

# Farmers should spray crops

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With the time near to plant next year's wheat crop, farmers in northwest Kansas should spray volunteer wheat to help keep disease away from tender young plants.

Otherwise, wheat mosaic viruses could cut damage as much as 50 percent.

Brian Olson, area agronomist for Kansas State University, said it's important that farmers kill any volunteer wheat, which he said

has sprung up in fields all over because of the moisture this year.

The volunteer wheat can harbor the wheat curl mite, said Mr. Olson, which spreads at least three viruses, wheat streak mosaic, triticum mosaic and high plains mosaic.

To reduce the chances of their wheat crop getting these diseases as new plants emerge, he said, wheat growers need to control the volunteer wheat now.

Farmers should be spraying volunteer wheat in the next few

weeks, said Mr. Olson, to make sure that the volunteer plants are dead, with no green wheat left in the fields, before the new wheat emerges.

He said spraying the volunteer plants will break the life cycle of the microscopic bugs. That doesn't just mean spraying the fields where the wheat is going to be planted, said Olson, but the fields around them too.

"Be a good neighbor," said Mr. Olson, "and treat your volunteer wheat."

Otherwise, he said, wheat curl mite will move around in the wind, landing on new wheat and infecting it. The wheat will then harbor the mites all the way through to harvest. That can cut yields by as much as half, said Mr. Olson.

This is a really good time to be spraying, he said, because planting isn't too far away, with a good time around Sept. 20, just before the fall crops are harvested.

Some of the fall crops in the area look good and others were lost, he said. The crops that were alive when the rain finally came look OK, but other fields were lost during the dry spell at the end of July and beginning of August.

Lately, he said, there's been great weather for the corn and soybeans. It's rained off and on and the temperatures have been down.

The cool weather, he said, has put the milo crop 2 1/2 to three weeks behind in development. Mr. Olson said he thought the milo in his test plot in Colby would flower at the beginning of August, but it's just doing it now.

There's a chance, with the late development, the milo could freeze before the grain fills out all the way. If that happens, it could mean light test weights, he said.

Some of the milo in the area that has a shorter maturity or was planted earlier, said Mr. Olson, could be fine, but they will have to wait and see.

For the corn, soybeans and sunflowers, though, he said, the weather's been great.



CHEYLIN GIRLS practice before their first game which was held on Tuesday night.  
Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

## Student News

Valparaiso University, Ind., student Kelsi Miller, a sophomore exploratory major from Strasburg, will serve as a residential assistant this coming school year.

Kelsi will help create and carry out educational outreach programs for her fellow students, as well as plan informal activities for the students in their halls. The

residential assistant position also provides opportunities to help orient students to college life and aid in the development of their academic and social skills.

She is a Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority house and a cheerleader. Her grandparents are Dean and Teresa Knapp of Bird City and Bobbie Miller of Atwood.

## Club Clips

### Red Hat Mamas

Aug. 19, was adventurous as the Red Hat Mamas drove to Prairie House Herbs, 2-miles east of St. Francis for a tasty workshop focused on cooking with herbs.

The sister team of Laura Reeser and Jo Hagney prepared a meal beginning with palate pleasing rosemary lemonade. Appearance was stressed, as salads prepared with greens and tomatoes from their garden and topped with a special fresh herb dressing were enjoyed.

The tables were adorned with pots of herbs and plates of herb/cheese bread. To complement the bread were spreads made of cream cheese, butter and special spices. Salt is generally not needed when cooking with herbs. Buttermilk herb chicken, carrots and heavenly angel cake (made from farm fresh eggs) with strawberry topping completed the personalized recipe menu. The Red Hatters appreciated the ladies for the educational experience.

Queen, Phyllis Wingfield, read a thank you letter from Gwen Boswell for the performance at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show followed by a couple of befitting stories. Three ladies have expressed interest in becoming red hat members. It was moved by Bonnie and second by Marlene that Theresa Knapp, Linda Query and LaVina Waters be asked to join the group.

The September meeting will be on the 16th with a planned trip to Wray, Colo., for lunch with a music box viewing.

Red Hatters attending were Florence Antholz, Frieda Black, Bonnie Burr, Bethel Goltl, Vernetta Haack, Bev Higgins, Diane Kribs, Iris McIntosh, Lois Morelock, Edna Roesener, Phyllis Wingfield and Marlene Young.

## Management director discusses department

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Kathy Hertel, director of materials management, was on hand to talk about the operations of her department at the Aug. 28 Cheyenne County Hospital Board meeting.

