

Commissioners agree to purchase road grader

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The Cheyenne County Commissioners, when they met on Thursday, agreed to purchase a road grader.

Dave Flemming, county road and bridge supervisor, said Martin Tractor Company in Colby had only two new graders with the steering wheel left. Two weeks ago, there were three.

The commissioners had earlier agreed that the county had three older graders with high-hours usage and it was time to get a new one. However, funding a \$200,000 grader was an issue.

After some negotiating, Mr. Flemming told the commissioners that they could purchase a grader for \$152,000 with one of the older graders used as a trade-in. Part of the money will be taken from the Equipment Reserve. The last grader had cost \$191,000.

Approval was given to upgrade the Mac truck's Jake brakes at a cost of \$1,530.

Starting a pool for sick leave was discussed. Last month, one of the employees wanted to donate his sick leave for a maternity leave of one of the employees. The commissioners discussed the pros and cons of an individual giving his/her leave specifically to another. They felt that a pool of leave would be better so the clerk, Terry Miller, will look into what it takes to create the pool and the commissioners will have more time to think about how it will work.

Officer training bill

The commissioners spent considerable time discussing a \$15,000 bill from the city of St. Francis for law officer training. When the county sheriff was moved back to the courthouse from the city police office, Mike Blehm had opted to come with the sheriff.

Statutes state that, if a law officer

joins a different service or department within a year after he/she is trained, the other entity must pay the costs.

There is no charge for the academy training, board and room. However, the city reported the expense of mileage and hourly wage while at the training along with benefits. The city pays the Internal Revenue Service rate of 48.5 cents per mile, which made a difference of \$700 (the county pays 40 cents per mile).

The last time an officer was trained in Cheyenne County and left before the year's end, the cost was between \$6,000 and \$7,000. They had not expected the city's bill to be so high.

The commissioners agreed to talk to the county attorney to see what their options were before paying the bill.

Emergency medical service

Janelle Bowers, county emergency medical service director, said the technicians had 35 runs in October. The commissioners approved \$1,008 in adjustments (write-offs).

She talked about purchasing a "stair chair" for \$2,500. The chair would be for the St. Francis technicians as Bird City already has one. She said the chair is used where the technicians cannot get a gurney. The technicians are holding a soup supper on Nov. 23, the night of the Christmas Opening in St. Francis. The proceeds from the "free-will offering" supper will be used to help purchase the chair. The rest of the money will be taken from the Memorial Fund.

Mrs. Bowers will be off for a few days in December. Mike Hanson, emergency medical technician, will fill in as the director.

Mrs. Bowers said the new technician officers are Mr. Hanson, president; Loren White, vice president; Melva Douthit, secretary; Reid Raile, treasurer; and they recommended Mrs. Bowers to remain as

the director.

Mrs. Bowers asked that the meal allowance for technicians on runs be raised from \$10 to \$12. No decision was made.

The commissioners went into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss personnel. No decision was made.

In other business

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• The board approved the purchase of a \$3,000 computer program which allows the county to e-mail directly from the computer program. The new program will benefit all offices in the courthouse. The money for the purchase will be taken out of the Computer Fund.

• The county employees will be given a Christmas bonus around Dec. 15. Full-time employees will receive a \$200 scrip bonus and part-time, a \$100 scrip bonus.

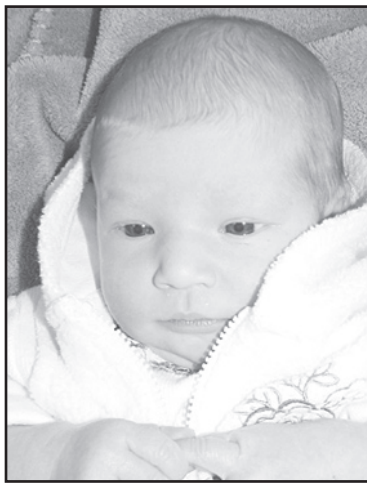
• County employees are paid once a month. There had been several employees ask the commissioners if they could be paid every two weeks. It was pointed out that there would be more book work but Mr. Miller said it could be done. No decision was made.

• Susan Roelfs, Cheyenne County Health Department, showed the commissioners the Cheyenne County Continuity of Operations Plan. The plan details situations where the county health office would have to shut down for a period of time and how they would maintain essential health services. Chairman Beikman signed the plan approval form.

• Elmer Kellner, representative for Western Prairie Rural Conservation and Development, gave the commissioners a copy of the organization's annual report. Mr. Kellner is also a representative for the U.S. 36 Association. He talked about the Docking Study which had been proposed to the commissioners earlier, asking that each county give \$2,000. Commissioner Beikman said that, until Colorado indicates interest in putting in a four-lane road on U.S. 36, he was not interested; that people would turn south at Wheeler and use K-27 to get to I-70. The rest of the commissioners agreed.

Next meeting

The next commissioners' meeting has been set for 8 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 30, in the commissioners' room at the courthouse.



