



Mr. and Mrs. Phil Crawford

Couple to celebrate wedding anniversary

The children and grandchildren of Phil and Maxine Crawford are honoring their parents with a family dinner at Riverside on Saturday night to help them celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Honoring Phil and Maxine are their daughter, Deloris and her husband, Bill Rabas of Russell and

their children, Kim and her husband, Mike Ryan and Sarah Rabas; son, Larry Crawford of Norton and daughter, Virginia Crawford of Mankato.

Those wishing to send greetings to the Crawfords should address them to P.O. Box 454, St. Francis, KS 67756.

St. Francis News

A post-Christmas and pre-New Year's Day potluck dinner was hosted on Sunday, Dec. 30, by Lacy and Mike Reed and children, Trevor and Dallas at the Diamond R Bar and Grill. Co-hosts were Lynne and Chuck Ferguson of Holyoke, Colo.

Attending were Holly and Paige Ferguson and Pat Kelly of Denver; Lindsey and Casey Goddard and children, Cassidy Rae and Chase of Haxtun, Colo.; Leslie and Randy Carlholm of Imperial, Neb.; Matt Carlholm of Goodland; Sherry Jones and children, Talon and Echo of St. Francis; Amanda and Jason Barnhart of Brighton, Colo.; Fred and Shelly Klie of St. Francis; Wilmot E. Klie of Wray, Colo.; Paul Klie of St. Francis and Manson and Bonnie Jones of St. Francis.

Milton and Betty Lampe were Christmas holiday guests of Kirk and Debbie Grizzell of Macksville from Dec. 21 to Dec. 26. Travis Grizzell of Hays and Kyle Grizzell of Pratt joined them for an early Christmas dinner on Saturday and again on Christmas while helping spend a few days working on their parent's house.

The Lampe's returned home on Wednesday.

Virginia Bouza of Tonganoxie was an afternoon caller on Wednesday, Jan. 2, of Milton and Betty Lampe.

Betty Jean Winston enjoyed two Christmas celebrations this year. The first one was at the Dan Winston home in Ellsworth. Jean Winston was home from the naval base in Pensacola, Fla., and also arriving from out-of-town were Jerad and Corrine Gugelmeyer, Colby, Logan and Dylan from Lakin and Aaron and Vickie Kern and Alex from Wichita. A pre-Christmas dinner was enjoyed Saturday night and a gift exchange on Sunday morning.

Christmas Eve afternoon Betty Jean traveled to Hays where she joined Shawn and Leigh Legere, Chase and Miles for a Christmas Eve and Christmas morning celebration at the Scotty and Libby Legere home, along with other Legere family members.

Doug, and Marla Ross, Derek Ross, Kearney, Lauren Ross, Salina, Aly Lampe, Kearney, Adam Peter, Salina, Lezlie and Casey McCormick, Lexi and Trevor Hilt all of St. Francis, Trey Hilt, Kansas City, Ryan and son, Cooper Northrup, Jamie, Gabe and Angelo Mason of Kansas City were Christmas dinner guests of Kurt and Margaret Bucholtz.

Darrin, Dina, Tucker and Sawyer Ross, Wichita came on Wednesday and spent until Saturday with the Kurt Bucholtz's family. A Thursday evening dinner was enjoyed by all who could attend.

Annual meeting

The annual meeting of the St. Francis Chamber of Commerce will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 14. If you plan to attend please call the chamber office (332-2961) by Jan. 10.

One new board member will be elected to replace Tim Burr.

Commodities to be distributed
Government surplus commodities will be distributed from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 10, at the St. Francis Co-op community room. You may pick up in person or send a signed permission note with another individual. Cheyenne County address is required.

Please bring a strong sack or box for your items.

Commodities available include corn flakes, beef stew, macaroni and peanut butter.

The following guidelines went into effect on July 1. Guidelines are as follows (maximum monthly income): household of one - \$1,107; household of two - \$1,484; household of three - \$1,861; household of four - \$2,238; each additional family member \$377.

City Council

The St. Francis City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the new city hall building.

Board of Education

The St. Francis Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 10.

Calf management school

A calf management school will be held in St. Francis starting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 14, at

the Cheyenne County 4-H building. Veterinarians, Bob Mortimer and Dale Grotelueschen will be the main speakers.

