

## Workers prepare for Thresher show



GERALD WRIGHT is teaching Ray Martinez his apprentice worker how to do an Ultrasound. They are measuring the thickness of the boiler plate on a 1914 Case 65 horse threshing machine belonging to Dennis Paden in Norton. Times staff photo by Norma Martinez



DAVID BURNS is replacing a bell on the Hott combine. Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

## Village lease agreement almost ready to send to Society

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The lease agreement between the county and Good Samaritan Society is about ready to be returned to the Society.

At the Monday meeting of the Cheyenne County Commissioners, Kari Gilliland, county attorney, had received several questions from Jeff Paulsen, Good Samaritan Village administrator. As she read them, the commissioners answered them.

The Society plans to hand over the facility and its contents for \$1 on Jan. 1. They wanted to know if the county was setting aside money for improvements at the Village like the hospital does.

It was noted that the hospital has funded depreciation, which, said Andy Beikman, commissioner, was another

word for setting money aside for equipment.

The commissioners agreed that it would be their building and they would take care of the improvements as needed.

One of the questions asked – was the county going to assume new insurance for the property. The Society, they said, should take care of the liability and workman's comp insurance.

The commissioners had talked to the agents who carry the county's insurance but the agents were unsure as to what they would be insuring and had not given a quote. Mrs. Milliken said she would talk to the agents. Dale Patton, commission, wondered if the county could buy in on the Society's insurance. Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, said it appeared that, from the financial figures they had received from

the Society, they paid about \$20,000 a year.

Mrs. Milliken will report back on her findings at the next meeting, noting that there is now a list of Village assets.

Another question asked if the county would be renaming the nursing home. The answer was, "no."

Mr. Paulsen said since most of the electronic equipment is leased, it would not be part of the equipment handed over. Mrs. Gilliland suggested the county would need to have the assignments of the leases but it is a technicality that needs to be cleared up. She will talk to the lease company.

Mr. Beikman said the county needs to define just what is leased. Mr. Patton thought the county needs a list of these assessments.

The Good Samaritan Village has an advisory board. The Society wanted to know if the commissioners will want to continue with the same type of advisory board or did they want a board similar to the hospital's, which has more authority.

Mrs. Gilliland suggested that they maintain the advisory board. Mr. Beikman said he felt that it is important that at least one commissioner serve on this board.

Mr. Paulsen had a list of suggested capital improvements including finishing the air system in the east wing, changing out the air conditioner and resealing the parking area, improve the sign on the highway.

Mr. Patton said the Society probably has a complete list of projects that need to be done and the approximate costs. He asked

Mrs. Gilliland to obtain the list and also have Mr. Paulsen prioritize the projects.

The commissioners were concerned about the Society wanting 5 percent of the gross to manage the facility. Mrs. Gilliland said there is nothing in the lease agreement about 5 percent of the gross to manage.

They (Society) get the profit but, if there is a profit, the county does not have to pay out of the 6 mills tax money to help with the operation.

At the last meeting, Mrs. Gilliland, with the commissioners approval, changed the ninth paragraph of the lease so the commissioners would have the right to review the finances and see how much to budget each year. There would also not be a guaranteed amount paid to the Society each year.

The commissioners had been concerned about the wording in paragraph nine which basically stated that the county, after the Society had handed over the facility for \$1, would give the Society \$200,000 per year for 5 years to be used for capital improvements and to supplement operating funds.

The new wording would give the commissioners the right to review the finances and see how much to budget each year. There would also not be a guaranteed amount.

Randy Fitzgerald, director of operations for the Village, told Mrs. Gilliland that the wording was vague but he could work with it.

Mrs. Gilliland will have more information about the Village lease at the next meeting.

## Thresher queen's identity clues told

The 2012 Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show is only a week away and clues to the Thresher Queen's identity will be printed in this week's newspaper as well as next week's.

Each year, a committee selects a woman whose identity remains a mystery until the day of her crowning, which is on the first day of the show.

This year's queen said when she was living at home, there was plenty of work to be done. They had cows to milk, then the milk was separated and fed to the calves. There was also the eggs to gather.

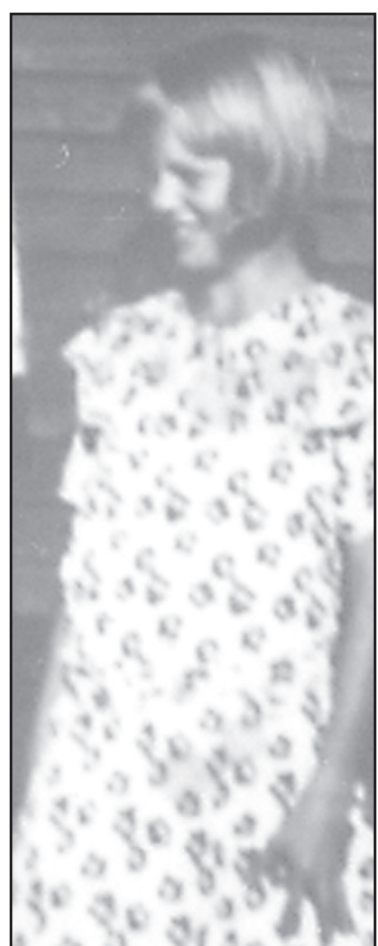
Mom, she said, always planned to have a large brood of hens to lay eggs as that was the basis of her grocery money.

"We also sold cream to supplement the grocery money," she said. "I don't remember what the eggs were sold for then, but I think it was around 10-cents a dozen."

The last clue will be printed in next week's issues of the *Bird City Times* and *The Saint Francis Herald*.

If you haven't already guessed who the queen is, look for next week's clue or plan to attend the program in front of the grandstand starting at 1:15 p.m. on Thursday at the thresher show grounds.

Last year's queen, Vernetta Haack, will present a doll dressed in similar attire as what she wore at her crowning. Her doll will be among 38 dolls on display at the



2012 Thresher Queen

Eggers "8" Museum.

The Thresher Show special section, inserted in the *Times* and *Herald*, is full of information and history of the show. Be sure to check out this special section and thank the advertisers who made it possible.



WORK has started on the new senior independent living apartments in Bird City.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

## Emergency haying approved in county

As of Monday, Cheyenne County is one of 91 Kansas counties approved for emergency haying and grazing of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) land.

The Kansas Farm Service Agency's State Committee used their authority with the D2 Severe and D3 Extreme drought designations on U.S. Drought Monitor maps to make the authorization.

Emergency haying in approved counties is allowed through Aug. 15. Participants must leave at least 50 percent of each field or

contiguous fields unhayed for wildlife. Hay must be removed from the field within 30 days from end of the haying period.

Hay cannot be sold. Producers without livestock may rent or lease the haying privileges.

Emergency grazing is allowed through Sept. 30. Participants must leave at least 25 percent of each field or contiguous Conservation Reserve Program fields ungrazed for wildlife, or graze not more than 75 percent of the stocking rate. All livestock must be removed by the end of this grazing period. Producers

without livestock may rent or lease the grazing privileges.

The Secretary of Agriculture announced on July 11, the payment reduction cost for emergency haying and grazing has been reduced from 25 percent of the rental payment per acre to 10 percent for the 2012 year.

Emergency haying and grazing is not allowed on the same acreage, and any other approved haying or grazing is not allowed on the same acreage.

Crop Rotation Program participants must contact the local Farm Service Agency office

to request emergency haying or grazing on an individual contract basis prior to haying or grazing. They will need to work with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to develop a forage management plan prior to haying or grazing. If the CRP cover is destroyed, the practice must be re-established at their own expense to remain in compliance with the contract.

