

Education director at hospital recognized at state-wide meet

A local medical professional, Jeanene Brown was recently recognized for services and contributions she provided to the state-wide Kansas Healthcare Education Council.

Brown is a registered nurse and director of education services for Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She was awarded the Distinguished Service Award on Nov. 16 at the Kansas Hospital Association annual convention in Wichita for the leadership she has provided the council while serving as president.

"Jeanene received this award in recognition and for our appreciation of the service and outstanding leadership she provided over the past two years as the president of KaHEC," said the council's vice president and awards chairman Carolee Hager.



Jeanene Brown (left) accepted a Distinguished Service Award from colleague Carolee Hager at the Kansas Hospital Association Convention Nov. 16 in Wichita. Brown is director of education services at Citizens Medical Center.

Association that provides training and educational resources to hospital educators and other medical professionals. As president of the council,

Brown helps deliver continuing education programs, enhance skills and professional development and inform to other health care educators in Kansas.

New recommendations will shorten TB treatment

According to Registered Nurse Kathy Ryan of the Thomas County Health Department, new treatment recommendations for treating latent tuberculosis infections will improve the chances of successful treatment over previous methods.

On average, about 2,000 Kansans are diagnosed each year with TB infection. According to Ryan, this means they have been exposed to the bacillus but have not developed the actual disease of tuberculosis, which is identified through a chest X-ray. She says that the Health Department treats two to six patients per year in Thomas County. If left untreated, there is a 5 to 10 percent chance the infection could develop into TB disease.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment recently received the new recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

This new 12-dose regimen, represents a major advancement in preventing future cases of tuberculosis

and closer to elimination of the disease, which has been declining since a brief resurgence in 1992.

The 12-dose regimen is a combination regimen of isoniazid and rifampentine given in 12 once-weekly doses. The previous therapy, by contrast, required nine months of daily medication. Reducing both the amount of medication and the time required for treatment increase the likelihood that treatment will be completed, according to Ryan, who pointed out that completing the full course of treatment is necessary for it to be effective.

The Department of Health is currently developing state policies for the use of the new regimen. A current shortage of one of the medications is expected to slow efforts to implement the program.

"Treating TB infection to prevent progression to TB disease is a cornerstone of the Kansas strategy for TB elimination," explained Phil Griffin, Director of TB Control and Prevention. "It's important that those infected receive adequate care."

Medical records go electronic

This week, the Kansas Foundation for Medical Care Regional Extension Center met its federal funding goal and recruited its 1,200th priority primary care provider. This accomplishment in Kansas has contributed to the attainment of reaching the national goal of 100,000 providers who have committed to adopting electronic health records. This represents over one third of the providers in the country.

"This is an enormous milestone for America's healthcare providers," said Farzad Mostashari, M.D., national coordinator for health information technology at ONC. "EHR enabled providers are taking the first steps in transforming healthcare in the U.S., enhancing the safety and quality of care for patients."

aged by the participating practices in Kansas.

On Nov. 30 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released data that shows the percentage of physicians who have adopted basic electronic health records has doubled from 17 to 34 percent between 2008 and 2011 (with primary care doctors using this technology nearly doubling from 20 to 39 percent).

Property Transfers

Real Estate recorded Nov. 28 to Dec. 12
The following real estate transactions have been reported by the Thomas County register of deeds:

- Nov. 28, Judith Ann Calliham to Judith A. Calliham Trust; NW/4 of Sec. 18, T9, R35; S/2 of Sec. 33, T8, R34; E/2 of Sec. 8, T8, R33; NW/4 of Sec. 4, T9, R34.
- Nov. 28, Markus A. and Nicole L. Griffith to Norman L. and Betty J. Behring; Lots 42-45 less west 22', Block 127, Colby North Addition.
- Dec. 1, Robert L. Westgate II to Allen L. Bretz; Lot 5, Block 6, Colby Pioneer Subdivision.
- Dec. 2, Steve M. and Julie A. Seiler to Lindsay D. and Shelby Barnett; Lot 5, Block 5, Colby Eastern Heights Addition.
- Dec. 2, Lindsay D. and Shelby D. Barnett to Jared Robert Hamilton; Lots 19-20, Block 83, Colby West Addition.
- Dec. 6, Patricia A. Embree Trust No. 1 to Hombre Inc.; SE/4 of Sec. 17, T7, R33.
- Dec. 7, Steve Bugbee to Midwest Energy Inc.; 1.68-acre tract in SW/4 of Sec. 21, T7, R32; Lot 5,

Block 27 (Lots 5-10 Block 27 per appraiser), Eaton's Addition Gem; Gem Outlot 5.

