



AND THE CEILING CAME TUMBLING DOWN! Donna Stevens, owner of Donna's Gift Palace, and Gwen Keller came to work Wednesday and found part of the ceiling had fallen down. The hole in the false ceiling revealed the beautiful structural work which was covered by the ceiling.
Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

**Introducing —
Jenae Lynn Moberly**

Joshua and Peggy Moberly, St. Francis, wish to announce the birth of a baby girl, Jenae Lynn Moberly, at 2:31 a.m. on Dec. 27, 2006, at the Kit Carson County Memorial Hospital in Burlington. She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Byron and Karen Moberly, St. Francis, and Clinton and Vickie Schleppe, Idalia. Great-grandparents are Merle and Iona Moberly, St. Francis, Virginia Corliss, Stratton, Colo.; and Jay and Larry Tweedy, Wiggins. Jenae also has a 99-year-old great-great-grandmother, Nettie Hassard, Burlington.



Jenae and Jay and Larry Tweedy, Wiggins. Jenae also has a 99-year-old great-great-grandmother, Nettie Hassard, Burlington. Jenae is the first grandchild, great-grandchild and great-great-grandchild in the family.

Board reviews several projects

By Karen Krien
The last Cheyenne County Hospital Board meeting of the year on Thursday was brief with members talking about what projects were completed in the past year and what projects they thought were important for the new year.

Swede Calnon, board member, said he thought the main projects had been completed and were a great improvement. One of the last improvements made this year had been adding a heating system to the emergency room drive as well as the ramp to the front entrance of the hospital. Mr. Calnon said, that, while it is a small improvement, it is one that would be appreciated by many.

Jerry Toler, board chairman, said he saw most of the major work as

being done and suggested that 2007 be used to take care of the detail work.

The emergency entrance to the back of the hospital and the physical therapy department upgrading were two major improvements made at the hospital in 2006. Dr. Rebecca Allard will be coming to the hospital this summer.

Les Lacy, hospital administrator, said there had been an error made on the hospital's web site and there is NO \$10 million project planned. He said that error had been corrected.

Mr. Toler pointed out that the bond used to remodel the hospital will be paid off this summer.

Mr. Lacy commended the hospital and clinic staff as being "outstanding." He said there has been leadership training, new employees and equipment. The staff will be ready when Dr. Allard arrives. The arrival of Dr. Allard will also give Dr. Mary Beth Miller, who has been carrying a big share of the work load, a break.

Some of the future plans includes the "Memory Garden" and the automatic doors for the emergency entrance. Mr. Lacy said Eddie Lauer (who has since died) had investigated the plans for the doors and the board felt it was necessary to follow through with the plans using memorial money.

Memorial money will also be used to establish the Memory Garden but it is hoped to keep the project to \$10,000 or less.

The board had some other suggestions for future plans. Traci Neitzel said the kitchen needed some major upgrading including the stove, refrigerator, freezer, counter tops and floor. Expanding the eating area was also discussed.

Jackie John, area director for Great Plains Health Alliance, was present through ITV (interactive

television) from the headquarters office in Phillipsburg. She asked if the board and administrator had considered upgrading the front entrance. This had been among the plans in the past. Mr. Lacy said that since the new heating system had been installed in the cement at the front of the building, he didn't think this was feasible at this time.

She then asked if maybe an area could be used as an "airlock" at the front but, again, Mr. Lacy said that it would take six- to eight-feet for this area and there just wasn't room.

They talked about patient/employee safety and decided that the lifts for the patient rooms would be one of the most helpful pieces of equipment in this area.

Mr. Toler asked that there be more information available to the public comparing information in several area newsletters.

Talk about plans for the future will continue at later meetings.

Winter storm shortens commissioner meeting

By Karen Krien
A winter storm had already arrived when the Cheyenne County Commissioners met on Friday and a meeting which already had a short agenda, was even shorter.

Sheriff Troy Gardner said he had suggested that the law enforcement agreement between the county and Bird City remain at the same amount — \$2,500 per month. The agreement has not increased for four years. The sheriff and council had talked about adding another officer but, now with the expected additional costs in 911 dispatch, the city may need to pay more.

Sheriff Gardner said the department was able to make ends meet at this point and it would be better to see what the additional costs were going to be. The contract was signed.

Sheriff Gardner recommended that the commissioners agree to send officer Tom Raile to two schools: An arson school held in Wyoming which will be one-week long; and an advanced on-hands crime scene course which would be held in Pueblo, Colo.

He said he had checked in Kansas for similar classes but there were none. Both Wyoming and Pueblo are not much further than where most classes are held in Kansas.

He thought the arson class was important because if there is a fire where arson is suspected, having a trained person could determine if it is necessary to have fire officials come to the scene.

The commissioners agreed to let Mr. Raile attend both classes.

New grader
Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, said the 1993 140G road grader has had fuel problems through the years. He thought that the equipment was "nickel and diming" the county and suggested that the commissioners start planning for a new grader to replace the 1993 grader. The grader is not the oldest as the county also has one-1990; two 1991 graders; and one 1995 grader.

He had looked into the cost of a replacement and it will be around \$130,592 with trade in. No decision was made.

Mr. Flemming said the new grader which was approved last month, had come in.

In other business

- The prescription bill for Raymond DeAragon, prisoner in the Goodland Bastille, was \$894 for the month. However, the commissioners noted that the next prescription will be filled at Krien Pharmacy in St. Francis instead of through the Bastille's prescription source.

