



DOUG BARNHART, second from the right, was recognized by the Cheyenne County Commissioners for 25 years of service on the county road and bridge crew. Doug is showing the commissioners photos of a recently completed bridge. Others pictured, right, is Dave Flemming, supervisor; right, Ernie Ketzner and Andy Beikman, commissioners.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Home health care has new director of nursing, staff

By Karen Krien
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The Good Samaritan Society Home Care has a new director of nursing and staff.

Renee Coltharp, R.N., was hired Oct. 18, then spent a week in training for the directorship at the Society's headquarters in South Dakota. The first day in her office on U.S. 36 was Nov. 6.

"I'm here to make a difference," Ms. Coltharp said. Along with her staff, she will be spending time working with patients.

I feel that working with the patients is important as I can't expect any more from my staff if I'm not working also, she said.

The staff, besides Ms. Coltharp, includes two registered nurses, one licensed practical nurse, three aides who double as homemakers and one homemaker. Dee Epperson helps keep the office running.

As the director, she is learning the computer program, which, she said, includes everything from the budget, to finance, to assessments. The good thing about the program, she said, is the availability of tech support and the assurance that the information will be correct when turned in to Medicare, Medicaid and insurance companies.

Her goals, besides staying within the budget, is to efficiently serve patients in the five counties including Wallace, Rawlins, Thomas, Sherman and Cheyenne. The home health includes helping patients with bathing, cooking, making sure they have balanced meals and they are eating it, setting up medicines and other services ordered by the doctor.



RENEE COLTHARP checks out patient files.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Often, patients come from the hospital to their homes and they need a little extra help, Ms. Coltharp said. Helping these patients is just one of our services.

Our goal, she said, is to get patients back on their feet and functioning so they are able to stay in their homes but are also able to get out instead of sitting at home.

What many people don't know, she said, is we can also provide physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy to patients in their homes.

Ms. Coltharp waited until her two children were grown before going back to school where she earned her nursing degree from Butler Community College in 2007. She went on to paramedic school in Hutchinson, graduating December 2008. Before taking the position of director of home health, she worked in the Atchison County Hospital emergency room, the Goodland Regional Medical Center and Cheyenne County Hospital as needed. She was also a traveling nurse for a short time. She also worked in the Morton County Hospital.

I have worked with all ages, from pediatrics to the elderly, as well as worked in many different areas of medical services, Ms. Coltharp said. While I have enjoyed working in these services, I am very happy to be working with the elderly and plan to end my career here with the Good Samaritan Society's home care.

Those wanting more information about the Good Samaritan Society Home Care services may call 785-332-3588.

Commissioner's canvass votes

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Before the Cheyenne County Commissioners met on Thursday, Nov. 15, they made the official count of votes in the general election.

Jannelle Bowers, ambulance director, reported that the emergency medical technician training was coming along and several had completed theirs. She said that near the end of November, the Bird City emergency service will be short of technicians for a couple weeks because the main medical technician responding will not be available because of medical reasons. During that time, technicians from St. Francis would be called and the time to reach 911 callers in the Bird City area might be a little longer. We are just asking that those calling to be patient.

Bridges
Dave Flemming, road and bridge department director, reported that the Alvin Holzwarth bridge west of St. Francis had been completed. It was built entirely by the county crew and there had been a number of compliments on it.

The next bridge, the Hnizdil bridge, is a federally-funded bridge and the county crew do all the work except putting in the actual bridge building.

He had some figures for new equipment but Dale Patton, commissioner, suggested that the equipment purchases be put on hold until they can look at the year-end financials.

Landfill
Adam Peter, landfill supervisor,

said he had another surprise visit from a Kansas Department of Health and Environment inspector. Her main complaint was the dust on the road and grounds. Mr. Peter said she had told him that if the county landfill has one more violation written up, the department would close the landfill down.

It was noted that recently, the Department of Health and Environment had written up Sherman County for not watering down the grounds. We can't afford a violation, Mr. Peter said.

Mr. Peter said he had a problem with getting a county water truck to water down the road and grounds. The clutch was out of the truck and he didn't have a Class B driver's license.

He and Mr. Flemming discussed the matter rather heatedly. Later, Mr. Flemming said they had worked matters out.

