

# Progress being made in county

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The director of the county development corporation was present at the Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting on Thursday.

Chuck Kribs, director of the Cheyenne County Development Corporation, said the article about the commissioners' Oct. 15 meeting which was printed in *The Herald* and *Times* was incorrect. He said there was no motel chain specifically looking at Cheyenne County. Terry Miller, county clerk, said if the newspaper article was wrong, then his minutes were wrong as they were about the same as the article.

Mr. Kribs said that it was basically the headline but, after looking at the article which used the term "may" he decided it was probably OK.

There was also some confusion, he said, about the county versus the city. There are three towns, Bird City, Wheeler and St. Francis, located in the county and all might be eligible for a motel. He had said the article had upset motel owners as well as raising community expectations. The questionnaire he had received wanted information such as demographics and restaurants.

Since Cathy Domsch, executive director of Century II, Bird City, had been at the Oct. 15 meeting concerning the possibility of locating a motel in Bird City, Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, asked Mr. Kribs if he and Mrs. Domsch had talked about the motel issue? He said they had talked but, in the end, Mrs. Domsch had elected not to participate with the Development Corporation.

My goal, Mr. Kribs said, is to bring business to the county. In the past, the Corporation has taken a lot of heat about focusing only on St. Francis, so, he said, we have been meticulous not to show favoritism over one city.

Kari Gilliland, a member of the Corporation board, recognized Chuck and Diane Kribs for being with the Development Corporation and being available to pursue leads on businesses and other opportunities. Just because there are inquiries, he said, there is nothing definite.

### Future

The state of the economy in Kansas is in trouble and next year will be worse, Mr. Kribs said. Funding for schools and infrastructures, just to name a few, are going to be cut.

"We need to find a way to help ourselves," he said.

First of all, though, he said, we need to make sure that tax dollars allotted to projects stay in the state. He said he had talked to the department of commerce about introducing a bill in the legislature which will require contractors to spend tax dollars within the state and a certain amount spent within the county where the project is located.

one of the things accomplished through the Development Corporation was a study where businesses filled out surveys. Mr. Kribs said that the survey showed that county businessmen are optimistic that things will get better. The county,

he said, doesn't have a large labor base but there needs to be ways to keep people here. There were people who said they would be interested in investing money in a good business opportunity.

A housing survey had been made. It is complete in Bird City and Mr. Kribs said there are 48 empty homes in the town which is 12 more than two years ago. The surveys are still coming in from St. Francis residents.

The directors would like to start pitching a re-population interest along the front range, telling people about the availability of good homes at reasonable prices.

The organization is one of the founding members of the Alliance for Rural Entrepreneurs, a tri-state entity. It is also involved with the Northwest Kansas Travel Council and the Northwest Kansas Area Transit Association.

The directors have served as liaisons and resource for individuals needing assistance from Pioneer County Development Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission and Kansas Department of Commerce, Small Business Administration.

They have talked to prospective or existing businesses with funding support agencies, contacted wind generation developers, researched funding opportunities for remodeling the kitchen for the St. Francis Senior Center, worked on a wetlands creation/waste water project for a proposed slaughterhouse; and are looking into the hunting co-op and family host program, which is an agri-tourism project.

The list of contacts and accomplishments is long. The Kribs welcome people to stop by their office on Washington Street, St. Francis. They are open four days a week and look forward to talking to people about ideas and plans.

# Fall music program packs the house



THE FALL FESTIVAL program at the grade school featured kindergarten through third-grade students on Monday, Oct. 26. Pictured, back row: (l to r) Caleb Todd, Lyden Lampe and Kara Maybury; front row Adam Leibbrandt, Kyle Rieser, Kaden Lee and Mia Morrow.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien



## Introducing

### Logan Allen Rankin

Logan Allen Rankin was born on Aug. 27, 2009, in Manhattan. He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 21-inches long.

He is the son of Brian and Bridgette Rankin, Westmoreland.

His grandparents are Tim and Kelly Allen and Ronda Loyd, Clay Center; and Riley and Pam Rankin, Santa Rosa, Calif. Great-grandparents are Billy and Karen Krien, St. Francis; OM and Joyce Allen, Clay Center.

Great-great-grandparents are Bill and Leone Krien, St. Francis, and Wanita and Ed Kroepelin, Donna, Texas.



Logan Allen Rankin

### Aubrey Mae Culwell

Bradley and Andrea Culwell of St. Francis announce the arrival of Aubrey Mae Culwell. She was born Oct. 7, 2009, at Wray Community District Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 21 1/4-inches long.

Grandparents are Terry and

Shelley Culwell of St. Francis, and Chester and Marcia Zwirn of Wray. Other family members are uncle, Ryan Culwell, St. Francis, aunt, Heather Culwell, Fort Morgan, Colo.; and uncle, aunt and cousin, Joe and Monica Zwirn and Connor of Wray.

# Administrator talks about hospital facts and plans

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Acute care patient discharges were better than any year, the administrator told the Cheyenne County Hospital Board when they met on Oct. 26.

Les Lacy, administrator, said the total acute care discharges for the year was 251. There is still three months left of the year.

In 2008, total discharges were 267 but, at this time, was only 200.

Lab work has increased steadily with the average number of patients being 1,922 per month. Specialty clinics are going well. Dr. Jeffery Curtis and Dr. Joseph Rainwater, both cardiologists, are coming monthly to the hospital to see patients.

