

Ambulance director resigns; service reported in good shape

By Karen Krien

The Cheyenne County Ambulance director resigned at the May 31 commissioners' meeting. Larry Gabel, emergency medical service director, turned in his resignation, effective as of June 30. He had been an emergency medical technician for 23 years and a director for 16 years.

He and his wife, Beth, who has been an emergency medical technician and instructor, will be relocating. He recommended that Janelle Bowers, bookkeeper for the ambulance service, be hired as the interim director for the rest of the year and that she be paid a reasonable salary.

At the end of the meeting, the commissioners decided to talk to Les Lacy, Cheyenne County Hospital administrator, to see what he thought about having a hospital-based ambulance service. Mr. Lacy said he would get more information but wanted it to be known that he had not come to the county concerning the ambulance service. No decision was made.

Other ambulance business
Mr. Gabel and Mrs. Bowers gave the monthly ambulance service report and it appeared that the service was in good shape. There were several patient runs which were for patients out-of-state and they had

not been paid. Since they were out-of-state, there would be the cost of hiring a lawyer (the county attorney cannot go out of the state to make those collections). There would still be the chance that the bill could not be collected and, by the time all the lawyer costs were totaled, it would probably add up to more than the bill. At the recommendation of Justin Barrett, county attorney, the commissioners decided to take the loss.

Mr. Gabel had a state ambulance inspection report which was very complimentary to the service.

Mr. Gabel said that Ambulance 7A had blown another injector. He said this was the third one. The dealer had called the district representative recommending that all the injectors be replaced. He said that unfortunately, there had been a patient on board each time. The ambulance is still under warranty and is being repaired.

Dairy operation
Talking about the dairy operation to be built and operated southeast of Bird City were Cathy Domsch, Bird City Century II coordinator; Ned Smith, Mike McCarty and Clay McCarty, operators for the dairy.

The McCartys were asking if there were any county zonings, permits and/or other regulations which they needed to know about. They wanted to make sure everything was taken care of ahead of time. They said that it will take about six months to get all state permits and fill the necessary requirements. The commissioners said there were no requirements that they knew about.

The operators also wanted to know if they needed easements to use the county right-of-ways. They said they would need to run lines to the irrigation systems but they would be buried 5-feet down. Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, told them that if they were buried that deep, there was no problem and since they didn't charge others for using the county right-of-ways for lines, there would be no charge to them.

The operators already have a dairy in the Rexford area. In the Bird City area, they plan to start with 1,800 head of cattle and will

hire one person to each 100 head of cattle. The workers will live in the Bird City area. They figured that the permits will take six months and the construction will take five months so, in about a year, the operation will be up and going.

County incentive plan
Carol Redding, Cheyenne County Development coordinator, brought the final copy of the county's incentive plan to the commissioners which was approved. The plan is to encourage new businesses to locate in the county or help existing businesses expand.

Responsible groups with the incentive plan are the commissioners, St. Francis and Bird City city councils. Among the incentives are:
• Lease assistance for up to three years in an existing building.
• Roadwork to business location. (Work is to be fully completed.)
• Tax abatements.
• Pay one-half of the retail sales taxes.

There are other optional negotiable inducements which can be provided by cities or county if requested by the applicant.

In other business
In other business:
• Because there had been a little bit of rain, the commissioners decided to hold off signing a burn ban but the matter would be put on the next meeting's agenda.

• The commissioners accepted a bid for \$403 for a metal roof to be installed on the small storage shed behind the courthouse. The bid, which was the only bid submitted, was from Gardner Construction.

• Terry Miller, election officer, will be taking training on election equipment and also training election workers. The commissioners also gave Dan Schlittenhardt permission to attend a summer noxious weed training.

• The possibility of a Dollar General store moving into St. Francis was briefly discussed. Jane Brubaker, commissioner, thought it would be good if information concerning the possibility of it coming would be available.

• Sheriff Troy Gardner asked that Tom Raile, deputy sheriff liv-

ing in Bird City, be moved up to the next pay level. The move was approved.

• Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, presented his monthly budget report and projects the crew were working on. He and the commissioners also discussed options to purchase a new road grader, two mower tractors and an excavator. No decision was made.

• The county's resolution to get rid of prairie dog was signed. A hearing will be held at 9 a.m. at the June 15 meeting to discuss the matter with township trustees. See related article for more information.

