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## **SAHC Signs Upcoming Physician to Join Staff**

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Bottineau High School graduate, Dr. Jessica Nahinurk Skjolden, has signed a two-year contract with St. Andrew's Health Center and will serve the facility as a physician.

"We are pleased to secure Dr. Jessica Skjolden to practice medicine in Bottineau and in providing services to the clinic and health center," said Jodi Atkinson, director of St. Andrew's Health Center. "Dr. Skjolden is a native of Bottineau and we look forward to welcoming her back home and having her join our existing practice group."

Skjolden is in her third year of residency at the University of North Dakota specializing in family practice. She will start her position at St. Andrew's on August 1, 2010.

"Our Physician Recruitment Committee, which was formed in September of 2007, has been a vital part of our recruiting effort," said Jillian Lagasse, public relations-foundation director of St. Andrew's Health Center. "It was a committee that brought together community members across the spectrum, who helped brainstorm, discuss and identify ways to recruit providers to Bottineau. We will look to them again as part of a community welcome committee."

Besides recruiting physicians to Bottineau, Lagasse stated that the recruitment committee is also functioning to retain physicians at the health center.

"We want to maintain the providers that we currently have as part of our medical team, as well as recruit providers when necessary," she said. "The overall goal is to maintain qualified medical providers and to offer quality services to our patients."

Skjolden is the daughter of Dwight and Jan Nahinurk of Bottineau.