- Jane Brubaker, commissioner, said the Bird City Community Club was going to reimburse the county for the books for the two Bird City men taking the emergency medical technician class. The club plans to give \$100 per man.

- Terry Miller, election officer, said he had purchased 15 voting booths for \$975. The booths had cost one-half the original price.

- A request for a \$5,342 pandemic flu grant was signed.



- Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, asked that each active emergency medical technician be given a \$50 in scrip bonus. The money will be taken from the Memorial Fund.

- After discussion, the commissioners agreed to have Clerk Miller take over the work of the county's cafeteria plan. Commissioner Brubaker had done this job for the approximately 12 years.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 8, at 8 a.m. at the courthouse in St. Francis. One of the purposes of the meeting change from the 15th of the month was this is the time to swear in new officers. Ernie Ketzner, Bird City, will replace Jane Brubaker who decided not to run after three terms.

James E. Reeves, DPM
Podiatrist/Foot Specialist
Reconstructive Surgery
Foot & Ankle Injuries
For appointments call:
Rawlins County Health Center
785-626-3211
Wed., Jan. 31
Cheyenne County Hospital - P.M.
210 W. 1st • 332-2104
Thurs., Feb. 1
Atwood (a.m.) • 626-3211
Colby (p.m.)
CSMC, 175 S. Range
462-332
CMC, 100 E. College Dr.
462-7511
Fri., Feb. 2
Atwood - All Day

Clip and Save

Homebound or Snowbound ...
In Good Weather or Bad ...

The Hilltop Delivers!

FREE Delivery to ANY
City of St. Francis Resident
that is in need.

Call anytime 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. ...
7 Days a Week. We Can Help!
785-332-2277

Hilltop General Store
"The Little Store that Can!"

100% Home-Owned & Always Reasonable
Hwy. 36 & Benton Street ~ St. Francis ~ 785-332-2277

Outpatient Clinic
Amelia Henderson, outpatient clinic coordinator, talked about what the outpatient department provides. Right now, there are seven specialists coming to the hospital. They include: James Warren M.D., cardiologist; Charles Frankum M.D., surgeon; James Reeves DPM, podiatry; Matthew Uyemura M.D., ophthalmologist; Martin Rubinowitz M.D., oncologist; David Reed M.D., family practice; Kim Zwegardt, Certified Regis-

Administrator's report
In his administrative report, Mr. Lacy said the number of patients in the hospital had declined for a short time but had increased toward the end of the month. However, those outpatients seeing the specialists had been fairly steady.

The underground telephone lines had been run and are working "great." The communication fiber optics will go underground when the weather permits.

He talked about the new generator which should be arriving shortly after the first of the year.

Goodland Regional Medical Center
220 W. 2nd
Goodland, KS 67735
785-890-3625
"Your Access to Quality Healthcare"

For appt. 785-890-6030 • For Allergist 1-888-849-8424

JANUARY CONSULTANT SCHEDULE

Allergist	Jeffrey S. Rumblyrt, M.C.	Jan. 5
Audiologist	Sherri M. Beck, MA, CCC-A	
Cardiologist	Barry R. Smith, M.D.	Jan. 10, 24
Cardiologist	Vijay D. Subbarao, M.D.	Jan. 11
Counseling Services		Thursdays by Appt.
Dermatologist	Charles W. Ruggles	Jan. 4, 25
Dietitian	Sarah Linfon, RD, LD	Mon. thru Fri.
Ear, Nose, Throat	Alfred N. Carr, M.D.	Jan. 5, 19, 26
Endocrinologist	Gerald S. Poticha, M.D.	
Gastroenterologist	Jeffrey D. Huston, M.D.	Jan. 15, 16
General Surgeon	David D. Beck, M.D.	Jan. 11, 25
General Surgeon	Brigitta Robinson, M.D.	TBA
General Surgeon	Jeffrey S. Cross, M.D.	Jan. 4, 18,
Gynecology	Laura A. Rokosz, M.D.	Jan. 10, 24
Neurologist	Steven J. Gulevich, M.D.	Jan. 3, 5, 24
Obstetrics/Gynecology	David Forschner, M.D.	
Oncology/Hematology	Martin J. Rubinowitz, M.D.	Jan. 9,
Ophthalmologist	David S. Pfoff, M.D.	Jan. 2, 8, 16, 23, 30
Ophthalmologist	Brian C. Joondeph, M.D.	Jan. 17
Orthopedics	Dr. Armodios Hatzidakis, M.D.	Jan. 8
Orthopedics	Timothy Birney, M.E.	Jan. 15
Orthopedics	Rajesh Bazaz, M.D.	Jan. 15
Orthopedics	James C. Holmes, M.D.	Jan. 22
Orthopedics	Kevin Nagamani, M.D.	Jan. 10
Orthopedics	Edward H. Parks, M.D.	Jan. 29
Podiatry	David E. Ouder Kirk, D.P.M.	
Psychiatrist	John C. Faul, M.D.	Jan. 5, 10, 19
Pulmonologist	Kenneth H. Weisiger, M.D.	
Radiologists	Professional Radiology	Weekdays
Rheumatologist	Karl T. Chambers, M.D.	Jan. 18
Speech Therapy	Lisa Paxton	By Appt. Only
Substance Abuse Dir.	Fred Waters, CADC III	Mondays
General Surgeon	Jeffrey S. Cross, M.D.	Jan. 4, 18
Urologist	Darrell D. Werth, M.D.	Jan. 30
Urologist	Dr. Wallace Curry, M.D.	Jan. 9