

Clinton authorized arrest of bin Laden

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was deposed in a military coup. The new leader, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, called off the operation, and once again bin Laden was spared.

President Clinton said recently, "I authorized the arrest and if necessary the killing of Osama bin Laden, and we actually made contact with a group in Afghanistan to do it. And they were unsuccessful.

"So we did everything we could and everything I thought was appropriate. We did not have the necessary intelligence to do it in the way we would have had to do it then."

President Bush has defended U.S.

intelligence agencies, declaring last week during a morale-boosting visit to the CIA that the nation has "the best intelligence we can possibly have." He reaffirmed his confidence in Director George Tenet.

But Republican Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama, vice chairman of the Senate intelligence panel, takes a harder stance, saying the Sept. 11 attacks represented a "colossal intelligence failure."

"Basically, we missed the boat," he said.

"We did not have any inkling that such an attack with such precision and such destructive force was going to occur on our soil."

Funeral held at school for accident victim

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John and Hollis DaPron. Her mother Lyndia Kerstetter, drove up from Augusta, where she lives, on Tuesday.

The superintendent said classes won't have to be canceled because the district doesn't have school on Fridays to save money.

He said Tuesday was especially tough, but things are slowly returning to normal at the school, where DaPron was yearbook editor.

"Tuesday was obviously a tough day," he said, adding that administrators brought in counselors and ministers to talk with students.

"We kind of surrounded the kids with people," Zumbahlen said. "The counselors were a big help. I'd have hated to try to do it without them."

The superintendent said a funeral hasn't been held in the school for at least 25 years. He said the last time was when a secretary's husband was killed in a car accident.

Obituary:

Lynnette Marie DaPron, 17, Bird City, died Monday, Oct. 1, 2001, as the result of an automobile crash.

Lynnette was born Feb. 18, 1984, at St. Francis. She was a senior at Cheylin High School, Bird City.

Survivors include her parents, Darwin DaPron of Bird City; her mother, Lyndia Kerstetter of Augusta; a brother Daniel of LaVeta, Colo.; two stepsisters, Alizabeth Kerstetter and Alicia Kerstetter, both of Augusta; her grandparents, John and Hollis DaPron of Bird City, Beth Stublefield of Springfield, Mo., and Sam Clouse of Walsenburg, Colo.; and her great-grandmother, Eva Murray of Bird City.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Cheylin High School Gym, Bird City. Burial will be in Bird City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Lynnette DaPron Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Knodel Funeral Home, 202 S. Benton, St. Francis 67756.

Agency accepting county nominations

The U.S. Farm Service Agency is accepting nominations for county committee elections to represent the eastern third of Sherman County.

Counties are divided into three administrative areas. Each year one area holds an election to select a representative for the county committee. This position is now held by Albert Rall.

Farm Service Agency committee members serve three-year terms, making decisions on appeals and helping to run federal farm program.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the agency's county office. The last day to file a nomination is Monday, Oct. 29. Almost anyone eligible to take part in a farm program may be a candidate for the committee.

Farm owners, operators, tenants and sharecroppers of voting age can vote in the election if they are eligible to take part in any federal farm program. On Nov. 21, ballots will be mailed to eligible voters in the area, and they must be returned no later than Dec. 3.



Dr. William Inkret, center, reminisced with Drs. Ladonna Regier and Victor Hildyard III. Inkret, a gynecology/obstetrics specialist, was one of the first specialists to work in Colby. Photo by Jay Kelley/Colby Free Press

Doctor kept expanding clinics

Visiting gynecologist retires after working for three decades

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tainly wanted to keep coming to Kansas, so pretty soon two days a month became three in Colby and one day a month became two days in Goodland."

One day while working in Goodland, Inkret said, one of the nurses who used to work with him, Glenda Rigor, asked if he might go to St. Francis. Rigor worked in Goodland, but lived in St. Francis, and knew it would be helpful for people there.

At first, he said, he thought there would be no way he could do that since his entire week was already filled in Colby and Goodland.

"As I was driving home one Friday night and it was raining, and I was tired, I got to thinking about her suggestion," he said.

"I thought to myself that if St. Francis wants a clinic on Saturday, it would be okay with me too."

For many years he included St. Francis in his routine as well. Even though the days were long (from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.), Inkret said, it was always pleasant to work here.

"I have developed a tremendous number of friends from patients and I feel blessed to have worked so many years in these communities," he said.

It was also gratifying for Inkret to see the specialty clinic today, with more than 30 doctors coming from Denver and Colorado Springs.

