

September recognized as preparedness month

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This month brought tragedy, loss of property, and even loss of life for some families just west of us in Colorado. Knowing what to do during an emergency can mean the difference between life and death. This September, learn what to do before, during and after a disaster.

This year marks the 10th National Preparedness Month, sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the Department of Homeland Security. The goal is to educate the public on how to prepare for emergencies, including natural disasters, mass casualties, biological and chemical threats, radiation emergencies, and terrorist attacks.

"It is a proven fact that families who prepare ahead of time have a better chance of ensuring their safety during a disaster," said Ryan Murray, director of Cheyenne and Sherman county's emergency management.

Every family should talk about potential disasters and why it is necessary to prepare for them. Involve each family member in the planning process. By showing them simple steps that can increase their safety, it reduces anxiety about emergencies.

Make an emergency plan with family and friends in case you are not together during an emergency, Mr. Murray said. Discuss a meeting place and how you will get in contact with one another.

One of the foremost things every person can do to prepare is to have a 72-hour self-sustaining emergency kit. If a disaster strikes, food, water or electricity may be unavailable for some time. Take the time now to prepare, and be sure every family member knows where to find the 72 hour kit.

Some of the items you should have stored in your 72-hour kit include:

- Food and water: A three-day supply of food and water, per person, when no refrigeration or cooking is available. Food like protein or granola bars, crackers, trail mix, and canned beans or meat are good to store. One gallon of water should be available per person in the kit.
- Bedding and clothing: A change

of clothing, raincoats, blankets and sheets are needed in the kit for each person in the family.

- Fuel and light: Flashlights, extra batteries, flares, candles, and waterproof matches.

- Equipment: A can opener, a few disposable dishes and utensils, shovel, radio with batteries, and a cell phone with a charger.

- Personal supplies and medication: A first aid kit, toilet paper, toiletries, prescription medication and tylenol and other commonly used medications, infant supplies if applicable.

- It is also a good idea to pack a few toys and games for children as they will provide some comfort during a stressful time.

- Use a bag that is easy to carry such as a large backpack or duffel bag to pack all of the items in.

Check the 72 hour kit every six months to make sure that all supplies are fresh and have not expired, clothing fits, and batteries are charged.

Ryan said that people with special needs should take extra care to plan ahead. If a family member requires electricity for any health reason, it is extremely important that an alternative source of power is available. It could take emergency response crews hours or even days to reach people during an emergency or extreme weather. Have a back up generator, or plan where to go should such an emergency occur.

Being prepared means staying informed. Listen and check all types of media. Local emergency management services offices will have information on such things as open shelters or evacuation orders.

It is also important to stress that you should not travel unless absolutely necessary during hazardous weather, Ryan said.

Though some people feel it is impossible to be prepared for unexpected events, the truth is that taking preparedness actions helps people deal with disasters of all sorts much more effectively when they do occur.

Those interested in learning more can contact Ryan Murray at the local emergency management office or read more on the website www.ksready.gov.

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BONNIE BURR, HULDA DORSCH, and Dee Dorsch enjoyed the senior potluck dinner at the new round tables.

Times photo by Norma Martinez

Seniors citizens enjoy round tables

Over twenty-five seniors enjoyed potluck at the senior center on Monday. They were able to enjoy the round tables purchased for the center by the Community Club. This was their payment to the center for allowing them

to have their monthly meetings there. Everyone enjoyed being able to communicate with everyone at the table. They also take up less room than the long tables.

Mila Bandel, county health nurse, gave 25 blood pressure

checks and several flu shots.

A brief business meeting was held to determine the charge for rental of the facilities for outside groups. There will not be a charge for the use of the facilities during the day when the center is

open, but a charge of \$20 will be charged after 5 p.m. for non-members. Check with Bonnie Burr for clearance for the daytime availability and to pay the rental fee if used after 5.

Good Samaritan celebrates founding

Good Samaritan Societies, including the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis, are celebrating their founding. There are Good Samaritan Society locations across the nation who will be celebrating the origins of The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society.

The Society, founded by the Rev. August "Dad" Hoeger, was incorporated on Sept. 29, 1922, and opened its first home, a six-room rented house, on March 1, 1923, in Arthur, N.D. Over the

years, the Society has grown from serving a handful of residents to being the nation's largest not-for-profit provider of care and services for seniors and others in need.