Executive session
Commissioner Brubaker asked for 15 minutes executive session to discuss personnel. No decision was made when the commissioners came out of the special session.

Next meeting
The next meeting of the commissioners will begin at 8 a.m. on June 15 in the commissioners' room at the courthouse.

Birthday party held

Magdalene Paxton's birthday was celebrated Sunday, May 28, at the home of Thelma Raile with a noon dinner.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Garold Paxton and Magdalene of Goodland, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Raile, Mr. and Mrs. George Challis of Denver, Sylvia Raile and Violet Cranmer.

Afternoon guests were Bill Pugh, Sara and Jessie of Steamboat Springs, Colo., Laura Pugh, Delores Raile and Charlene Spillman of Hoxie, Coleene Hill, Megan and Gannon of Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Finnegan of Boulder, Colo.

Everyone enjoyed cake and ice cream with Magdalene and the guests sent many more birthday wishes out to her along with much happiness in the coming year.

Introducing

John Paul Sabatka
John Paul Sabatka was born at 1:58 p.m. on May 28, 2006, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. His parents are Kasey and Jennifer Sabatka of McDonald. He has a sister, Grace and a brother, Tyler to welcome him home.



John Paul Sabatka

Grandparents are R.J. and Susie Sabatka of Bearsley and Kenny and Pauline Micek of Atwood. Great-grandparents are Agnes Sabatka of Atwood and Laddie and Vera Kacirek of McDonald.

Ariya Berrie Stasser
Michelle Stasser of Cushing, Okla., announce the birth of Ariya Berrie, born May 26, 2006, weighing 7 pounds and 9 ounces and being 20-inches long. She has a sister, Oriana M. to welcome her home.



Ariya Berrie Stasser

Grandparents are Larry and Cathy (Stasser) Atkins of Edgemont, S.D., and great-grandparents are Paul and Edna Roesener of McDonald.



Quilt Show set for June 24

The Wray Chamber of Commerce and Rainbow Fabrics/Janome America and others are once again sponsoring the Wray Seventh Annual Quilts of the Plains 2006, Open Air Quilt Show. Main Street will be the place to be Saturday, June 24, with quilts divided into seven categories for viewing. Be sure to vote for that one special quilt in each category. Prizes and awards will be handed out at the end of the day's events with the grand prize being a new Janome Sewing Machine. Antique quilts will be displayed at the WRAC along with miscellaneous items.

Thursday, June 22, there will be a special featured come-and-go gathering at the WRAC starting at 7 p.m. with demonstrations of new tools for quilters at no charge.

Classes with the featured guest Jo Morton of Nebraska City, Neb., will start Friday afternoon with her "Prairie Flowers" design from 1 to 4 p.m. and her second session "Starry Nights" to start at 5 p.m. at the WRAC. Jo is a renowned teacher, designer and author who has appeared in several publications and on Ale Anderson's show "Simply Quilts" on HG TV.

Other classes being offered are "Basic Beginnings" with hands on sewing of a log cabin block with a hoochie with Rachael Finley, Friday 8 a.m. to noon and a second session from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., "Irish Chain" with a twist using Thangles with Dana Barnett, Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. and a "Chenille Scarf" Saturday at 8 a.m.

Jo Morton will present a program

at the WRAC Saturday afternoon. There will be an admission fee for the show.

If you would like to be a part of the day's events as a volunteer, to display your quilts or to sign up for classes contact Rainbow Fabrics (Wanda) at (970) 332-4343 or Granma's Treasures (Patty) at (970) 332-5556 or e-mail quiltsoftheplains@hotmail.com for more information.

The Chamber will be holding their annual silent auction along with vendors displaying their goodies all day at the WRAC.

Be sure to check out this year's quilt "MaryLu's Bachelor Buttons" to be drawn for following Jo's presentation. Check ad for ticket information. You do not have to be present to win.

