

# Commissioners discuss disaster plan

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What would the courthouse officials do if there was a disaster and the courthouse was destroyed or partially destroyed?

Gary Rogers, emergency manager, talked to the commissioners and county clerk at the Monday Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting about a County Continuity of Operations Plans (COOP) training which will be held Jan. 7 in Oakley.

Terry Miller, clerk, said the courthouse staff had talked about switching their computer server to another location — off base from the courthouse. If the courthouse was not usable, Mr. Rogers suggested that the fairgrounds building or maybe a church could be used. There would need to be phone as well as internet services.

While this scenario may never happen, Mr. Rogers said the county should be prepared. He thought all department heads should attend the meeting and he would talk to them.

Mr. Rogers said that Kari Gilliland, county attorney, had accepted a reappointment of a two-year term as the county's Northwest Kansas Homeland Security Council.

### Prisoner costs

For the last month, the commissioners have looked at the costs incurred to keep prisoners, their medical bills while in jail as well as the costs of court-appointed lawyers.

Mrs. Gilliland said child-in-need, misdemeanors and juvenile cases all have court-appointed lawyers.

The commissioners are concerned that they not budget more money than needed for these unexpected costs but, they didn't want to be caught over budget next year. They also do not want the sheriff and officers to not do their jobs which might end up costing the county when a person is jailed. Since it was only a discussion, there were no decisions to be made.

Mrs. Gilliland told the commissioners, concerning the letter Justin Barrett, former county attorney, had sent that the information contained in The Saint Francis Herald regarding former county attorney, Justin Barrett, not appearing for the issuance of the decision from the Kansas Court of Appeals was incorrect. The Kansas Court of Appeals does not render decisions from the bench, rather, they issue written decisions. As such, Mr. Barrett would not have been physically present nor was he required to be physically present before the Kansas Court of Appeals when the decision was issued.

Craig Van Allen, sheriff, had done some research on what other counties are doing to help with a prisoner's medical cost. There is a program, he said, that would help the county get partial reimbursement for these medical costs. The county would pay \$17.50 per bill whether a reimbursement is gained or not. He said that the commissioners would need to decide whether it

was worth going after if there was going to be an additional cost. The bill would need to be over \$17.50 and that didn't include medicines.

Medicine, he said, cannot be collected but it is something the company is working on.

The commissioners agreed that any money returned was worth going after.

### In other business

In other business:  
• The wage agreement for Carol Gamblin, 911 dispatcher, was signed.

• The commissioners signed a resolution to transfer \$200,000 from the Equipment Reserve Fund

to the General Fund.

• Andy Beikman, commissioner, volunteered to serve on the Resource Conservation and Development board.

• Dave Flemming said the Cheyenne County Wildlife members had offered to pay for the diesel used to clean up Keller Pond, northwest of St. Francis. The commissioners suggested that they also help pay for the wages of the equipment operators.

### Next meeting

The next commissioners' meeting has been set for 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 15, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.



**GIRLON FIRE FUSED GLASS** is a new business opened by Kim Zweygardt. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## New business opens in downtown Sainty

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Girl on Fire Fused Glass is not only a new business but a unique business.

Kim Zweygardt has turned a hobby she loves into a business making kiln-formed glass.

She and her husband, Kary, had sent their last kid off to college and empty-nest syndrome was starting to set in. Kary, knowing she loved to work with glass, offered to buy her a kiln and set up a studio.

Mrs. Zweygardt had taken some classes in stained glass in the 1970s and, with all the things going on in her life, she had pushed it to the side. She is an anesthetist, she had found it to be "creative," making sure the right chemicals were used with each patient. She has written books, reached out to others being a speaker and did some acting but, in the back of her mind, she wanted to be more creative.

She had seen fused glass pieces several years ago but the girl working in the shop knew nothing about it. Later, she and Kary went on vacation and they saw more of the glass but, this time, there was a little more information.

Mrs. Zweygardt went to the internet and Googled fused glass. She read all the information she could get, then found out there was a class offered in Wichita. She took the class but wanted more so the instructor worked with her, one-on-one, for a day and she felt like she was ready to take on the challenge of fused glass on her own.

Fused glass is putting different colors and patterns of glass together, then putting them in a kiln to melt together. The results are distinctively lovely and unique.

She has found where the sheets of glass can be bought — some in large sheets, others in smaller sheets. There are different types of glass and when fusing, the dif-

ferent glasses need to be the same co-efficient or compatible.

