



Taking a quick breather, farrier Terry Laughlin, rocked back on his heels as he talked about his experiences caring for horses. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Horses are a big part of man's life

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As a master farrier, Mr. Laughlin had the privilege of caring for the horses of many famous people. Some of the people he worked for included: Meadowlark Lemon of the Harlem Globetrotters; Bobby Boggs, famous U.S./Canadian horse trainer; Ray Locrix, trainer of English pleasure horses and Park Horse National Canadian Champions; and Isaiah Hipp, former conditioner/trainer for the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

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He said that wherever you find a national champion, you will find a master farrier who has been working on that horse's hooves

nearly every day for six weeks during his training and conditioning. Semi-retired from shoeing horses, Mr. Laughlin just trims and shoes horses for Dr. Hartley who raises quarter horses; Shawn Miller; and a friend from church. After almost 30 years of back-breaking work, he's ready to take a break.

Now the preacher at CrossRoads Church, Norton, Pastor Terry still holds to a special Bible verse that has great meaning to him. It is Proverbs 22:29 "Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings; he will not serve before obscure men."

He and his wife, Bonnie, have four sons, Derek, Jared, Caleb and Joshiah.

County committee ballots need to be turned in by Dec. 4

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"3. Ballots must be returned to the office or post marked by Dec. 4, 2006."
"4. Voter can only vote for one candidate."
"Producers in LAA 3 are encouraged to take an active role in the upcoming COC election and vote for the candidate of their choice. The committee represents you."

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Company gives back to members

Rural Telephone's board of trustees at their October meeting, approved \$694,102 in capital credits to be refunded to its members. "Individuals who had telephone service with the Lenora-based cooperative during the years of 1985 through 2005, and have a capital credit account balance of \$500 or more, will receive a capital credit refund check," said Larry Sevier, Rural Telephone CEO/General Manager. "This is the 22nd consecutive year in which capital credit checks have been issued to Rural Telephone members. Capital credit refunds in the past 22 years have totaled over \$23.6 million," he said. Mike Pollock, chief information officer, said refund checks will be mailed to customers the second

week of December. "Capital credits provide the financial basis to invest and plan for the future of the organization and to offer broadband and other advanced services to our customers, while maintaining an adequate debt/equity ratio," Mr. Pollock said. He said that due to the competitive environment, Rural Telephone must continue to invest in new and advanced service offerings to ensure a strong cooperative in the future. He said the board of trustees is committed to managing funds in a manner which allows the cooperative to return some capital to members while retaining sufficient capital to continue to maintain and improve advanced communications services.

Council looks at fire damaged property

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City Attorney Karen Griffiths said the property is one of those on the police chief's clean-up list and so has to be cleaned up by the owner. If the owner doesn't clean it up, the city will and will send the owner a bill. The council decided to proceed with the clean-up order that has already been issued on Mr. Moffet's property. In other business, the council: • Appointed Curt Walter and Mick Miller to the Planning Commission; Georgia Briery to the

Housing Authority (Mr. Briery abstained from the vote); Jack Graham, Jim Burns and Joe Ballinger to the Library Board; Lyman Rowh to the Recreation Commission; Gail Boller to the Airport Board; and Vicki Fisher, Stella Snyder, Jim Ray, Myron Veh and Al Ebke to the Tourism (Bed Tax) Committee. • Heard that the sewer plant project is 11 percent completed. Mr. Lawson said they are hoping to get most of the concrete work done before Christmas if the weather stays nice.

• Heard that Police Officer Caleb Cox will leave for the academy on Dec. 18. The city also received a letter of resignation from Assistant Chief Toby Kuhn, who has taken a job with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. The city is advertising for the open position. • Approved the list of 2007 Elmwood Park activities, including the schedules for the speedway, motorcycle races, vintage car races and the equine facility events. The Frisbee golf schedule has not been finished yet.



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