Everyone agreed that it was hard to keep the dust from blowing when there isn't any rain but, if that was the orders from the department, they needed to try to comply in every way.

They also discussed the fact that the 5-year plan for the landfill still needed to be completed and sent in. Mr. Peter said he didn't know how to make a 5-year plan. The commissioners suggested that, for a start, he talk to one of the Department of Health and Environment officials as well as one of the Penco engineers.

Mr. Peter said he will get an estimate for materials to build a shed for the new compactor. He

said he could probably build it but they also suggested he find out how much it would cost to have someone build it.

Software glitch
When the county had a changeover of new computer software about three years ago, there was a glitch that had paid the city of Bird City around \$18,000 too much. Troy Burr, Bird City mayor, was there to find out why and then to see how the city could repay it. The commissioners said they would work with the city and Mr. Burr said he would go back to the council with the information.

In other business
In other business:
• Doug Barnhart was recognized for 25 years service with the county road and bridge department.

• Ryan Murray, emergency manager, explained that an accident call on the county line had gone to Yuma County, then to Sherman County, before dispatchers realized that the accident was in Cheyenne County.

Next meeting
The next commissioners' meeting has been set for 8 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 30, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse. Randy Fitzgerald, director of operations for the Good Samaritan Society, plans to have a lease ready for the commissioners to review with the official signing to be done on Dec. 17.

Club collects toys for children's hospital

Lawn Ridge 4-H Club will be once again collecting toys to deliver to Children's Hospital in Denver.

Children's Hospital in Denver serves a seven-state region and many families in western Kansas have benefited from Children's Hospital. The toys and gifts are rewards for children that have gone through chemotherapy, difficult surgeries, extended stays in the hospital, etc.

For information on the hospital wish list go to: www.childrenscolorado.org/give. Ages are from infants to teenager, boys and girls. No used toys or violent themed toys please.

Look for boxes placed at various local church foyers. As well, 4-H members will be available for drop off at the St. Francis invitational tournament on Saturday Dec. 1, St. Francis Community High School.

The toy drive will go from Nov. 23 until Dec. 10. Anyone interested in more information please contact Penny Archibald 332-4210, or Lawn Ridge teen leaders; Taylor Archibald, Bailey Merklin, Val Wurm, Cateлин Isely or Bradey Hansen.

The family of Eddie Brunswig would like to thank the wonderful people of our communities for their loving thoughts and prayers at the time of his passing. Whether you brought food, sent a card, sent a memorial or flowers, took time to call or email, your vast expression of sympathy is humbly appreciated. Thank you to all who took time to visit Eddie at Hillcrest Care Center along with the nurses and Hospice of the Plains who cared for him. Special thanks to Knodel Funeral Service for taking care of everything. We appreciated the caring funeral service by Pastor Chris Farmer and Pastor Warren Cico that was a true celebration of Eddie's life. We are truly blessed to live in such caring communities. Emma Brunswig, John Brunswig family, Sherry Beeson family, James Brunswig family, Danny Brunswig family, Althea Lebow family, and Emma Jansonius family.

Thank you to our friends, families and neighbors for all the phone calls, memorials, food, flowers and support during our difficult time of transition. Special thanks to Pastor Randy and all the ladies at the Peace Lutheran Church, to Knodel Funeral Home for all of the loving care given to our loved on his final journey, and to Leigh Floral for the amazing flower arrangement and finally to both Chaplin Michael Guthrie and Arthur Porter for their beautiful words of remembrances and condolences.
Cindy, Travis and Jayde Fiedler, Virginia and Bill Fiedler, Bill Jr and Kim Fiedler, and Martin Fiedler

Thank You
Thank you for your continued support during the last election.
Robert VanAllen,
District Magistrate Judge
Pol Adv pd for by VanAllen, Bert Follett, Treas.

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Thank You
The Howard Poulignot family appreciated all our wonderful friends and caregivers for your kindness given to Howard during his illness and passing. Blessings to John Knodel, Reverend Marvin Zimbelman, Tema Trumbo and Chad Miller for the special memorial service honoring Howard. Lovely plants, memorials and cards of condolence were appreciated. Thank you Scott and Carol Northrup for wonderful meals and visitation at your home for relatives and friends. Howard's knowledge, warm smile and sense of humor will always be remembered and missed. God's blessing to all, Marlys and family

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