80th**  
An open house is being held to honor Ken Quigley on his 80th birthday from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday at the St. Francis Catholic church hall.

**US 36 Treasure Hunt**  
It's time to register for the US 36 Treasure Hunt on Sept. 18, 19, and 20. If you would like to be listed on the local map, please contact Betty Orth 785-332-2540 or email orth@kans.com. There is a small fee. Deadline is Aug. 15. Please call for further information.

**Cemetery board to meet**  
Cheyenne County Cemetery Board 2 will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, July 20, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse, St. Francis.

**Hospital Board**  
The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

**Lions Club Calendars**  
The St. Francis Lions Club members have been advertising that they are taking orders for the 2010 community calendar during July. The calendars include important family dates such as birthdays or anniversaries. Clubs also list their dates and times.

They have done some redistricting this year, so you may not have the same salesperson. If you are not contacted please call Elmer Kellner, 332-2950; Norman Morrow, 332-3424 or Dick Rohweder 332-2273.

**Landscape Lawn and Garden Tours**  
The Cheyenne County Conservation's Landscape Lawn and Garden Tours are planned for Saturday, July 18, and Sunday, July 19, with stops in both St. Francis and Bird City. Check related article.

**Veterans Affairs**

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. today (Thursday), at the county clerk's office.

**Library Art Gallery**  
The St. Francis Public Library Art Gallery is featuring awards and highlights of the St. Francis Community High School FFA program. Lyn Wiley is the advisor.

**Softball Camp**  
The St. Francis Recreation Commission will be sponsoring a two-day girls softball camp on July 15 and 16 at the St. Francis Ball Field beginning at 7:30 P.M. and running until 9:00 or 9:30. Contact Jolene Dodd at 332-2545 after 5 p.m. for more information.

**Ice cream social**  
The Eastern Star is having an ice cream social beginning at 7 p.m. on Sunday at the Shrine Shelter in the City Park.

**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 in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

**Correction:**  
The Herald has been informed a correction is needed on the Ewing family reunion article which ran July 9. The correct artist of the Republican River painting was Professor Keith Ewing (not Professor Keith Harvey) of Newport Beach, Calif.; and Ken Ewing of Sidney, Neb., purchased the painting at the auction.



Jack Abendschan

## Open house planned

The children of Jack Abendschan are holding an open house to help him celebrate his 90th birthday. The event will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 25, at the St. Francis Senior Center. They are holding the occasion prior to his Aug. 2 birthday.

The family asks that your presence be his gift. If you cannot attend let a prayer be a gift to him.

## Family enjoyed gathering

The family of Nelson and Jacque Ekberg gathered in Wray over the past (Fourth of July) holiday. Kathy Pollard, Anna and Ellie, arrived from Thompson Station, Tenn., on Wednesday. Thursday, Connie Ekberg of Colorado Springs and Lisa Ekberg of Chicago arrived and Nelson Ekberg came on Friday, joining Jacque Ekberg and sisters, Karen Willard and Laurie Jones and families.

Saturday the family group celebrated the July birthdays of Megan Lee, Kris Jones and Karen Willard with a cookout at the Jones' home and watched fireworks from the yard of the Willards.

## Introducing

### Zarik Douthit Enfield

Tyler and Ana Enfield would like to introduce their son, Zarik Douthit Enfield. Zarik arrived at Medical Center of the Rockies on June 30, 2009, at 10:43 p.m. Zarik weighed 8 pounds, 4.5 ounces and was 21-inches long.

Grandparents are Stephen and Melva Douthit of St. Francis and Ron and Liz Enfield of Atwood. Great-grandparents are the late Eldon and June O'Dell, the late Jim and Helen Douthit; the late Harold and Mirna Schnee, and Leroy and



Zarik Enfield

Mae Enfield of McDonald.

## Tour plans revealed

The Cheyenne County Conservation's Landscape Lawn and Garden Tours take place this Saturday and Sunday. Starting time is 1 p.m. each day.

These tours are hosted by the local advisory board to the Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development Area council.

Participants will need to provide their own transportation and are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

Tour stops for St. Francis on Saturday include:

- Eric Fiala, 415 Birch—Surface automated sprinkler system.
- Lisa Gibson, 402 E. Jackson—Landscaping.

- City park—Buffalo grass lawn care (Roger Orth) and refreshment break.
- Cliff Semler, 622 E. Third—Rain barrels.

Tour stops for Bird City on Sunday include:

- Stan Dorsch, 217 W. Sixth—Buffalo grass and native plants.
- Gwen Boswell, 222 W. Second—Rock landscape with limited grass.

- City Park—Mulching, low maintenance landscaping and refreshment break.
- Bud Frisbie, 419 E. Bressler—Drip systems and landscaping.

## Student News

### Sterling College

Ben Swihart of St. Francis, along with a team of four students and three alumni from Sterling College in Sterling, left on July 5 for Phuket, Thailand, for a two-week mission trip. While the team is in Thailand, they will be working with Self Help and Empowerment, a Christian organization that helps women and children trapped in the commercial sex trade.

Team leader Karin Swihart, an '08 alumna and current Sterling College employee, hopes the team will be able to build strong

relationships with the people they meet.

"I am excited to see the team step up to the challenges we will be facing," Ms. Swihart said. "We have a great group of students taking time out of their busy summers to serve, and it is exciting to be a part of that."

Thailand team members include Leah Frees of Ellsworth, and Kyla Renfro of Macksville. The assistant team leaders are Nate Prior of Norco, Calif., and Sam Prior of Halstead.

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