The Good Samaritan Society of Cheyenne County plans a salad and dessert potluck dinner on Sunday, Oct. 6, at noon to commemorate Founder's Day. The Village will supply beef barbecue and potatoes as well as beverages, while guests are asked to bring a salad or dessert of their

choice. A short worship service will precede the meal. The meal is open to all friends of the Society, said Jeff Paulsen, administrator.

"Founder's Day is a special time to honor our history and celebrate our staff members and residents who carry on the Good Samaritan Society's legacy each day," said Administrator Paulsen.

The Village is part of The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society that owns and

operates more than 240 long-term care centers and retirement living centers across the country. The Society's mission is to share God's love in word and deed by providing shelter and supportive services to older people and others in need, believing that "in Christ's love, everyone is someone."

For more information, contact Mr. Paulsen, 785-332-2531 or at www.good-sam.com.

Introducing

Chase Duane Hawkins was born to JD and Jordan Hawkins at Evans Army Hospital, Fort Carson Colorado, on Aug. 30, 2013, weighing 6 pounds 11 ounces and was 20-inches long.

Grandparents are Toni and Lex Landenberger, St. Francis, Joey and Scott Lamborn, Kersey, Colo., Bob Hawkins. St. Francis,

and Todd Lester, Missouri. Great-grandparents are Elsie Cook, Betty Rinehart, Greeley, Colo., Shorty and Rita Hawkins, McDonald, Helene Landenberger, St. Francis, Shirley Lamborn, Windsor, Colo., and Pat Tripplett, Marysville, Mo. Great-great-grandma is Jean Rinehart.



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VICTOR & CLARA MEYER ESTATE DRYLAND AUCTION W/RESERVE
Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 1:30 pm, MT
Elks Lodge - Goodland, KS

750.7 +/- Ac • DRY FARMLAND SHERMAN COUNTY, KS

750.7 +/- AC to be offered in 3 parcels and 1 combo; L/L share of fall planted crops to Purchaser; Possession of land with crop upon harvest.

PARCEL #1: 319.3 +/- ac Dryland; E1/2 of 36, T9S, R38S; From Edson, KS, 7 mi S on CR 29 to CR 57, 1 1/2 mi E on CR 57 to NW corner of property.

PARCEL #2A: 293.4 +/- ac Dryland; W1/2 of 22, T8S, R38S; Adjacent to Edson, KS; CR 28 borders W property Line, CR 64 borders S property line.

PARCEL #2B: 138 +/- ac Dryland; SE1/4 of 21, T8S, R38S; From Edson, 1/2 mi west; CR 28 borders E property Line, CR 64 borders S property line.

Combo #2: Parcels #2A & #2B.

BUYERS' INFORMATIONAL MEETING
Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 1:30 pm, MT
Elks Lodge - Goodland, KS

960+/- ACRES CROPLAND, GRASS & CRP
"MULTI-PARCEL" ABSOLUTE LAND AUCTION
SHERMAN COUNTY, KS
SELLER: ESTATE OF MERLE STASSER
Tues, Oct. 15, 2013 @ 10:30 AM, MDT

AUCTION LOCATION:
Community Hall at the Firehouse, Goodland, KS

Land will be sold in 3 tracts and combinations of tracts:

LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS:
TRACT 1: NW/4 of 29-7-41; Tract of 23.9± ac cropland in SW/4 of 20-7-41; and all cropland ac in E/2 of 30-7-41
•151.3 ac cropland
•52.8± ac grass
•64.2 ac CRP

TRACT 2: SE/4 of 19-7-41; grass acres in E/2 of 30-7-41 and SW/4 of 20-7-41; and Tract of 48.4± ac cropland in SW/4 of 20-7-41
•126.1 ac cropland
•40.1± ac grass

TRACT 3: NW/4 of 30-7-41
•79.1± ac grass
•80.9 ac CRP

•Total of 422.5 acres cropland. 277.4 acres are newly broke & in compliance with NRCS. 145.1 acres come out of CRP in 2015 - could be broke out & added to the cultivated acres.
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Buy tickets at the door or in advance at the Prairie Museum

Reserved VIP Tables
\$250 seating eight people
Does not include admission

6p.m. - BBQ
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