

Club Clip

Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign War Post 1528

The Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign War Post 1528 met on May 16 at the Majestic Service. There were eight members present: Connie Rooney, Marlys Poulignot, Ruth Moore, Carol Connett, Dot Hill, Annette Erskin, Kary Jo Meyer and Wanda Dowdy.

Communication was read. The auxiliary had received a Certificate of Participation in recognition of the Americanism Program. This was really a great certificate and one that members are very proud to have.

The sale of poppies was discussed. This will be done on the 14th of June with one table at the Post Office with Dot Hill and Ruth Moore starting at 9 a.m. There will also be a second table at the grocery store with Carol Connett and Connie Rooney starting at 9 a.m.

There was also a discussion about the Memorial Day Service which will be on the 30th of May at the St. Francis Cemetery. The program has been finalized and Connie will make sure the different parts are given out. This will be a great time of remembering veterans who have served and especially those who have given all for American freedoms. Members will be placing flags on the graves at 6p.m. on Sunday, May 29.

Two poems were written in the May Packet for the Auxiliary. One was "In Flanders Field," by Col. John McCrae, and which members were familiar with. The second one was "America's Answer," by R. W. Lillard.

This really made those attending think of the true meaning of Memorial Day and also of the poppies that members sell.

Wanda Dowdy brought some examples of what Karen Stark, from the Hugs Program in Oklahoma,

had showed at the American Legion Auxiliary lunch. One of the things that they try to send every soldier was a little prayer rock that would remind them to pray to God in the morning and the evening. It had a cute little poem to go with it. Then there was a packet with a star from an American Flag that was going to be burned. With this star was a poem about the fact that this star had flown for a long time, but it was sent to the soldier to remind them that they were loved and appreciated for what they were doing to preserve freedom. Then there was a game "Sequence" that was made using cards glued to some drapery material, two decks of cards and some tiddly-wink discs or chips from poker game. These were just some of the ideas that the Hugs Program uses to encourage soldiers. The club will think about these for J. D. when he is shipped out to Afghanistan in June.

The group discussed having some kind of fund-raiser. The flag-pole and flag set were again discussed. Connie will still find out about cost and if she can get some made by June 14, she will get them to the groups that are selling the poppies.

Ruth Moore made a motion to have a Bakeless Bake Sale for donations not less than \$10. Dot Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Wanda Dowdy will get these made up and in the mail with a deadline of June 14 to have the donations sent to the Auxiliary.

The next meeting will be on June 20 at 1:30 p.m. at the City Hall.

Anyone who would qualify will be welcome to join the group at that time to help in the upcoming projects.



MEMBERS OF THE Cheylin Choir sing during a Spring performance. (l to r) Elsa Burr, Mary Anne Orten, Elizabeth Kelts, Anna Marie Crespin, Rachel Keltz, Jamie Davison, Haleigh Rucker, Bergan Bock, C.J. Antholz, Danae Magnani and Tommy Frisbie join in.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

Across the County

Horse Owners Urged to Watch for Signs of Equine Virus

Just as the spring horse show season moves into full swing, owners and trainers are encouraged to monitor their horses for symptoms of a potentially serious disease that is easily spread from horse to horse or through shared equipment.

The warning follows an outbreak of equine herpesvirus myeloencephalopathy at a competition in Utah April 29-May 8, in which horses from other states competed. Since then, the virus appears to have spread to several other states, according to a Kansas State University veterinarian.

As of May 18, a total of 14 confirmed or suspected cases have been reported in the United States, including five deaths. The states reporting confirmed or suspected cases by that date included California, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico (suspected), Utah (suspected), Washington and Alberta, Canada.

There have been no confirmed or suspected cases reported in Kansas so far (as of May 18), said Beth Davis, associate professor of clinical sciences in K-State's College of Veterinary Medicine.

"Equine herpes virus 1, or EHV-1, is one of a large group of DNA viruses causing potentially serious disease in horses and other species," Ms. Davis said. "Equine herpes virus-1 can cause different forms of disease, including abortion in mares, respiratory infection and neurological symptoms. The most recent outbreaks have involved the EHV-1 respiratory/neurological form of the virus, or equine herpesvirus myeloencephalopathy (EHM)."

The virus is contagious and is spread by direct horse-to-horse

contact, but also by contaminated hands, equipment and tack, Ms. Davis said. Ms. Davis serves as K-State's section head for equine medicine and surgery. The virus also can spread for a short time through the air within the stall and stable environment.

Horses infected with the neurologic strain of equine herpes virus-1 might have a fever as well as nasal discharge, incoordination, hind-end weakness, recumbency, lethargy, urine dribbling and diminished tail tone.

Currently there are no equine herpes virus-1 vaccines that have been proven to prevent against

the development of equine herpesvirus myeloencephalopathy, she said. She recommends that horse owners contact their local veterinarian or the K-State Large Animal Desk (785-532-5700) to discuss potential vaccine recommendations that may be implemented to help limit the severity of disease, should their horse become exposed to the virus.

