

Village financial health discussed with commissioners

Jeff Paulsen, Good Samaritan Village administrator, discussed the monthly financials with the Cheyenne County Commissioners at the July 31 meeting. The county assumed possession of the nursing home and apartments on July 1. The Good Samaritan Society is leasing the facility and Mr. Paulsen will be making monthly reports to the commissioners.

The review was for the month of June, the last month that the Society owned the nursing home. The operating revenue for the 28 days of June was \$153,985 and the expenses were \$174,313. The facility would have been close to showing a profit had the society not settled the employee's "Paid Time Off" which was \$20,000.

The independent living apartments at the Village have several vacancies. Administrator Paulsen was concerned but also noted, recently, there have been some people showing interest. The commissioners said they thought that it might be a normal trend. In the last six months, the apartments have shown a profit.

Mr. Paulsen said there were several maintenance items and improvements that need the attention of the county including:

- Asphalt crack-sealing and preservation of the parking lots.
- Design for the west entrance remodel. He noted that the Society has donated money for this project.
- Kick-plate covers for corridor kick plates are needed.
- Tires are needed for the lift van.
- Having the hospital provide physical therapy services for the nursing home.
- Working with the airport in clearing the road and lots after 3 or more inches of snow falls.

Next year, some of the improvements needing consideration includes the installation of an air-handling system in the west wing of the nursing home (cost is estimated

to be \$20,000 to \$25,000); upgrade air conditioning in resident rooms in the west wing; erecting a flag pole (there is donation money for this project) and, start saving money to replace the lift van which will be 20 years old in 2016.

Following Mr. Paulsen's report, the county hospital administrator, Judy Rockwood, along with Heidi Tice, chief financial officer, and Kari Gilliland, hospital board member, presented a budget request for the hospital. They were requesting 12 mills and, until the budget is set, the amount is not known. However, they are wanting approximately \$800,000 from the county. Last year, they had asked for 12 mills, which is the most the hospital can request. From that mill request, the hospital received \$457,827 in county property tax. The hospital also gets 1 cent of each sales tax dollar charged in the county. Last year, the hospital received approximately \$388,595 from this sales tax, giving the hospital a total of \$846,422 taxpayers money 2012.

Now that both the hospital and the nursing home are owned by the county and receive tax dollars, the commissioners asked if the hospital's physical therapy department could service the nursing home? They were told that the hospital can but it would have to charge as contract billing. It would also require hiring a new physical therapy employee.

Great Plains Health Alliance leases the county hospital and the lease contract is up for renewal. The commissioners suggested that maybe it was time to review management options. Ms. Rockwood agreed that it is good to review other options.

Editor's note: The above article was taken in part from the unapproved July 31 commissioners' minutes.

Cheyenne County wheat field day held

Farmers and other interested people attended the Cheyenne County Wheat Field Day on Wednesday, June 17, at the wheat plot south of Wheeler. Each year, Sunny Crest Farms, operated by Junior, Tom and Matt Smull, furnishes the plot.

The results are in and are published with this article.

The K-State wheat plot results for Cheyenne County are pretty exciting when you think of all the challenges the wheat has faced this last year, said Jeanne Falk, Kansas State Multi-County Agronomist.

This year, she said, was really a test of drought tolerance and the ability of wheat to 'hold in there' in tough growing conditions. This was not a year of testing the top end yield potential of the varieties. I think that showed in the yields.

The spread of yields was less than 10 bushel per acre. The average yield for the plot was 31.7 bushels per acre and that was very similar to the rest of the field.

The top yielding wheat variety in the plots was a tie between SY Wolf from AgriPro and Winterhawk from West-Bred with 35.4 bushels per acre.

SY Wolf is a new release and seems to do very well in high residue situations. Winterhawk is a medium maturity that has been out for a few years. In addition, it seems to be quite drought tolerant. T-163, T-158 and Redhawk rounded out the top five. The 'T' varieties are both from LimaGrain and are

from the Trio breeding program from Wichita. Both of these varieties have T-81 in their background.

"We had pretty tough planting conditions on Sept. 24 when the plot was drilled," the agronomist said.

It was seeded at 1.5-inches deep into dry soil. In that next week, the plot received nearly 0.50 inches of moisture and that is what helped the plot get a stand.

In addition, the three rounds of cold temperatures in April had everyone concerned for the wheat. In many cases, the wheat was damaged cosmetically after the first freeze, but never really had a chance to recover before the next two freezes.

This did cause damage in some fields in the area, she said. Then the dry conditions during the spring and summer only added fuel to the fire of concern for the wheat. It was actually exciting to see the wheat rolling into the weigh wagon when we were harvesting this year!

Thank you to Sunny Crest Farms for being the wheat plot cooperater! Also, thanks to Yonkey Farms for harvesting the wheat test plot!

