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Springfield

Medical Facility Closed

Horizon Official: Patient Numbers Weren't There

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SPRINGFIELD — A non-profit organization that operates community health centers immediately closed its Springfield clinic on Friday.

In a news release, Horizon Health Care, Inc. officially announced Friday it was closing the

Springfield Community Health Center (CHC), effective that day.

The clinic, which Horizon has operated since April 2011, no longer has a medical staff and will not take appointments. However, the clinic will remain open until Dec. 19 for business functions such as bill payments and transferring patient records.

"It has been a great pleasure providing for Springfield's health care needs over the years, and the closure of the clinic was not an easy decision for Horizon," the news release said.

Horizon Health receives federal funds and provides health care through a rural, community-based network of 18 community health centers — 14 medical and four dental — throughout

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RANDY DOCKENDORF/P&D World War II veteran Orvin Oien holds up his Knights of the Legion of Honor medal, the French government's highest honor.

Area Vet Receives French Tribute

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WAKONDA — When he was part of the Allied invasion of Normandy on D-Day in 1944, Orvin Oien didn't expect a medal for doing his duty.

But seven decades later, he's received one.

Oien recently received the Knight of the Legion of Honor medal from the French government. The medal, which originated with Napoleon in 1802, marks France's highest honor.

"I don't know if I deserved it or not," he explained, holding the medal in his room at the Wakonda Heritage Manor.

He carefully inspected the award containing the French flag and the words "Honneur Et Patrie" (Honor and Fatherland).

The award is granted for military valor and other outstanding service. The medal's appearance has changed slightly over time to reflect events. Notable changes were made in 1816 by Louis XVIII and in 1852 by Louis-Napoleon.

In 1962, President Charles de Gaulle restored the Legion of Honor to France's highest general military and civil order of merit. Now, the award may be presented to U.S. veterans who risked their lives during World War II to fight on French soil. The French use the medal to honor extraordinary contributions to their country.

To qualify, a U.S. veteran must have fought in one of four battles — including Normandy — for the liberation of France. However, a veteran may also qualify if the person's military records include commendable action during wartime operations.

RECEIVING RECOGNITION

Oien served in the 90th Infantry Division under General George Patton. He became part of a historic D-Day invasion June 6, 1944, that led to the defeat of Hitler's Third Reich.

"Patton was one of the best generals — ever," Oien said, adding he got to shake the leader's hand.

The unit marched across Europe, liberating France and crossing into Czechoslovakia and Germany. The

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Paulsen Vlahakis

Don't Fall Victim To Scams

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Nobody thinks they will fall victim to a scam, yet area law enforcement officials warn they are happening in the area, and that people need to stay skeptical when something seems too good to be true or out of the normal.

One scam that has been very prevalent in the area is an IRS scam, noted Yankton Police Chief Brian Paulsen and Jessie Schmidt, Better Business Bureau State Director for South Dakota (BBB).

"We have had a significant number of calls this last year on the IRS scam," Schmidt said. "We have gotten thousands of calls across our network on that. Unfortunately, we have had some really tragic victim stories, as well.

Schmidt said the scam begins when somebody calls claiming to be from the IRS and that you have an outstanding tax balance.

"They tell you, you need to fulfill the debt right away, and the way you do that is go get a Green Dot money card," she said. "You load money on the card, then you give them the number and that will wipe out your debt. The reality is the IRS is not calling you for an outstanding tax bill. That is not how the IRS communicates with individuals.

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Holiday Hello



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

This youngster waves to the crowd lining the streets of Hartington, Nebraska, Friday night for the town's annual Hartington Candlelight Christmas Parade. She was riding in the Tiny Toes Daycare entry in the parade, which also featured an appearance by Santa Claus. But the biggest cheers went out to the float carrying the Hartington Cedar Catholic football team, which will face David City Aquinas for the Class C2 state title Tuesday in Lincoln. To see or purchase images from Friday's parade, visit spotted.yankton.net/.

Believing In Miracles



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

(Top) Sirlene Bosn holds one of her pieces from her show, "South Dakota Genre," at the Bede Art Gallery located in the Marian Auditorium on Mount Marty College's campus. Bosn's show, will hold a reception today (Saturday) from 2-4 p.m. The reception is open to the public at no cost. (Bottom) Bosn's pieces entitled "Agony in the Garden," is one of her many drawings depicting the "Stations of the Cross."

Local Artist: Jesus Saved My Life

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Miracles can happen. Local artist Sirlene Bosn believes the fact that she is alive today is a miracle in itself.

She has created a long series of drawings depicting the "Stations of the Cross," which are currently showcased at the new Bede Art Gallery located in the Marian Auditorium on Mount Marty College's campus.

Bosn's show, entitled "South Dakota Genre," will hold a reception today (Saturday) from 2-4 p.m. The reception is open to the public at no cost. The gallery is open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Bosn, who is originally from Brazil and moved to America in 1997, specializes in oils, acrylics and drawings. She said she has never shown these drawings to the public.

"My family in Brazil never supported what I did," she said. "It's nice to feel appreciated."

Bosn said she has always struggled with confidence when it comes to her art work. She can still vividly remember the first time she was criticized on her work. It was the first time she drew a picture of Jesus.

"It was (from) this tiny, little book of the Old Testament," Bosn said. "It was of Jesus on the crucifix."

Bosn said that she enlarged the photo free-hand. "Everybody was freaking out and wondered how I did it," she said. "But my teacher didn't believe that I did it free-hand. I was heartbroken about it."

Throughout Bosn's life, she dealt with self-doubt and depression that almost killed her.

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Be Careful Frying Your Turkey

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Thanksgiving is a time for culinary creativity, and a popular recent trend across the country has been to deep fry the traditional turkey.

While many say it makes for a tastier dish, the practice has also proven to pose a level of danger when not done properly.

According to a press release from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), three times as many cooking fires

occur on Thanksgiving. Turkey fryers — largely due to the newness of the practice and lack of experience on the part of many users — have contributed to the rise.

Yankton Deputy Fire Chief Larry Nickles told the *Press & Dakotan* there's a few steps that everyone frying turkeys ought to take:

- Keep Fryers away from buildings.
- Do not use the turkey fryer inside of

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