

New personnel have been hired at the Perkins County Sheriffs Office since the first of the year. In addition to the new and promoted deputies featured in last week's issue, new dispatchers and a victim advocate have been hired.

Victim Assistant

Angel Anderson, formerly of Wray, Colo., was hired January 27 to establish a Victim Assistance Unit within the Perkins County Sheriffs Office. The Victim Assistance Unit will assist victims of crime, including victims of domestic violence.

The program will offer an efficient system of assistance between the crime victim, the criminal justice system and various community based organizations.



Anderson will be able to provide crime victims with case status information, assist in court proceedings, direct services to victims, provide followup contact with victims, and assist victims in completing paperwork.

Anderson will also serve as Pre-Trial Diversion Program Administrator for the newly revamped Perkins County Pre-Trial Diversion Program. A number of recent legislative changes affecting the juvenile justice system required a major overhaul of the program previously used in Perkins County.

The newly created program, a joint venture between the Perkins' County Attorney Office and Perkins County Sheriffs Office, will establish an alternative for youth who are charged with an infraction or misdemeanor to the traditional criminal justice system.

The diversion program will keep first time non-violent offenders out of the court system and allow the court system to more efficiently process cases demanding the attention of the courts. Anderson, a graduate of Wray High School, studied Business Administration at Aims Community College in Greeley, Colo. and Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, Colo. prior to working for the Yuma County Sheriffs Office.

"Angel is more than well suited to run these new programs within our office," said Sheriff Jim Brueggeman. "Angel comes to us from the Yuma County Sheriffs Office in Wray, Colo., with almost 10 years experience as a Victim Advocate Coordinator."

Anderson is married to former Perkins County Sheriffs Office Deputy Bryce Anderson who is now employed by NKC Railway in Grant. The Andersons have six children, Austin Anderson, Jesirae Earl, Chase Anderson, Noah Anderson, Maggie Earl, and Autumn Anderson.

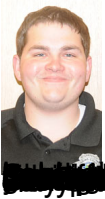
Anderson enjoys watching the children play sports and participate in their many activities.

Anderson enjoys reading and watching movies when not following the children in their activities.

Brandon Lehl, Dispatcher

Grant native Brandon Lehl was hired April 7 to fill a vacant dispatch position left open following the Dec. 31, 2013 resignation of Dispatcher Becky Uehling.

Uehling left dispatching to have the ability to spend more time at home with her three growing children.



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