Reservations are needed by Jan. 11 to cover meals and materials. There is no charge.

For more information, call (785) 332-3171.

Kansans for Life

The Cheyenne County Kansans for Life will meet at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis at 7:30 p.m. on Monday. All in the community are welcome to join them in prayer, learning and fellowship as they work together to provide "Life for All."

Hospice meeting

Hospice will meet on Monday, Jan. 7, at Solid Rock Baptist Church (412 S. Denison) with a potluck lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m. All interested persons are welcome.

Windsong Chorus

Chapter U, P.E.O. is sponsoring the Windsong Chorus on Jan. 27 at the high school in St. Francis at 3:30 p.m. CST. Check ad for details.

Kids Wrestling practice

The next St. Francis Wrestling Club's little kids wrestling practices will be on Jan. 7.

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. (today) at the county clerk's office. You may also contact the Veteran's Affairs office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at 785-462-3572.

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

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School Menu

Monday 7

Breakfast: pancake and sausage on a stick, maple syrup, juice, cereal assortment, milk.

Lunch: steak fingers, mashed potatoes, country gravy, green beans, hot rolls, strawberry shortcake, whipped topping, milk.

Tuesday 8

Breakfast: scrambled eggs, toast, juice, cereal assortment, milk.

Lunch: chicken stir-fry with vegetables, seasoned rice, sliced pineapple, fortune cookie, milk.

Wednesday 9

Breakfast: blueberry scones, juice, cereal assortment, milk.

Lunch: chili, crackers, carrots

and celery, cinnamon rolls, sliced pears, milk.

Thursday 10

Breakfast: sausage, egg and cheese breakfast sandwich, juice, cereal assortment, milk.

Lunch: cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions, spicy fries, baked beans, peach crisp with topping, milk.

Friday 11

Breakfast: coffee cake, juice, cereal assortment, milk.

Lunch: macaroni and cheese or ravioli with meat sauce, wax beans, garlic toast, banana, milk.

•Salad bar is offered at noon daily in the junior/senior high school

AUDITIONS for

"Murder Can Be Habit-Forming"

Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008 • 3 p.m.

St. Francis Community High School

Auditions are for adults only:

•9 Females •7 Males

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Rehearsals begin Feb. 11, 2008

A percentage of the proceeds to be donated to the high school drama/music department

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2004 F150 Super Cab, Lariat, 5.4L, AT, 4x4, one owner, only 24K	\$21,500
2004 Ranger, 3.0L, Only 25K, #07952	\$9,450
2003 F-150, Crew Lariat, 4x4, AT, 71K, #C00079	\$17,500
2007 Expedition EL XLT, 5.4L, AT, 6K, #32855	\$31,500
1992 F250, 4x4, Ranch Broke, #83148	\$4,950
1990 Lincoln Town Car, 137K, #1234	\$1,300
2003 Grand Marquis Ultimate, One Owner, 69K, #9783	\$11,175
2006 Freestyle SE, 23K, AT, Dual Air, #4445	\$17,800
2003 Expedition E. Bauer, Fully Loaded, 88K, #58215	\$18,000
2003 Expedition XLT, w/Leather, 80K, #71356	\$14,850
2002 F250 S/C XLT, 4x4, AT, 7.3L, #7222	\$21,000
2004 GMC S/C Long Box, One Owner, Only 32K, #T0181B	\$17,000
2004 F250 Reg. Cab, 4x4, AT, #T0894A	\$12,000
2001 Grand Marquis LS, AT One Owner, #07253A	\$9,300
2000 Windstar SEL, AT, 128K, #T9134	\$5,350
2004 F150 Crew XLT, AT, 5.4L, 69K, #T6894	\$15,900
1985 E150 Cargo Van XL, AT, 68K, #T3817A	\$2,500
2004 Escape Limited, 4x4, AT, One Owner, #61001A	\$15,700
2004 Ford F150 Ext. Cab, 4 WD, One Owner, #T7948A	\$16,800
2004 Bonneville SE, 3.8L, AT, Silver, 56K, #T9832A	\$11,000
2005 Taurus SE, 3.0L, AT, Gold, 53K, #T6373A	\$8,700
1999 F250 S/C XLT, 4x4, 5M, #T4442A	\$10,500
1995 Honda Passport LX, 4x4, AT, #T8205B	\$3,800
2005 F150 S/C XLT, 4x4, AT Only 35K, #T7516	\$20,500
2006 F150 S/C Lariat, 4x4, 5.4L, 33K, #T9458A	\$24,000
1996 Explorer Limited, 4x4, 4.0L, AT, 105K, #T9951A	\$5,995
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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