For the last 28 years, her responsibility has been ordering the supplies for the hospital. She expects changes in the next year as they are going to be sharing services with six other hospitals. The goal, she said, is to get better prices for items.

She said she orders supplies on Thursday and they arrive by truck on Monday. If she needs something immediately, she can

have the supplies delivered by Fed-X.

In the past year, the hospital has gone to "minimum charge." There is no charge to patients for items that cost under \$5. These no-charge items, she said, show up on detailed bills.

She said storage is a problem. We are, she said, encouraged not to overstock. But, in the winter when there may be a problem of getting supplies delivered, they do increase the stock.

Jackie John, area director for Great Plains Health Alliance, said Ms. Hertel is on a materials advisory staff. She also noted that the Alliance maintains standardized charge master.

## School launches box tops campaign for the elementary

Cheylin Elementary school has launched their 2008-2009 Box Tops for Education campaign.

Box Tops for Education is a school program started by General Mills in 1996. To date, Box Tops has helped America's schools raise over \$200 million to buy the things they need but can't afford, such as library books, school supplies and playground equipment. The program offers school supporters

three easy ways to earn cash for schools through everyday activities like buying groceries, shopping online and purchasing books.

To help the students at Cheylin reach their goal to buy enrichment projects start by collecting Box Tops from hundreds of familiar participating products and bring them to school or give them to a student. Another way is to sign up on the Box Tops website at

www.boxtops4education.com and designate Cheylin. Also, learn about making a difference—at no additional cost.

The students will be having a class contest from now until December. The third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades will be participating. The top class will be awarded an ice cream float party and the top three student collectors will be awarded a prize.

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### McDonald Senior Citizens

Thirty-eight senior citizens enjoyed the Labor Day potluck dinner and meeting of the McDonald Senior Citizens.

Joan Tongish welcomed everyone, especially welcoming and introducing the new minister of the Federated Church and his wife. September anniversaries were acknowledged.

Vera Kacirek gave the readings, "Just A Farmer" and "Bibles and Cell Phones" and then led the prayer.

The tables, decorated by Phyllis Wingfield, at each place setting had a package of "Cow Seeds"—A Cow Herder Starter.

After dinner, Ray Johnson called the bingo games. Blackout was shared by Ratha Lea Loker and Leonard Vyzourek.

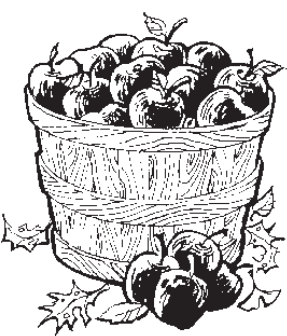
At the business meeting, thanks went to everyone who had helped in any way with the dinner, and thanks to Ray Johnson for getting rid of the sand burrs.

The minutes and treasurer's report were accepted as read. Joan said she would not be present for the October meeting, so Phyllis Wingfield would conduct the meeting.

The October committees will be: Prizes, LaVina Waters; Bingo, Leonard Vyzourek; Poem and Prayer, Marlene Johnson; kitchen help, Phyllis Wilkinson, Eleanor Swihart and Betty Lewis.

## Bird City News

Tom and Marcy Dorsch of Whitewater were recent overnight guests of Keith and Hulda Dorsch. Carol Mears joined the Dorsch for supper.



Dr. Anthony Hornick  
Surgeon



Dr. Afaq Zaman Khan  
Surgeon



Dr. Charles Schultz  
Surgeon



Dr. Zurab Tsereteli  
Surgeon

## Introducing the Newest Members Of Our Surgical Team!

### Welcome, Drs. Hornick and Khan

Hays Medical Center welcomes Dr. Anthony Hornick and Dr. Afaq Khan to our general surgery team, joining Dr. Charles Schultz and Dr. Zurab Tsereteli.

**Anthony Hornick, MD.** Dr. Hornick has previously served as a visiting surgeon for Hays Medical Center and now permanently joins the surgical medical staff. He earned his medical degree from the University of Kansas and completed his internship and residency at Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix. He served a fellowship at St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo. Dr. Hornick is board certified.

**Afaq Zaman Khan, MD, FRCS.** Dr. Khan completed his medical training in Pakistan, Scotland and Ireland. He completed his residency at Michigan State University, Grand Rapids, Michigan. This was followed by a foregut fellowship at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California.

Dr. Hornick and Dr. Khan are now accepting appointments for new patients. For referrals contact your primary care physician, or for more information, call 785-623-5000.



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