UNDER \$5,000.00

- 1983 Chevy K2500, Tan, TMU, Reg. Cab, Silverado, Manual
- 1989 Chvy C1500, Brown, 182,765 miles, Reg. Cab, Long Box, 2 WD, 3560, Tilt, CC, PW, PDL, Cass.
- 1997 Buick Park Ave, Maroon, 98,401 Miles, Base, Tilt, CC, PW, PDL, Leather

UNDER \$10,000.00

- 2001 Chrysler Sebring, White, 83,996 Miles, 4 Cyl, Tilt, CC, PW, CD
- 1998 Chevy Tahoe, Pewter, 111,829 Miles, 350, Tilt, CC, PW, PDL
- 2001 Ford Club Wagon, Pewter, 106,401 Miles, 14 Passenger, V8
- 2001 Toyota Echo, Red, 19,557 Miles, 4 Dr., Auto

UNDER \$15,000.00

- 2000 Ford Ranger, Rust, 96,288 miles, V6, 4 Wd, XLT, PW, CC, Tilt
- 2004 Chevy Venture, Tan, 50,344 miles, Ext. LS 3400, Tilt, CC, PW, PDL, CD
- 2003 Dodge Grand Caravan, Blue, 50,061 miles, 4Dr, V6, Tilt, CC, PW, PDL, CD/Cass., BKT/BKT
- 2003 Pontiac Montana, Red/Tan, 70,387 miles, Sport, V6, On Star, CD/Cass/DVD
- 2005 Chevy Impala, Silver, 27,182 miles, V6, PW, PDL, CC, Tilt
- 2002 Jeep Wrangler, Blue, 65,028 miles, 4 WD, V6, Tilt

UNDER \$20,000.00

- 2004 Chrysler Pacifica, Black, 96,268 miles, Tilt, CC, PW, PDL, Leather
- 2001 GMC TC15753, White, 37,815 miles, 4Dr, SLE, 5.3, Tilt, CC, PW, PDL, CD
- 2005 Chevy Malibu, Gold, 9,971 miles, LS, 4Dr, V6, PW, CC, Tilt
- 2005 Chevy Cobalt, Beige, 11,636 miles, LT, 4Dr
- 2002 Cadillac DeVille, Bronze, 60,645 miles, Base, Tilt, CC, PW, PDL, CD/Cass., Leather
- 2002 Cadillac DeVille, Bronze, 60,916 Miles, DHS, Tilt, CC, PW, PDL, CD/Cass, Lthr/Heat/Mem, OnStar
- 2005 Chevy Colorado, Black, 3,715 miles, 2WD, Ext. Cab, Z85, 4 cyl., On Star
- 2005 Chevy Impala, Gold, 21,092 miles, V6, 4Dr, Leather, PW, PS, CC, Tilt
- 2003 GMC K-1500, Blue, 44,187 miles, 5.3 V8, Ext. Cab, 4Dr

UNDER \$25,000.00

- 2001 Chevy K-2500, Dk. Blue, 101,130 miles, Crew Cab, HD, LS, 8.1, Tilt, CC, PW, PDL, CD
- 2005 Pontiac Montana, Red, 10,137 miles, Base, 2WD, V6, PW, CC, Tilt
- 2001 Chevy K-2500, White, 45,475 miles, V8, PS, AC, PW, PL
- 2006 Pontiac Torrent, White, 14,609 miles, PDL, PW, Cruise, Tilt, CD
- 2003 Cadillac CTS, Silver, 38,034 miles, Leather, PW, PS, CC, Tilt, V6

UNDER \$30,000.00

- 2006 Buick Lucerne, Blue, 2,603 miles, 40/20/40, V6, Remote Start
- 1999 Chevy Corvette, Silver, 67,938 miles, Convertible, PW, PDL, Tilt, CC
- 2003 Chevy K2500, Blue, 51,090 miles, Reg. Cab, 4 WD, LS, Diesel, Tilt, CC, PW, PDL, CD
- 2003 GMC Yukon, White, 45,209 miles, OnStar, 6 CD/XM, V8, Lthr
- 2004 Chevy Tahoe, Silver, 38,695 miles, LS, 5.3, Tilt, CC, PW, PDL, Cass/CD
- 2004 GMC Yukon, Pewter, 39,000 miles, 3rd Row, 4 WD, Bkt/Bench, CD

OVER \$30,000.00

- 2004 Chevy K-1500, Maroon, 24,700 miles, 4 WD, Crew Cab, Lthr, DVD, OnStar
- 2005 Cadillac SRX, White, 10,438 miles, 4 Dr, Tilt, Cruise, PW, PDL, Leather/Heat, V6, XM/6CD
- 2006 Cadillac DTS, Platinum, 8,407 miles, Leather/Heat, V8, CD/MP3, On Star
- 2004 Cadillac Escalade, Blue, 25,278 miles, Lthr, Sun Roof, Navigation System

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