New billing begins at county hospital

"We are excited to enter into this partnership with Great Plains Health Alliance's centralized billing for many reasons: first and foremost, the billing is located in Kansas," said Les Lacy, chief executive officer for the hospital.

The hospital will enter the centralized billing environment on Jan. 1.

"We are always looking for ways to gain efficiencies, so we started researching the centralized billing concept.

"Our livelihood depends on patient satisfaction, so we started looking for a local solution. Since Great Plains has been in the business of leasing and managing hospital for over 50 years, it made sense to look at the Alliance for a solution," he said.

"Great Plains Health Alliance has been brainstorming for a couple of years about developing an in-house centralized billing office. With the complexities of healthcare billing and the need for standardization in hospitals, Great Plains made the decision to move forward with the billing product. We are very proud of our product and are excited to enter into a new venture with our partners in health care."

There will be changes as with any new business. The most notable will be follow up on patient responsibility balances, Mr. Lacy said.

The centralized billing office will follow up on private pay accounts, ensuring minimum payments are being made on all account balances. The billing staff will work to set payments that are manageable for patients, while at the same time, meet cash-flow needs of the hospital.

"Another change is the design of our statements," Mr. Lacy said.

Currently guarantors receive one statement comprising the total family balance. Unfortunately, with this approach, account tend to "fall through the cracks," he said.

Guarantor statements, while convenient on the surface, rely on manual processes to monitor payment activity. With the new billing comes automation.

Datamailers will be generated daily

so that once a balance becomes the patient responsibility, a statement will be mailed. Since datamailers are generated based on individual accounts, it is possible for one patient to receive multiple statements.

Patients have the ability to combine account balances by setting up payment arrangements and signing a promissory note. Once a promissory note has been signed, the person responsible for the account will be issued a coupon book, statements will no longer be mailed.

"It is important to note that new promissory notes must be signed in order to combine future balances," Mr. Lacy said.

"Transitioning to the new statements may be a little confusing for patients in the beginning, but we are committed to make this transition as smooth as possible."

The staff at the hospital is working to combine accounts prior to sending new datamailers. Letters will be mailed to notify guarantors of these transactions.

"The Cheyenne County Hospital is committed to provide quality service from patient care to patient billing, Mr. Lacy said. "We are confident this new change will add to our quality."

Sainty man in car accident

St. Francis man, Nick Raile, 20, was injured when his pickup truck crashed about 1.5 miles east of Colby on I-70. According to the highway patrol, he was headed east when his truck entered the median about 12:30 a.m.. He traveled for a short distance in the median, then crossed the eastbound lanes of traffic, then entered the south ditch, where it struck a fence.

Raile was taken to the Citizens Medical Center in Colby. His mother, Marilyn Raile, reported Wednesday that he had a bump on the head and some scratches and bruises but was doing fine.

There will be no movie this week

Jan. 4, 5, 6

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St. Francis, KS
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Children 12 & Under: \$3

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Notice of Change in billing

You will notice a change in your statements from the Cheyenne County Hospital beginning January 1, 2008. In the future, you will receive an individual statement each time you receive services at our facility.

Once the balance on the account becomes your responsibility, a statement will be generated. The new statements allow you to know what your financially responsible for within a matter of days. If you are unable to pay the amount in full, you will be requested to call the hospital or CBO to establish mutually acceptable payment arrangements.

Once a promissory note is signed, all accounts included in the balance of the note will be combined to one account. You will receive a coupon book containing due dates and amounts as agreed upon in the promissory note; you will no longer receive individual statements on these balances. If new balances occur as a result of services you receive after establishing payment arrangements, you will be required to make new payment arrangements in order to add the new balance(s) to your existing payment plan.

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