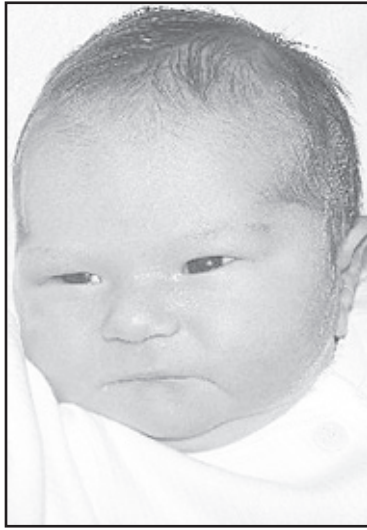
Faith Marie Glasco

Introducing

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Faith Marie Glasco was born to Terry and Tiffany Glasco at 8:05 a.m. on October 31, 2007, at their home in Bird City. Faith weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20-inches long. The delivery was assisted by friend and certified professional midwife, Sara Sowers.

Her big brother is Kenneth T., Grandparents are Denny and Tina Vrbas of Benkelman, Neb., and Lynn and Candy Glasco of Bird City. Great-grandparents are Don and Lela Fortkamp, Charles and Mary Vrbas, both of Palisade, Neb., and Glenn and Millie Glasco of Bird City.



Emily Rose Serrano

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Jacob and John Serrano announce the birth of their sister Emily Rose Serrano. She was born at 7:55 a.m. on Oct. 26, 2007, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 7 lbs. and was 18 1/4-inches long.

Her parents are Frank and Belinda Serrano of Bird City. Her grandparents are Charles and Barbara Merklin, and Julia Serrano, both of Bird City, and Dion and Alice Norman of Indianola, Neb.

Service News

Navy Seaman Recruit Jean Winston of Ellsworth recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Ill.

During the eight-week program she completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety.

An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is Battle Stations, an exercise that gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet.

Battle Stations is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of honor, courage and commitment.

It is designed to take into account what it means to be a sailor.



Winston

She is a 2007 graduate of Ellsworth High School.

Her parents, Dan and Cindy Winston, of Ellsworth attended the graduation ceremony.

She is the granddaughter of Betty Jean Winston and Junius and Doris Stuhlmiller.

Writers Corner

Autumn Leaves

By Marie Holzwarth

Past my window comes a blizzard of leaves

There are so many I can hardly believe

Jack Frost had come in the still of the night

Now the wind came at dawn's early light

The little windmill goes faster and faster

The wind brings more leaves to their hereafter

They dance merrily here and there

I'm sure the neighbor could pull his hair

My neighbor doesn't have a tree

All his leaves come from me

My leaves don't care where they go

Just where the wind doth blow

When the wind dies I rake and rake

Sometimes I feel my back will break

I no longer enjoy the leaves of gold

Do you suppose I'm growing old?

Rough Writers

Marie Holzwarth is a member of *Rough Writers*, a group that was formed a year and a half ago by several individuals in the community who love to write. She wrote this poem the first week of November after watching leaves fly by her

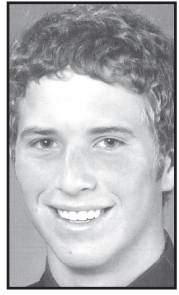
window. *Rough Writers* meets monthly so that members can share their works and receive valuable feedback from fellow writers.



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Who's Who

Chase Legere, Overland Park, a Blue Valley West senior, is among the 5 percent of American high school students to be honored by inclusion in the 2007 *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. Only the highest-achieving students are even considered for this honor.



Legere

Besides his academic achievements on the honor roll, Chase has been involved in Blue Valley West baseball since he was a freshman,

football during his freshman year and wrestling during his sophomore year. He is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Delta Epsilon Chi, an international marketing association, Future Business Leaders of America, and the intramural water polo team.

Church activities include Re-zlife, the student group at Church of the Resurrection, Metamorphosis retreats, and YouthFront church camp.

One of his favorite summer activities is wakeboarding. He plans to attend Kansas State University.

Chase is the son of Shawn and Leigh Legere. He is the grandson of Betty Jean Winston, St. Francis, and Scotty and Libby Legere, Hays.

Help Wanted

Goodland Regional Medical Center is seeking two (2) Chemotherapy-certified RN's to assist with its NEW Oncology Treatment program. Applicants must possess technical proficiency as well as strong patient and family nursing skills. Contact our Human Resources department at 785-890-6005 or send your resume to: dschields@gmedctr.org.

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Brooklyn Hnizdil
Grade: Sophomore
Parents: Tom & Marilyn Hnizdil

Student of the Month

Brooklyn, a sophomore at St. Francis Community High School, is the November Student of the Month.

Brooklyn is involved in advanced music, vocal, Indian fan, desktop publishing. After St. Francis Community High School, Brooklyn plans on attending college to college and get a great degree.

Ten years from now Brooklyn plans to have an enjoyable job, a great husband and possibly have children.

Brooklyn's favorite saying is: "The secret to success is to be like a duck; calm and serene on the outside, while paddling furiously underneath."

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