Mr. Lacy, in his administrator's report, said the hospital had been able to meet the cash needs since the last board meeting. Mr. Lacy commented that recent price cuts in various departments would reduce the interim payments and Medicare deductibles while improving final reimbursement on the cost report and indicated that this would cause a decline in the hospital's cash position in coming months until the next cost report.

### Vaccines

With the H1N1 virus spreading across the county, the hospital has received the vaccine in very small allotments, generally at one-week

intervals. The first allotment was 10 doses. Mila Bandel, health nurse, who was at the meeting, reported that last allotment was 27 doses.

Mr. Lacy reported that the refrigerator in the clinic had malfunctioned and some of the other vaccines (not H1N1) had frozen. The incident had been turned into the insurance company and a new commercial-grade refrigerator will be installed.

A \$1,000 grant from Walmart had been received and the money will be used to purchase a pediatric/infant scale and set up a pediatric/infant intubation tray. Mr. Lacy said Candi Douthit, registered nurse, had written the grant.

Mr. Lacy reported giving orders to proceed with the new floor and counters for the kitchen. Operating room floor plans have also been reviewed and discussed.

### Employee's Christmas

The employee's Christmas party has been set for Dec. 12 at Riverside Recreation. This year, there will be a dance instead of a supper.

Bonuses for employees were discussed. There are 71 full-time employees and the bonuses are scrip money to be spent in the county. For the last two years, employees were given \$50 each. This year, the board agreed to raise the amount to \$75 each.

We do what we can when we can, said Joy Anderegg, concerning

the bonuses. However, this could change next year.

It was noted that the employees appreciate the Christmas bonus in whatever the amount.

### Director's report

Jackie John, area director for Great Plains Health Alliance, the company which leases the hospital, gave her report which included the results from a Sunflower Health Network study. It included what patients want from their physicians:

- Patients want physicians who listen actively and communicate clearly.

- A physician to explain what is happening — why tests or treatments are being performed and what happens next.

- Use of technology to provide latest information is valued.

- Physicians who refer to specialists; look systemically at situations, not just first symptoms; do appropriate follow-ups; have a routine so the family knows when the doctor will make rounds; and are considerate of nurses and co-workers.

- Physicians who do not appear to be rushed; who are caring and concerned.

### Next meeting

The next meeting of the hospital board has been set for 3 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 16, in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

# SFCCHS HONOR ROLL

## FIRST NINE WEEKS ♦ 2009-2010

### Superintendent's Honor Roll - Grade point avg. above 3.75

<b>Senior</b>	Christina Hilt	Ross Nicklos
Brooklyn Hnizdil	Jodie Hilt	Isaac Schiltz
Ben Neitzel	Shayla Hilt	Christina Schoenrogge
Dale Northrup	Brooks Hobrock	Logan Whitmore
Elena Paulsen	Brett Lampe	<b>Freshman</b>
TJ Perry	Alyson Marin	Zach Gienger
Amber Smull	Aubree Schlepp	Casey Keller
David Stephens	Braden Schmid	Clarice Neitzel
Kaycee Williams	Cody Sherlock	Allyson Northrup
<b>Junior</b>	<b>Sophomore</b>	Sarah Whitmore
Mikaela Grace	Tilynn Bell	



**Eighth grade**  
Erik Hart  
Mason Schiltz  
**Seventh grade**  
Mariah Beikman  
Ian Schmid  
Riley Shay

### High Honor Roll - Grade point avg. 3.33 to 3.74

<b>Senior</b>	BreAna Zwegyardt	Jenna Hill	Lane Hoffman
Grady Brunk	Drew Zwegyardt	Martin Hnizdil	Bailey Merklin
Darris Keller	<b>Junior</b>	Jacquelyn Ketzner	Derek Queen
Terrence Lamb	Silvia Bartoli	<b>Freshman</b>	<b>Seventh grade</b>
Marvin Miller	Alex Draper	Taylor Archibald	Kyla Bandel
Freddy Pacheco	Adam Guthmiller	Laura Brunk	Shakotah Blanka
Matt Raile	Cody Killingsworth	Nariah Hamilton	Cade Bracelin
Trent Raile	Jalyn McCauley	Christina Harris	Ashlee Orth
	<b>Sophomore</b>	<b>Eighth grade</b>	Justice Wiley
	Kaitlin Figgins	Randee Grover	Valerie Wurm



**Senior**  
Erick Estrada  
**Junior**  
Garrett Figgins  
Tyler Lauer

### Honor Roll - Grade point avg. 3.0

Sarah Trembly	Sam Reed	Wyatt Landenberger
Zach Zwegyardt	Brock Zwegyardt	Alyssa Schlepp
<b>Sophomore</b>	<b>Freshmen</b>	Austin White
Hayley Brown	Thomas Douthit	<b>Seventh Grade</b>
Gavin Cooper	Foster Grant	Tristan Archer
Allison Grice	Joseph McCormick	Brianna Cooks
Caitlin Northrup	Nathan Savinski	McKayla Taylor
Trista Orth	<b>Eighth grade</b>	Kyler Zwegyardt

## Keep up the good work

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**Hoagie & Dara Carmichael**  
**Cheyenne Co. Clinic/Hospital**  
**Cheyenne Feeders L.L.C.**  
**Click Photography**  
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**Theron & Carolyn Culwell**  
**Dr. Melvin & Barb Dunn**  
**Farm Bureau Financial Service**  
**Bruce & Sharon Feikert**  
**Frewen Insurance Agency**  
**Kelly & Penny Gienger**  
**Good Samaritan Village**  
**Grace Flying Service**  
**Hilltop General Store**  
**Homesteader Motel**  
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**Raile Gelbvieh -**  
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