

Physician's story told on television

Cheyenne County doctor, Rebecca Allard, will be featured on KTWU Sunflower Journeys' Selfless Servants, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 4. People on cable television can turn to channel 3, the PBS channel.

Many of today's spiritual traditions stress the importance of loving one's neighbor. On the program, viewers will encounter some dedicated women who've taken that admonition to heart, demonstrating what it means in daily practice.

There will be a compassionate

woman in Poland who risked her own life to save scores of children from Nazi concentration camp. In Concordia, viewers will visit the motherhouse of the sisters of St. Joseph as they celebrate 125 years of service. In St. Francis, viewers will meet Dr. Allard who gladly chose to begin her medical practice in a rather remote northwestern Kansas county.

This is the 21st season of the station's Sunflower Journey. For more information on the the program series, visit the website at ktwu.washburn.edu.

Couple announces marriage plans

Amanda A. Banister, McDonald, and Brandon P. Winter, Mount Hope, plan to marry on Dec. 6 at St. Isidore's, Manhattan.

She is the daughter of George and Kathy Banister, McDonald. Her grandparents are Amelia Banister, McDonald and the late Bob Banister. and Laurene Dickman, Quinter, and the late David Dickman.

Amanda was a 2004 graduate of Cheylin High School, Bird City. She graduated from Washburn University, May 2008, with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is employed as a registered nurse at Via Christi Medical Center in Wichita.

Brandon is the son of Oran and Debbie Winter, Mount Hope. His grandparents are Adeline M. Jordan, Mount Hope, and the late Eugene D. Jordan, and Rosemary A. Winter, Mount Hope, and the late Francis J. Winter.



Winter - Banister

Brandon was a 2003 graduate of Andale High School. He graduated from Kansas State University in 2007, with a bachelor's in agricultural technology management. Brandon is employed as a field testing technician at AGCO Corporation, Hesston.

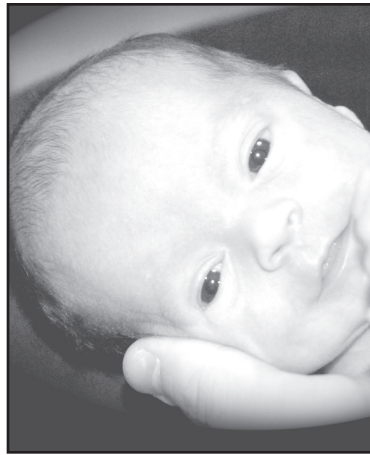
The couple will live in Mount Hope following their honeymoon.

Introducing

Makenna Lee Dorsch

Michael and Amber (Newton) Dorsch announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Makenna Lee, born Sept. 24, 2008, at 7:33 a.m. at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. Makenna made her surprise appearance six weeks early, weighing 4 pounds and 10 ounces and measuring 17-1/2 inches long.

Her grandparents are Keith and Sharon Newton of Wilmington, Bob Dorsch of St. Francis and Vickie Dorsch of Salina. Makenna's great-grandparents are Bob Newton of McKeesport, Pa., Barbara Ashley of Baltimore, Ohio, and



Makenna Lee Dorsch

David and Elaine Hutchison of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Money from sale of jewelry helps women

The Peace Lutheran Church will be holding a jewelry sale from 2 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 3, at the church on College and Jackson streets.

The church has received a shipment of jewelry from Servantworks, a Christian ministry in the red light district of Bangkok, Thailand. The jewelry is of semi-precious stones, and designed and handcrafted by young ladies who have been rescued from the sex trade.

All proceeds after taxes go to the person who created

the jewelry. Servantworks is non-denominational and the missionaries are responsible for raising their own support. The only criterion for receiving help from Servantworks is a sincere desire to get out of prostitution.

The jewelry makes great gifts and these are gifts that give in all directions. By creating a market for their jewelry, everyone is working together to offer a redeemed life in Christ for these women and girls.

For more information, go to www.servantworks.org.



DECORATING TREES FOR AUCTION — Mandie Walden and Jayden Cahoj decorated the Cheylin senior's Big Brothers Big Sisters Christmas tree. The tree is located in the First National Bank lobby in Bird City.

The silent auction runs through Dec. 10 with all proceeds going toward the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cheyenne County.

Photo courtesy of Susan Jensen

County law agreement okayed

By Karen Krien

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The Cheyenne County Commissioners signed the county agreement with Bird City for law enforcement when they met on Friday.

Sheriff Craig Van Allen had the updated contract for the county agreement with Bird City. The county provides law coverage for Bird City and the city pays \$30,000. With the new contract, they have agreed to pay \$31,500, a 5-percent increase.

Two of the officers live in Bird City and there is more coverage during school hours.

Sheriff Van Allen said he will be attending a mandatory training for sheriffs. Andy Beikman, commissioner, asked if he had enough people to cover for him while he is gone. The sheriff said he did.

He noted that one of the radios had gone out in one of the officer's vehicle. The repairman recommended that the radio be replaced rather than repaired. Another radio is also needed but the sheriff said he could get by for the time being. The commissioners agreed to have him replace one radio with it being paid for with 911 funds.

The sheriff asked for an executive session to discuss safety issues. No decision was made coming out of the session.

He said one bullet-proof vest would be ordered with half of it being paid for with grant money. The county's share is \$350.

Emergency medical service report

Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, talked

about Medicare's new billing system which has some problems. She said Cheyenne wasn't the only county that has had disagreements with the new system which was shorting them on air ambulance charges.

