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Becky Hayes Hired As New On Site Manager At Crestwood

Becky Hayes has been recently hired as the new on-site manager at Crestwood in Sidney. Becky handles all of the leasing, HUD paperwork and anything the tenants may need. If you have any questions about living at Crestwood, you should give her a call. She has previously worked at the Sidney-Richland County Library, the Richland County Health Department and the MonDak Heritage Center. She came to Sidney as an AmeriCorps VISTA about six years ago. Becky took the position to learn something new and because she likes helping people. She grew up in Colorado and went to school in Oregon.

Crestwood is an independent living community for the eldery and disabled. It is HUD subsidized and rent is based on income. There is a noon meal served at Crestwood during the week and many activities for the tenants including bingo, cook-outs, craft days and more.

Crestwood has a Supportive Services Coordinator that helps people stay independent – helping them get rides, connected with community programs like the Transit Bus, Homemake and visiting nurse and also to understand and apply for Medicaid, Medicare and other services so they can stay independent.

Becky is in her office Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Crestwood is located at 410 3^{rd} Ave SW in Sidney. Their phone number is 406-433-3721.



Becky Hayes is the new On-Site Manager at Crestwood.



Right, a group of ladies enjoy the refreshments and entertainment.

Quilting Tea Party

Sidney Health Center Extended Care hosted a "Quilting Tea Party" for the female residents recently. The afternoon featured entertainment by Sarah Karanjai & Vicky Vaira, Vi Tanglen's quilting story, delightful decorations and refreshments.

Left, Vi Tanglen shows off the quilt she finished using her grandmother's quilt blocks.





Long Time Pharmacist Retires from White Drug

By Jaimee Green

For over three decades, one local resident has been supplying the community with just what the doctor ordered. Last Saturday, Tim Wagner, the pharmacist for White Drug traded in his long white coat for the slower pace of retirement.

An open house was held on May 31 at the store, followed by an evening get-together at the Sidney Country Club.

"What am I going to do now? Whatever I want, I guess," Wagner laughed. But, after 38 years of working in pharmaceuticals, he admits the transition from a busy work schedule to the freedom to take it slow will take some getting used to.

Wagner said his decision to retire was prompted by the fact that his grandsons are now old enough to go fishing. He also wants to spend some time with his elderly parents in Jamestown, N.D., and get after his list of unfinished projects. "This will also give me a chance to hunt prairie dogs and fly my radio controlled airplanes and indulge in riding motor-cycles," he said.

Originally from Jamestown, N.D., Wagner came to Sidney on July 4 back in 1976 as a newly graduated pharmacist, driving his uncle's borrowed 1972 Pontiac. "I brought a 10-speed bicycle and the \$200 dollars my dad gave me as graduation present. I had to use it for my hotel stay. I came out here broke," he recalled.

After receiving his degree from the NDSU College of Pharmacy, in Fargo, he took his first job with Sidney Drug. He had originally wanted to move to the Western side of Montana where he could enjoy hunting and skiing but there was limited job availability at that time. After taking a trip to Missoula, which including a brief stop in Miles City, he was told by the town's pharmacist about the job in Sidney that would become his first real job as a pharmacist.

After working at Sidney Drug for nine years, he spent nine months working for the hospital until he was recruited by White Drug in April of 1985 and has been there ever since. "I am going to miss the people I worked with. We had a great crew. It was like working with friends all of these



Tim Wagner

their sixth, set to arrive in December.

Even though he always had an interest in medicine, Wagner didn't always want to be a pharmacist. Originally, he was interested in optometry. But the schools that offered that type of study were all out of state and tuition was expensive. During that time, a friend of his was in pharmacy school and suggested he give it a try. Tuition was affordable, so he pursued it. He was also enticed into the medical field because he knew there would always be jobs available, citing our society's aging population.

As with many professions, Wagner says the use of computers is one of the biggest changes he has seen throughout the years in his chosen profession. The billing of medical insurance is another area that has seen lots of changes as it has evolved. "In the early years people paid with cash and we used typewriters. Nowadays you don't even need a book keeper because everything can be done online," he said. Over the years he said the volume of prescriptions that are filled on a daily basis has nearly guadrupled.

Even though he is retiring, he plans to fill in from time to time when people take their vacation leave or are sick.

Before leaving White Drug, Wagner helped train Trisha Kopecky, a recently hired pharmacist from Missoula. She has some 23 years of experience.

"Sidney is a good, warm and friendly community and it was an easy decision to stay here all of these years," Wagner said.





Wagner enjoys time with his grandsons Brayden and Paxton.

years. Your job becomes a social aspect of your life as well as your profession," Wagner said.

Shortly after arriving in Sidney he and his college sweetheart, Cindy, married and together they have three children, Jessica, Nicole and Nick. "We didn't ever plan on staying in Sidney but we both had steady jobs and this was where we wanted to raise our children," he said. Today, they have five grandchildren and are anxiously awaiting



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The Fairview News Thursday, May 17, 1956

G.N. Rail Bridge Ends Public Vehicle Service

The planked Great Northern railway bridge which has served vehicular traffic over the Yellowstone river since the mid 1920's, was retired from service last Friday.

Likewise Grover Heninger, W. W. Wintermute and Bill Gustafson, signal light operators, completed their shifts as Great Northern employees in charge of the bridge.

Mr. Heninger began work as signal operator and tollman October 26, 1926. Mr. Wintermute began his duties in the same capacity of another shift on February 26, 1926. Each has an approximate 30 years of service on the same job. Mr. Gustafson has been employed as signalman for several years, coming here from the Snowden

bridge where he held a similar position. It was said that all three would continue to make Fairview their home and Messrs. Heninger and Wintermute are eligible for retirement.

The G.N. bridge was originally planked and operated by the railroad to give the traveling public a river crossing on highway 23. Toll was charged for many years and later the State of North Dakota leased the vehicular portion of the bridge and paid the cost of signalmen and upkeep, and the public traveled free. Two weeks ago the new highway bridge was opened and the railroad bridge closed for vehicular traffic. Dedication of this \$2,000,000 structure will be on June 9.

The Fairview News Thursday, June 28, 1956

New Oiled Section of Highway No. 23 Is Now Public Thoroughfare This week the three quarter mile highway from the north end of Ellery avenue to the Dakota state line was completed and released to lanes of traffic for those traveling over highway 23.

The new road has been completely shaped, drainage structures placed and has now been graveled surfaced and with road mix oil. The new construction included blocks of the two highway in Fairview and the remainder of the road is through the Adam Buxbaum farm north of town.

The re-routed No. 23 highway which joins North Dakota No 23. at the state line is a much faster and safer road. It eliminates four angles in the old highway and is replaced with one gradual curve. Likewise eliminated is a blind railroad crossing in East Fairview and the hazards of passing the new Yellowstone district consolidated grade school.



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Dr. Jerome Kessler

SIDNEY HEALTH CENTER MEDICAL STAFF

Sidney Health Center is pleased to welcome back Jerome Kessler, M.D. to the medical staff. Dr. Kessler is now seeing clinic patients.

Dr. Kessler is Board Certified in both Internal Medicine and Family Medicine. He received his M.D. from the University of Minnesota and then did his internship and residencies in Fargo, North Dakota. He has 25 years experience in clinical medicine. He is also certified in Advanced Cardiac and Advanced Trauma Life Support.

Dr. Kessler provides primary care services to people of all ages, both acute and chronic problems, and is especially interested in helping people with ongoing health problems. He and his wife, Shelley, have lived in Sidney since 1986. To make an appointment with Dr. Kessler, call his office at 488-2550.

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