Mr. Zweygardt transformed a storage room in the back of Zeros into a workshop studio. The ceiling is yellow with primary colors highlighting the pipes. Golden lights hang over the work areas.

He used a counter from the former Dee's Creation floral shop; the shelf holding the glass to be transformed is an old piece of equipment from an operating room. In the corner sits the huge kiln. He calls the studio "Kim's happy place."

She has learned a lot since she started creating her glass pieces. Once, she was so anxious to see what a piece was going to look like and opened the kiln before the time was up.

"I heard a crack and it was the piece I was wanting to see," she said. "I wonder if this venture isn't God's way of teaching me patience."

Mrs. Zweygardt had her glass pieces on sale at the Goodland craft show. She said she had a prior appointment so was unable to attend the St. Francis craft show.

She has large glass pieces down to smaller pieces and jewelry. While she likes the jewelry, she really likes creating one-of-a-kind larger pieces such as bowls and trays. Also unique are glass memo pieces where messages can be left.

She has a head full of ideas for new pieces and, if she needs a pattern, then Kary, who is an artist, draws them for her. They work well together, she said.

She also makes custom orders and welcomes customers to call her. She opens her shop by appointment and since she has flexible hours, she is able to meet at almost any time.

Call her at 785-332-0215. Or go to her web site at [www.artfire.com/users/girlonfire](http://www.artfire.com/users/girlonfire).



**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** - Peggy Moberly makes a festive painting on the window at the Herald office. Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston



Happy 75th Birthday B.J.!

Love your kids, grandkids and great-grands



**Marvin and Kaye Kamla** celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 29. In honor of this event, their children and grandchildren are hosting a card shower. Cards and best wishes can be sent to P.O. Box 38 Haigler, Ne. 69030

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## Introducing

### Kohen David Pochop

Kohen David Pochop was born at 6:03 p.m., Nov. 18, 2009. He weighed 10 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 22 inches long. His parents are Levi and Bridget Pochop of McDonald. His sister is Gabrielle Pochop.

Grandparents are Dave and Deb Flemming of Bird City and Gerard and Anita Pochop of McDonald. Great-grandparents are Nadine Flemming of Bird City, Wesley Donohue of Yuma, Colo., Elizabeth Pochop of Atwood and Raymond Stehno of Stratton, Neb.

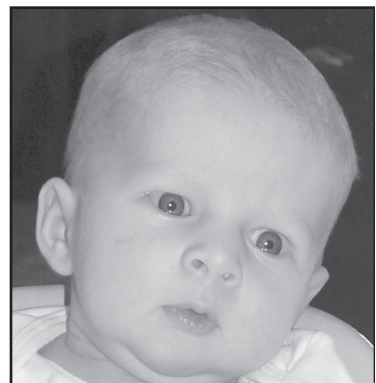


Kohen David Pochop

### Carson Tyler Githens

Carson Tyler Githens was born on Oct. 29, 2009, at Swedish Medical Center, weighing 9 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 1/2-inches long. He is the son of Kelli and Matt Githens of Denver, Colo. Sister, Megan, welcomed him home.

Grandparents are Eddy and Sherry Schultz of St. Francis and Rick and Sandra Githens of Shreveport, La. Great-grandmothers are Martha Schultz of St. Francis and Betty Watson of Shreveport.



Carson Tyler Githens

**Junior High Girls Musical**

Presents: "The Ever After - A Musical"

Monday, Dec. 7 ~ 7 p.m.  
St. Francis High School Auditorium

Adult - \$3 Student - \$2

Happy 75th Birthday **MARVIN** Dec. 6! from your family

**HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY, DAD**

The family of Harland Rogers invites Harland's family and friends to celebrate his 80th birthday with a card shower on December 12th. Cards may be sent to: Harland Rogers P.O. Box 641 St. Francis, KS 67756

**49th Annual St. Francis Invitational Gabel/Jenkins Wrestling Tournament**

Saturday, December 5

TEAMS PARTICIPATING: Rawlins Co. (Atwood) Burlington • Colby • Goodland • Norton • Sterling St. Francis • Wichita County-Leoti • Wray

- 1st Session beginning at 9:30 a.m.
- 2nd Session beginning at 1 p.m.
- Tournament will run straight through
- Finals start 15 min. after the second session ends, approximately 5:30 p.m.

**Admission:** Students - \$5.00 Adults - \$7.00 These prices are for all day. After 1 p.m. Students - \$3.00 Adults - \$5.00

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