Five emergency medical technicians from St. Francis are traveling to Goodland to take "I" classes so they will be qualified to give IVs in the field. The commissioners wanted to make sure that these technicians knew that they would not get extra pay.

Mrs. Bowers said there are four first responder students who were testing their skills the following day.

She said she needs a secure internet service at the new emergency building office. She will be talking to the internet representative.

The adjustments not paid by insurance, Medicare or Medicaid, was \$2,706.

Road and bridge department

Dave Flemming, road and bridge crew supervisor, said two used radios, purchased from Prairie States, Imperial, were installed in the two tractors recently purchased.

He had a number of permits for gas and oil companies to cross county roads with lines. The commissioners discussed the need for having a resolution concerning road crossings as some companies are not getting the needed permits and then paying a small fine. They felt that the resolution would put some "teeth" into making the companies follow the rules.

One company wanted to trench across the county road. The commissioners did not agree

to the trenching but, instead recommended boring underneath the road.

Emergency building

Clerk Terry Miller was asked to e-mail Mike Day, St. Francis City Attorney, about the Emergency Building contract. The commissioners had received a contract which requested that the county pay 75-percent of the utility costs. Mr. Beikman said the emergency medical service director provided the facts that, as of Nov. 1, of the 250 runs, 164 were St. Francis runs.

I feel, he said, that the utilities need to be split 50-50.

The commissioners also did not think they should pay for part of the costs to repair a new floor.

The commissioners agreed that they want to work together with the city of St. Francis but they also want to keep it simple and fair.

They also agreed that they will not move the vehicles into the building until they have a signed contract.

In other business

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- When the commissioners met, there were still 47 days until the first of the year. They reviewed the budgets and noted that money could be tight before the year ends. Mr. Miller was asked to send memos to all of the office heads asking them to purchase only items that are absolutely needed.
- Mary Morrow, register of deeds, after executive session,

announced that she would be putting in an ad for part-time help in her office. She was also given permission to get bids on a second copier in her office.

- The commissioners agreed to up the county employee's life insurance from \$10,000 to \$20,000. The additional insurance will cost around \$6 more or \$11 per employee.

- After talking to Justin Barrett, county attorney, about mileage for his secretary, they agreed to pay the \$20.70. The attorney said she had met him half way with information concerning a case from this county. It was cheaper than having it sent overnight mail.

- The commissioners had been contacted about having a metal pick up at the landfill. Since there is already someone picking up metal at the landfill, they were not interested.

- Shane Guggenmos, St. Francis Police Chief, presented a bill for \$2,194 for the two radios put in the St. Francis city police vehicles. He said the materials were purchased from Prairie States but the radios are being put in by the Goodland sheriff and his charge was not known.

Next meeting

The courthouse will be closed for the Thanksgiving holidays, Thursday, Nov. 27, and Friday, Nov. 28. The commissioners will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 26. The meeting will begin at 8 a.m.



Come See & Bid on Our Decorated Tree for Big Brothers — Big Sisters Festival of Trees

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Will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27 & Friday, Nov. 28!

SHHHHHH !!!!! It's a surprise.....

In honor of him completing 33 years of full-time ministry and beginning a 34th year on Jan. 1, a surprise card shower is planned for Rev. Dan Waters. Dan and his family lived in Bird City from June 1983 to June 1988, where he was the pastor of Immanuel United Methodist Church. He and his wife, Vickie now reside in Topeka, where he is the pastor of Lowman United Methodist Church.

His boys - who were in elementary and middle school while living in Bird City - are now grown with families of their own. Scott and his wife, Angela, and sons Camden and Maddox, live in Beloit. Chris and his wife, Jennie, and children Emma, Bella and Luke, reside in Haslett, Mich.

Cards may be sent to Dan at the following address:

Vickie Waters
PO Box 67481
Topeka, Kansas 66667

(Please remember to address the envelope to Vickie Waters. We'd like to have all cards no later than Dec. 22.) Thank you so much for helping surprise Dan. Happy holidays to you.



GOOD SAMARITAN

Home Health Homemaker

The Good Samaritan Home Health Care, a Medicare Certified Home Health Agency, has an opportunity for a Home Health Homemaker.

If interested, call Cheryl Lee, R.N. at (785) 332-3588 or Administrator Rick Reeser at (785) 332-2531 for appointment or application.

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The Cheyenne County EMS First Responder Class would like to thank:

- Mike Hanson, Instructor
- Janelle Bowers, EMS Director
- Cheryl Lee and Dr. Allard, Guest Speakers
- Wendy White, our CPR Instructor
- All EMTs who helped us in class, worked with us on mock runs and became willing assistants or patients for practical (hands-on) testing day including Janelle, Mark Mills, Wade Krien, Tammy Sherlock, Lori Sowers, Melva Douthit, Dee Wilson, Steve Nolan, Gary Brubaker, Teri Chase, Stacy Hazuka, Reid Raile, Cynthia Poling, Lauren and Wendy White, Ed Marin and Nancy Semler. (If we forgot anyone, we are very sorry!)
- All EMTs who provided knowledge and insight on actual runs
- Cheyenne County Hospital for providing our class site
- Mila Bandel who allowed us to use the County Health lobby for our mock and actual practical tests
- Karla Zweggardt for being a willing victim on a mock run
- Anita Marin for being a patient/assistant on practical test day

We could not have done this without you. One test down, one to go!

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