

# Student graduates as a valedictorian

Kaitlyn Starns graduated cum laude from Andover High School on May 20, one of five valedictorians out of a class of 157 with a 4.0 grade point average.

Kaitlyn's achievements include President's Award for Education Excellence, Andover Academic Fitness Award, Academic Honors, Bernie Saggau Award for commitment to Andover High School and athletic programs for four years, Andover Trojans Academic Excellence and Senior Athletic Award for Trojanette 2003-2007 and Track 2004-2007.



Kaitlyn Starns

Kaitlyn is the daughter of Rusty and Marla Starns of Andover. Attending the ceremony along with her parents were Madison Starns; grandmothers Mabel Carstens of Bird City and Pat Starns of Andover;

Randy and Twila Starns of Andover; Marcia Starns of Arkansas and Nora Wilson of Sebastopol, California. Kaitlyn plans to attend the University of Oklahoma.

# Intravenous class is needed in county

By Karen Krien

The emergency medical service coordinator told the Cheyenne County Commissioners on Thursday that an intravenous (IV) class was needed.

Janelle Bowers, coordinator, said intravenous feedings on the scene and on the way to the hospital can keep the victim from going into shock or even save their life.

The county has seven emergency medical technicians who are willing to take the training, three of them are from Bird City. At this time, there are none able to give intravenous feedings from that side of the county.

Sherman County also has technicians who are wanting the class. Mrs. Bowers was going to contact Rawlins County to see if there might be techs there wanting the training.

She said the cost of the class is \$7,000 and that doesn't include mileage. The class will take two to two and one-half months to complete.

The commissioners asked that Mrs. Bowers check with the hospital staff to see if there is someone there that might be able to teach the class. The matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

Anyone interested in taking the class should contact Mrs. Bowers at (785) 332-2614.

It was noted that the first emergency medical technician recertification class will be held on June

10. Mrs. Bowers said the tires on one of the ambulances had been rotated several times and it would be needing new tires before long. The commissioners agreed that they didn't want a blowout or flat on a road while carrying a patient. They also pointed out that having to replace a tire on a run could cost more money than to have them all replaced now.

Mrs. Bowers said the ambulances had been inspected and it went well. Any deficiencies had been corrected immediately.

The commissioners gave permission for McKenzie Grace to ride along on ambulance runs. Her parents said she was considering going into the medical field.

It was noted that the backup batteries at the tower east of Wheeler were in and had been tested.

### Sign off on grant money

Amy Griffey, Northwest Kansas Planning and Development, needed the commissioners to sign off on \$650,000 in the Bird City dairy project Community Development Block Grant. The full amount of the grant is \$657,500 and was to be used for equipment and livestock. However, the manager of the dairy was asking that all but \$7,500 be spent for livestock.

Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, wanted to know where the money was going to come from to purchase the equipment and other items named in the grant. Ms. Griffey said that she really didn't know but she said that there was money coming from Bird City Century II as well as some loans and cash.

The matter was discussed further and, then Andy Beikman, commissioner, said that he didn't think it really made any difference to the county (concerning the grant) as the county was basically just a "paper trail." The entire dairy operation will cost \$5,250,000.

### Silver Hair Legislator

Rick Reeser, St. Francis, is the new Silver Hair Legislator. He took the position vacated by Elmer Kellner. These legislators relate the needs of senior citizens to the legislators in Topeka.

He asked that the commissioners reserve \$300 in the budget to help with travel expenses. He said he has an economical car but, on the last trip to Topeka, he had been paid \$70 which did not cover his gas expenses, let alone his motel stay. He said that some meetings are held in Salina and/or Colby which are much closer.

The commissioners agreed that, if they helped with \$300, they would need to place it into the budget. They will talk to the auditor and consider the request when they are making out the budget.

### Road and bridge report

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, talked about the work the crew had completed including blading and elevating roads. The Edson Road, south of Bird City, was wrapped up last week. A road permit was signed for Nobel Energy. He also said Overland Pass Pipeline will be crossing the county starting in October. It will take six months to complete. The pipeline will carry liquefied materials.

Two of the commissioners had received calls from John Kamla, one of the farmers who had lost their home and other buildings during the March 28 tornado. He wanted the county crew to come to his farm with some large equipment and remove some trees.

The commissioners agreed that Mr. Kamla had the equipment to put a chain around the trees and pull them out. It was also pointed out that there are people who pull out trees for a living and the county's policy is to not do work where people can hire it done.

### In other business

In other business: Kim Zwegardt and Pastor David Butler, representing the Cheyenne County Development Corporation, asked that the county remember the organization when budgets are made. See related article.

Wage agreements were signed for Cody Beeson, road and bridge department, and Kate Jenkins, part-time help in the clerk's office...

### Next meeting

The next commissioners' meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Friday, June 15, in the commissioners' room at the courthouse.

## Public Notices

# Sale of real estate on execution is set

Published in The Saint Francis Herald, St. Francis, Kansas, Thursdays, May 24, May 31 and June 7, 2007.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS KIMBERLY PSALTIS, as an individual and as Special Administrator of the Estate of Eloyce A. Pettijohn, Plaintiff,

Case No. 06-CV-10 JIM MELTON AND TONYA MCLINN, Defendants. A PROCEEDING PURSUANT TO K.S.A. CHAPTER 60 NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE ON EXECUTION

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/s/ Troy Gardner Sheriff of Cheyenne County, Kansas.

# Notice published for lagoon facility

Published in the Bird City Times, Bird City, Kansas, Thursday, June 7, 2007. (23)

### Notice of Explanation

The City of Bird City, Kansas, intends to undertake the construction of a new full retention (non-discharging) lagoon facility, and the relocation of forcemain to connect the new lagoon system. The project will be located in part of the North Half (N1/2) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section One (1), Township Four (4) South, Range Thirty-eight (38), West of the 6 P.M., in Cheyenne County. This project is needed to allow the municipality to eliminate system deficiencies and meet regulations for wastewater collection and treatment. The general area of this project is located in the perceived 100-year floodplain and has playa lakes (temporary wetlands). The project cannot be undertaken in any other location because of the land topography, the number of acres required for the project, and land acquisition availability. Therefore, there is not a practical alternative to the proposed project. The City did consider the following alternatives:

Constructing a full retention (non-discharging) lagoon facility; Renovating the existing mechanical WWTF facility; Constructing a new mechanical treatment facility with discharge to the receiving stream; Locating the lagoon system on the land immediately adjacent to the existing mechanical facility. The proposed project is designed to minimize adverse impacts and preserve the natural floodplain and will avoid construction immediately near the playa lakes. Failure to provide these improvements would result in the municipality not meeting the need for safe wastewater treatment and outweighs consideration of Executive Order 11988 and 11990. A more detailed description of the project is available for citizen review at City Hall, 111 E 4th Street, Bird City KS 67731.

Honorable Troy Burr Mayor, City of Bird City

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