

# Students honored at picnic in Colby

Marvin Miller, 2010 graduate of St. Francis Community High School, and Naomi Reeh, 2010 graduate of Cheylin High School, are among the incoming University of Kansas students and their parents who will be welcomed into the Kansas University family at the Jayhawk Generations Welcome Picnic at 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 12 in Colby.

Schools represented include Cheylin High School, Colby Community College, Colby High School, Decatur Community High School, Hoxie High School, Quinter High School, Rawlins High School, St Francis Community High School and Wallace County High School.

The Kansas University Alumni Association and the Northwest Kansas chapter will greet the next generation of Jayhawks at a picnic in their honor at the Senior Progress Center, 165 Fike Park St. in Colby. Area alumni,

new students, students interested in learning more about KU and their parents are invited to attend and enjoy complimentary food and beverages. Each new Jayhawk also will receive a free T-shirt.

The Alumni Association invited transfer students and incoming freshmen whose enrollment deposits were received by the Office of Admissions and Scholarships on or before May 1.

Jeff Mason of Goodland, president of the Northwest Kansas chapter, is coordinating the event. Current KU students, alumni and university representatives will mingle with students to answer questions and offer advice.

For more information or to make reservations, visit [www.kualumni.org](http://www.kualumni.org), call the KU Alumni Association at (800) 584-2957 or e-mail [kualumni@kualumni.org](mailto:kualumni@kualumni.org).



NEW ST. FRANCIS FIREMEN were having a training session earlier in the week.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Emergency building needs kitchen

By Karen Krien  
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The St. Francis Emergency Building was pretty much completed 1 1/2 years ago. Fire trucks and ambulances were moved in. The emergency preparedness director, and emergency medical service director moved into their offices. However, there were still some unfinished projects including the kitchen.

The rest of the building was built with volunteer labor and materials bought with money from a grant. The labor for the kitchen will also be volunteer but there is no grant money available to complete this project.

George Harper, fire chief, said

the kitchen needs cabinets, countertops, a stove and microwave.

The city council is helping some with the project but more funds are still needed. They have raised around \$1,000 through donations.

"We are open to taking dona-

tions and, if someone needs a place for memorial funds, we would appreciate them," Chief Harper said.

For more information, contact any of the firemen or emergency medical technicians.

## Moments With Mila

By Mila Bandel



County Health Nurse

### Chicken Pox and the Varicella Vaccine

Chickenpox (Varicella), a viral illness characterized by a very itchy red rash, is one of the most common infectious diseases of childhood. It is usually mild in children, but adults run the risk of serious complications, such as bacterial pneumonia.

People who have had chickenpox almost always develop lifetime immunity (meaning you can't get it again.) However, the virus remains dormant in the body, and it can reactivate later in life and cause shingles.

Chickenpox is caused by the herpes zoster virus, also known as the Varicella zoster virus. It is spread by droplets from a sneeze or cough, or by contact with the clothing, etc. of an infected person. The onset of symptoms is seven to 21 days after exposure. The disease is most contagious a day before the rash appears and up to seven days after, or until the rash is dry and scabbed.

The chickenpox vaccine called Varicella is a shot that can protect nearly everyone who gets it from catching chickenpox. Most cases of chickenpox are relatively mild and run their course in five to 10 days. But it can be very serious, even life threatening, in a small percentage of cases. Before the Varicella vaccine was licensed in the U.S. in 1995, there were approximately 100 deaths and more than 11,000 hospitalizations a year from chickenpox. Most

of the people who died were healthy before they got chickenpox.

The risk of serious, life-threatening complications is greatest among infants, adults, and people with weakened immune systems. But anyone can develop serious complications and there is no way to predict who will.

The chickenpox vaccine is recommended for all children under the age of 13 who have not had chickenpox. It is also recommended for all adolescents and adults who have not been vaccinated and have not

had chickenpox. Most states require that children entering child care and school show evidence of immunity to chickenpox or evidence of having been given the chickenpox vaccine. Two doses of Varicella are recommended for the Kansas School's immunization requirements for the 2010-2011 school year.

The Cheyenne County Health Department has the Varicella vaccine available. Call the department for at 785-332-2381 for more information.

## TWINS

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the staff have been very friendly," they said. "We felt comfortable - everything was just awesome!"

Looking at their families, they found that there were several sets of twins on Natalie's mom's side.

Grandparents of the boys are Danny and Beverly Barker, lived in Goodland and just recently moved to Claremore, Oklahoma and Rod and Janice Owens, Edson. Great-Grandparents are Lee Highland, Goodland; Wilma Dolle, Claremore, Oklahoma and Dorothy Barker, Morton, Texas.

### Other twins

Another unique thing that happened on Sunday. Marjorie Peter,

St. Francis, was in the hospital and shared that she, too, had twins at the Cheyenne County Hospital in 1959. The twin boys, Jerry, weighed 4 pounds, 6 ounces and Gary weighed 5 pounds, 5 ounces, were delivered by Dr. Charles Wilson. She had two previous children before having the twins so she was a busy lady. She said she washed a lot of diapers but she enjoyed raising twins along with her other children.

Looking back at the history of twins born at Cheyenne County Hospital, the last set born would have been in 1968 and there were four others prior to the Peter's twins in 1959.

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Jalyn McCauley and Sarah Trembly.

The 2010 Cheyenne County Young Miss, Dale Northrup, presented the flag while Neala Carmichael sang the national anthem. Emcees were Matt and Mila Bandel.

A slide show presentation of the week's activities was shown before the judges retired to make their decisions.

Young men escorting the contestants were Isaac Schiltz and Lucas Raile.

Judges for the Young Miss program were Ashlee Rhea, Eric Lipsey, Amanda Barnhart, Teresa Lipsey and Neala Carmichael. The scholastic judges included a panel with educational backgrounds.

Vickie Cress, director of the Young Miss program, said the goal of the Cheyenne County Young Miss is to boost self-esteem, build character, encourage educational value, motivate creativity and stimulate competitiveness in college-bound senior girls. The contestants are also awarded numerous scholarships.

The 2012 Cheyenne County Young Miss program has been tentatively planned for June. This year's juniors will be the participants.

AUBREE SCHLEPP, right, did well in the Grace and Elegance presentation at the Young Miss Program on Saturday evening.

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ALYSON MARIN won the Performing Arts award with her reading of 'The Pony Tail.'



JALYN MCCAULEY clogged to 'Nothing to Lose.'

## Upcoming Promotions

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## Tri-State Antique Engine & Thresher Show

July 29 - July 31

Featuring stories about the demonstrations, buildings, history, shows and Queens.



## Cheyenne County Fair

Aug. 4 - Aug. 7

Featuring 4-H'ers, fair and carnival activities, schedule of events and other interesting happenings at fair time.