Along with helping people here, Inkret has spent time in Thailand teaching doctors there how to use gynecology equipment like the colposcope and diagnose abnormal conditions. He also spent time Navaho and Cherokee Indian reservations, along with helping to set up a clinic in Goodland with Sarah Veselik, who was the county health nurse in 1993.

"We set the clinic up on Tuesday night and would work with low-income patients and help with diagnosis," he said.

What concerns Inkret most is that it's hard to have someone in his field come out to the area one week a month, because most of the doctors have their own obstetrics patients in Colorado. What made his arrangement unique, he said, was that he specialized only in gynecology.

"I will miss him," Dr. Regier said. "He was a fun person and so knowledgeable — and he had such a good relationship with his patients."

For Dr. Hildyard, Inkret's retirement has left a void.

"He provided an invaluable service to this community and northwest Kansas," Hildyard said, "and it will be very difficult to replace him. He was also a good friend."

Now that he has retired, Inkret said he still plans to come back to the area as often as he can to visit his friends and hunt.

And that's also something many of his friends are looking forward to.

Rosalind Bundy and her sister, Laura, said he is welcome back anytime, but they are particularly looking for him in April.

"We have such a grand time when he comes," said Rosalind. "Dr. Inkret does turkey hunting in the spring and visits all the friends in this area."

Rosalind said that it's not unusual for all her neighbors to get together with the doctor and his friends for a fun time.

"Joe and Charlene Kramer, Rowland and Kay Query, along with many other neighbors in Brewster have met his son, Bill, and lots of his Colorado friends," Rosalind said. "It's just like having a family reunion when he comes."

One of his former patients, Clea Moeder, of Rexford, who attended one of his two farewell receptions in Colby, said she too will miss him.

"I've been going to see him for many years and he was a wonderful doctor," she said. "He took his time, was careful and made you feel like you knew him all your life — he really cared about each and every person he saw."

For many, Dr. Inkret might be retired from practicing medicine, but he's still as much a part of this community as he is in Colorado.

"We have many fond memories of Dr. Inkret," said Rosalind, "and we all look forward to seeing him again next spring."

club news

Auxiliary minutes

The Lowell-Coleman Post Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary met on Sept. 28 for a pot luck supper. Guests for this evening were Connie Miller, 9th District senior vice president; Elsie Cook; and Ruth Moore from St. Francis. There were 25 members present.

Alice Hoppe and Carmilita Clark were initiated into the auxiliary. The charter was draped in memory of Delores Carver.

Items from the various committee chairmen were reported on. The Voice of Democracy theme is "Reaching out to America's Future" and the deadline for that is Nov. 1; the youth essay theme is "Is Freedom Really Free?" Deadline for this is Dec. 1. The creative Patriotic Art contest deadline is Dec. 15, as is the Young Volunteer award.

Eighty-seven dollars was collected last week for the endowment program. This money will be used for scholarships. The deadline for the scholarship application is Feb. 1. Eight dollars was collected for the Political Action Committee.

Melva Stephan won the Buddy Poppy Panda in the drawing for attending the meeting. Carpet rugs and bags were displayed from the Veterans hospital in Leavenworth. Veterans make these items from carpet rags and sell them for a small profit. The auxiliary has these items on hand if anyone would like to purchase them.

Kinko's and the VFW Auxiliary are sponsoring "Put a Face with a Name." This project will build a digital photo collection of men and women whose names are inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Wall. If you have a photo of one of these veterans, you may take it to a Kinko's store and they will help you do this. For further information, check the following web site brianfranklin@edelman.com.

Buddy poppies will be used at the Rod Run and in the Halloween bags. Flags have been donated and purchased by several individuals and groups.

The fall 9th district meeting will be held in Goodland on Sunday, Oct. 21. All members are encouraged to attend, which starts at 8 a.m. On Halloween, the auxiliary will again sponsor a costume contest for young children. Details will be announced later.

The auxiliary encourages all veterans and family members to dig in their closets for items that could be used by the Veterans hospitals. We will be shipping items to the hospitals in October. While digging, look for memorabilia from your veteran's time in the service.

For Veterans' Day, on Nov. 11, the Historical Society and the VFW will be hosting a veterans' celebration. Items from veterans will be displayed at the post home from 9 - 11 a.m. The ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. with Billy Smith, a past 13th District councilman, as the speaker.

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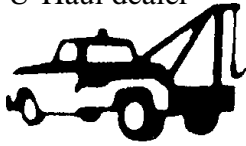
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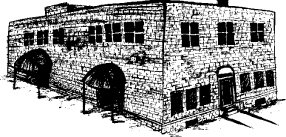
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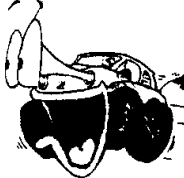
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