- Dec. 7, Mary G. Arlington to James Allen and Jessica Ricker Des Roches Living Trust; Tract Parcel 2 of NE/4 of Sec. 15, T10, R32.
- Dec. 8, Jane A. and John V. James to Bonnie L. and Shane E. Holm; tract less a tract of NE/4 of Sec. 4, T10, R36.
- Dec. 8, Marjorie M. Leh to Knittnay Rentals LLC; Lot 2, Block 1, Havice Second Addition Rexford.
- Dec. 9, quit claim deed; Jennifer S. Kraemer to Andrew J. Kraemer; Lot 14, Block 4, Colby Pioneer Subdivision.
- Dec. 9, quit claim deed, State of Kansas to Alan and Yolanda Suter; tract of E/2 and NW/4 of Sec. 25, T10, R32.
- Dec. 9, Lindsay L. and Bradley W. Bennett to Terri Dainty; Lots 15-17, Block 77, Colby West Addition.
- Dec. 9, Jarrod Schwarz to Jason M. Schwarz; Lots 19-20, Block 101, Colby North Addition.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Friday
8:22 a.m. - Issued 48 hour tow-away notice for vehicle with expired tag parked in the 700 block of E. Eighth.
10:57 a.m. - Provided directions for motorist to Colby Middle School.
2:15 p.m. - Kyle Railroad called to advise they had a single rail car derail, but still upright at 10th and Country Club Drive. All OK; Kyle railroad personnel there.
3:27 p.m. - Served warrant in Thomas County jail.
5:15 p.m. - Provided directions.
8:07 p.m. - Domestic problem. Report filed.
8:56 p.m. - Assisted ambulance crew.

Saturday

10:46 a.m. - Caller reported male possibly overdosed and driving under the influence. Report filed. Emergency medical services notified.
2:02 p.m. - Caller witnessed a hit and run in the parking lot at 115 W. Willow. Report filed.
3:33 p.m. - Caller reported theft of roofing metal. Report filed.
4:03 p.m. - Collision at Range and Davis.
8:26 p.m. - Caller reported a male subject threatened her. Spoke with both subjects. Everything OK.
9:46 p.m. - Assisted ambulance crew.
10:26 p.m. - Report filed for promotion of obscenity.

Sunday

2:04 a.m. - Report of loud music at 770 Dylan. Subject spoken to, music turned down.
3:08 a.m. - Subject called 911 about girls shoving each other. Report filed for disorderly conduct.
6:24 p.m. - Caller reported that she had a bat in her house. Removed bat from house.

Monday

1:17 a.m. - Caller reported a barking dog left outside. Spoke with owner.
2:01 a.m. - Domestic call. No report.
2:18 a.m. - Caller reported a bloodhound running around the area. No disposition given.
4:38 a.m. - Security check at Walmart.
9:49 a.m. - Caller sold a friend a camper, and has not been paid for it. Spoke to reporting party; civil matter.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Friday

7:25 a.m. - Released Scott Canas Silva.
9:30 a.m. - Assisted Highway Patrol at eastbound I-70 mile 48.
10:26 a.m. - Booked William Ray Park.
10:49 a.m. - Booked Bruce Merrill Miles.
1:05 p.m. - Booked Grant Lane Kahle.
2:15 p.m. - Assisted Colby Po-

lice on rail car that derailed, but still upright at 10th and Country Club Drive.

6:36 p.m. - Booked Christopher Hansen.

Saturday

11:48 a.m. - Served arrest warrant on Bruce Merrill Miles in jail.

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2:32 p.m. - Booked Barry Dion Woods.
8:01 p.m. - Released Woods.

Sunday

4:22 a.m. - Booked Angela L. Delano.
4:36 a.m. - Released Delano.
4:55 a.m. - Booked Kelly A. McNamee.
5:12 a.m. - Released McNamee.

9:41 a.m. - Caller reported a break in and criminal damage to property overnight in Brewster; nothing taken. Report filed.

12:18 p.m. - Caller reported deer remains in roadway in the 3600 block of U.S. 83; wanted deer tag for removal. Subject to go ahead and take remains.

6:30 p.m. - Booked James Holmes.
8:18 p.m. - Released Holmes.

Monday

6:23 a.m. - Released Leodegar-io Batalla-Landa.
4:15 p.m. - Report filed for seizure.
8:27 p.m. - Driving while suspended report filed on traffic stop.
10:13 p.m. - Booked Casey Brooks.

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