"If horse owners notice that a horse develops fever, respiratory or neurological signs, they should call us or their local veterinarian and not move the horse or horses in the immediate area," Davis said. "We are also urging horse owners

in this situation to alert those who have horses in the adjacent vicinity to cease all movement in or out of the facility until a diagnosis is confirmed by testing. If horses are exposed and then travel to a new stable or show, the infection can spread to other horses at the new location." Davis is encouraging horse owners who have questions or notice such symptoms to contact their veterinarian or K-State's Large Animal Desk at 785-532-5700. Contact the Cheyenne County Extension office at 332-3171 or cfe@ksu.edu with questions or comments. Till next week - Marty

Importance of wetlands seen in May recognition

May is American Wetlands Month and was created in 1991 by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and its federal, state, tribal, local, non-profit, and private sector partners to celebrate the vital importance of wetlands to the Nation's ecological, economic, and social health and to educate Americans about the value of wetlands as a natural resource.

The Wetlands Reserve Program became part of the 1995 Farm Bill. Since then the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has been working with farmers to protect those valuable wetlands by enrolling them into easements.

"Kansas producers have enrolled over 20,000 acres into Wetlands Reserve Program since

1995," said Eric Banks, Natural Resources Conservation Service State Conservationist. "There are still many more that could be enrolled."

State Conservationist Banks posed the following questions about wetlands on your land:

Are you tired of spending money trying to farm cropland that is just too wet most years?

Does your cropland have fish swimming through it due to flooding?

Do you find yourself driving through standing water trying to salvage at least part of your crop?

"If the answer to any of those questions is 'yes,'" said Mr. Banks, "then maybe it is time to consider Wetlands Reserve Program as part of the conservation plan for your farm."

The program is a voluntary restoration program that provides technical and financial assistance to restore and improve wetland resources on private lands.

A Wetlands Reserve Program easement can pay you for letting your land be what it was intended to be.

To find out more about applying for the program call or visit your local U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center (listed in the telephone book under United States Government or on the Internet at offices.usda.gov) or call the Kansas Natural Resources Conservation Service easement team at 785-823-4548 or visit <http://www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov>.

Fun Facts

Clean your glass shower
To clean the glass in your shower easily, apply lemon juice to the glass with a sponge. Then, take newspaper and wipe the lemon juice off the glass. It will be clean and sparkle with no scrubbing!

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Couple to celebrate Golden anniversary

Larry and Lorene Ward Willis will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception given by their family at Frontenac United Methodist Church, Frontenac, on June 11. Cards of congratulations can reach them at 810 Redbud Lane, Frontenac, KS 66763.

Larry and Lorene are the parents of Lori Anne (Dan) Wagoner, Hutchinson; Linda Willis, Kansas City, Mo.; and Larry (Rhonda) Willis, Jr., Pittsburg. They are the

grandparents of Tyler Wagoner, Kristina Willis, Ashley Willis, and Elizabeth Willis, all of Pittsburg and Stefani Wagoner, Hutchinson.

Lorene is the daughter of the late Loren and Cleo Finch Ward. Larry and Lorene were married on June 4, 1961, at her parent's home in Smith Centers by Reverend Avery Eastridge. Larry is the son of the late Harley and Aletha Pettit Willis of Bird City.

Deadline looms allowing farmers to file acreage report

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) has many programs that provide Kansas farmers and ranchers supplemental income to help with the many expenses of maintaining a crop or livestock operation. Angie Berens, County Executive Director of Cheyenne County Farm Service Agency reminds producers the deadline to file an acreage report is fast approaching!

Producers must report acreage's to maintain eligibility for Price Support Programs, Noninsured Crop Assistance Program (NAP), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), and Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program as well as the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payment Program (SURE). May 31 is the final date to certify small grains such as wheat, barley, triticale and oats. August 1 is the final date to certify spring seeded crops and Conservation Reserve Program. Noninsured Crop Assistance Program acreage's must be certified by Aug. 1 or 15 days prior to the onset of harvest or grazing.

"Failure to timely report your acres could jeopardize your eligibility for these programs," said

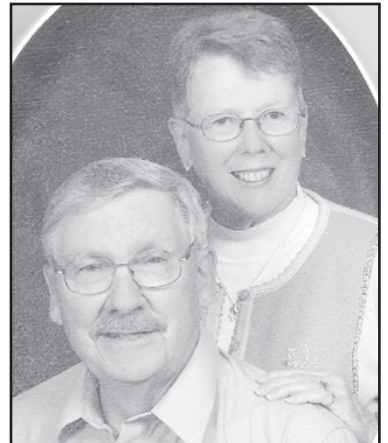
Director Berens. "There are still quite a few producers who need to come in before the end of the month." Aug. 1 is also the final date to request a farm reconstitution.

Farm Service Agency accepts applications anytime for Farm Storage Facility Loans, Continuous Conservation Reserve Program, Rural Youth Loans, and Direct or Guaranteed Operating or Farm Ownership Loans.

To apply for Farm Service Agency benefits or certify acreage's, contact the Farm Service Agency at 785-332-2183 to schedule an appointment.



Mr. and Mrs. Larry Willis



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