We are planning out the wheat plot for next year, she said. If you have any specific varieties that you would like to see in the plot, please let me know! I can be contacted at the Extension office or you can email me at jfalk@k-state.edu.

Variety		Yield (bu/ac)*	Moisture (%)	Test Weight (lb/bu)	Protein (%)
SY Wolf	AgriPro	35.4	9.9	59.1	14.9
Winterhawk	WestBred	35.4	9.9	59.3	14.2
T163	Limagrain	34.8	9.5	58.3	13.2
T158	Limagrain	34.7	9.6	58.9	13.4
Redhawk	WestBred	33.1	9.7	59.4	15.0
Hatcher	Colorado State	33.1	9.8	57.8	14.6
T154	Limagrain	33.1	9.8	59.4	14.1
TAM 112	Watley	32.9	9.5	58.2	14.7
Grainfield	WestBred	32.8	9.8	56.6	15.2
PostRock	AgriPro	32.7	9.5	58.6	14.9
Byrd	Colorado State	32.4	10.1	57.6	14.2
Brawl CL	Colorado State	31.8	10.3	58.6	14.8
TAM 113	Agseco	31.8	9.8	58.7	14.5
TAM 111	AgriPro	30.7	9.7	58.2	14.2
Denali	Colorado State/K-State	30.6	10.0	57.5	14.4
Everest	K-State	30.2	9.7	57.9	15.0
1863	K-State	29.9	10.5	59.1	14.5
Hitch	WestBred	28.6	9.8	58.0	14.5
SY Gold	AgriPro	28.3	9.8	58.7	15.3
Cedar	WestBred	27.5	9.9	57.2	13.9
Armour	WestBred	27.2	10.0	56.8	14.6
Fuller	K-State	26.0	9.9	57.8	15.5
Winterhawk	at 75 lbs/ ac	36.7	9.9	59.6	14.0
TAM 111	at 75 lbs/ ac	35.7	9.7	58.5	14.3
TAM 111	at 30 lbs/ ac	26.7	10.0	58.1	14.5
Plot Average		31.7	9.8	58.3	14.5

Wheat drilled on September 24, 2012
 Plot planted at 60 lbs/ ac (unless otherwise stated)
 Seed drilled at 1.5 inches into dry soil
 Plot Harvested: July 9, 2013
 Plot Harvested by: Yonkey Farms
 * Yields are adjusted to 13% moisture.

Noninsured Assistance Program deadline near

NAP APPLICATION Calicia Davison, director for the Cheyenne County Farm Service Agency, reminds producers that Sept. 1 is the application closing date for certain crops under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). Crops eligible for program benefits are limited to those not insurable in the county and are produced for food or fiber.

Sept. 1 is the final date to pay the applicable service fee and obtain the coverage for triticale, barley, rye and wheat for hay or grazing and canola, triticale and rye for grain as well. Crops eligible for the benefits are limited to those not insurable "downtown" in the county, such as forage crops for livestock (mechanically harvested or grazed). Continuous Crop Wheat planted with the intention of harvesting as grain is not eligible for benefits.

The administrative service fee is \$250 per crop per administrative county not to exceed \$750 per

producer per administrative county and a \$1,875 maximum fee for multi-county producers. Interested producers must pay the fee and file form CCC-471, Application for Coverage, by the application closing deadline.

This coverage entitles eligible producers to a payment of 55 percent of an average market price for the commodity if a natural disaster caused a 50 percent production loss or greater of an eligible crop.

In the unfortunate event that a producer does suffer a loss on their particular crop, a form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, must be filed with Farm Service Agency within 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence, or the date the loss becomes apparent to the producer.

Interested producers should contact the office at 785-332-2183 prior to the Sept. 1 application closing date to obtain Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program coverage on the above crops.

McDonald News

Karlyne Atchison attended Bobbie Miller's funeral at St. John Lutheran Church, Bird City, Tuesday morning.

Thursday afternoon, Nyla Cheney of Winter, S.D., called on Karlyne Atchison.

Friday afternoon guests of Karlyne Atchison were Debbie Banister and Won Kim of Topeka.

Marilyn Adams spent the weekend with her mother in Winfield.

The Binning girls were Monday morning callers on Ratha Lea Loker.

Charlie Hoxsey of Woodward, Okla., was a Saturday lunch guest of Ratha Lea Loker. He played in the golf tournament in Atwood.

Sunday, July 28, Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson attended the 3 p.m. ordination of Stan Palmer at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Kinsley. The 7 p.m. installation service was at the Zion Lutheran Church, Offerlie, a country church were the parsonage is located. The Wilkinsons returned home Tuesday, stopping at the Colby Fair to see exhibits of Claire and Lakin Denny.

Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson attended the Kacirek Family Reunion, Aug. 4, at the PDC Building in Atwood with many relatives, near and far. Later that afternoon, Kenneth and Phyllis called on Gene Koons in the Atwood Hospital.

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