



Good Samaritan Village Plans

# Construction work begins at Village

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It has been eight months since the fire at the Good Samaritan Village destroyed the center section of the facility. Blue tarps covered part of the roof and the burned rooms on the south side.

However, on Friday, the blue tarps came off along with the shingles, rafters and insulation as a forklift began to remove the roof in sections. The plans are to begin knocking down interior walls this week. Jeffrey Paulsen, administrator, said the Good Samaritan Society has hired Altman-Charter, a long-term care design and construction firm out of St. Louis, Mo., as the general contractor.

A full set of plans has been drawn up, Mr. Paulsen said, and the general contractor will begin lining up subcontractors to do the structural

work as well as the electric, mechanical and plumbing work. The foundations will also need reinforcement. The plans were submitted to the state fire marshal's office and the Kansas Department on Aging in May, and required approval before any work could begin.

When the work is completed on the rebuilt center section, the present south wall will no longer be there, but the north wall will remain on the outside as it is today. The remodeling will also allow for three private rooms on the west end and three offices on the east end.

There will be a connecting corridor going the length of the wing which will be nice for residents, nursing and kitchen staff. Residents will be able to have meals in the dining room and the kitchen staff will no longer need to transport food and dishware on carts from the kitchen outside to the west wing. Mr. Paulsen said the construction is scheduled to be completed before the first of the year.

**Opened in March**

In March, the west wing was opened again to residents with a capacity of 22 beds. Before the fire, there were 50 resident beds. By the first of the year, the Village will be able to house 35 residents.

**Election**

There is an upcoming election in August to decide if taxpayers are agreed to accept county ownership of the Village. The Good Samaritan Society has offered to sell the nursing home and apartments to the county for \$1. With the sale, the Society would assume a 5-year contract to lease and operate the facility.

Look for more information on the election in upcoming issues of *The Herald* and *Times*.

## Projects selected for aviation funding

Thirty projects that will enhance safety and service at public use airports in the state have been selected for funding under the 2012 Kansas Airport Improvement Program. Bird City and St. Francis

also received funding. Eight communities in Northwest Kansas, including Quinter — where Kansas Department of Transportation director Ed Young recently announced the projects

will receive some of the \$3.54 million in funding for the projects made possible by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature last May. With local funds of approximately \$714,000, the total infrastructure investment will be \$4.25 million.

The following Northwest Kansas communities and their grant award amounts are: Bird City — Airfield maintenance equipment, \$15,750; St. Francis — Repair and seal ramp and taxiways, \$36,000; Colby — Upgrade airport weather observation system, \$36,537; Lucas — Repair and seal airfield pavements, \$29,412; Norton — Replace beacon, \$26,550; Quinter — Site selection study, \$38,000; Smith Center — Airspace protection planning, \$31,616; Trego County/WaKeeney — Design runway reconstruction, \$37,620 and reconstruct and widen runway, \$1,200,000 (two projects).

“Last year we released a study that showed Kansas airports support more than 47,000 jobs, generate \$2.3 billion in payroll and produce \$10.4 billion in on-airport economic activity,” said Mr. Young. “With that kind of impact, it’s not only important to maintain our aviation infrastructure, but to ensure that our investments match the needs of our system plan.”

The projects will address maintenance, runway, facility and equipment needs at airports in Kansas.

The Kansas Department of Transportation’s Division of Aviation, which manages the program, received 114 project applications for projects totaling approximately \$31.6 million. Both the applications and the total requested funding were the most ever received by the department.

Under guidelines of the program, project sponsors are required to pay a minimum of 10 percent of the total project costs, up to a maximum of 50 percent based on population.

## Pancake feed to help raise money

The First Christian Church is holding a pancake feed to support the Voice of the Martyr — Jesus: He Lived Among Us” movie production. The feed starts at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 9, in the fellowship hall.

The movie is still in production and will be an opportunity bring the gospel to other countries. It will be used as a missionary tool, said Pastor Jeff Landers.

The movie will join John on Patmos as he tells about Jesus, the man he was willing to follow to death or a lifetime in exile. He tells of the miracles and events of Jesus’ life as described in the gospels. He also shares why he is so dedicated to this man of miracles, despite the hardship and persecution it brings.

## County horse show planned for July 17

The Cheyenne County 4-H and Open Horse Show will be held Sunday, July 17, at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds in St. Francis. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and the show will begin at 10 a.m.

There is an entry fee per class. Tack will be given as prizes through fifth place and for all-round age divisions. Divisions are nine and under; 10 to 13, and 14 and over.

There will be halter and showmanship classes as well as hunter-under-saddle, hunt stea equitation, horsemanship, Western pleasure, reining and trail. Running events include flags, pole bending, barrels and stake race.

Riders must have 2011 horse identification papers, know the 4-H horse show rules and wear 4-H horse show clothing as the rules require. To compete for “best all-around,” the participant must enter showmanship and three performance classes.

Lunch will be served on the grounds.

For more information, contact Amy Hathaway, 785-332-6135 or Linda Elfers, 785-332-2265, home or 785-332-5155, cell. Also call one of these numbers in case of rain.

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