



FARMERS ARE bringing in hay and corn to Cheyenne Feeders. Grinding the hay is a dirty job.

Herald staff photo by Tim Burr

## Council met with volunteer firemen

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The St. Francis City Council met on Monday, Sept. 10, with visitors George Harper and Shannon Grover with the volunteer fire department, and Eddie Schultz.

The council first went over some old business, talking about the software set-up and trial of billing software Manatron and Computer Information Concepts (CIC) software. City clerk Glorianne Milne said she and Jen Blair had tried out both programs and liked Computer Information Concepts better. Prices for installation and trouble shooting were similar but that software could import data from the current accounting software installed. It was approved to get Computer Information Concepts software.

Mr. Harper and Mr. Grover said that with the dry and busy summer, the fire department found they needed to replace or purchase new equipment, such as bunker gear, helmets, gloves, boots, masks, along with other items. They said they had received cash donations from the community, and along with funds from the county commissioners, were looking for funds from the council to cover all the new equipment. The council voted to give the department the requested funds.

Eddie Schultz visited with the council about the empty lots he had purchased in between the movie theater and grocery store. Kody Krien had talked previously with the council about constructing a building on the lot for his pharmacy, but was not present at this meeting and seemed to not be pursuing

the prospect further at this time. Mr. Schultz said he had purchased the lot the last time the grocery store was closed. He said he hoped to put pressure on the owner to keep the store open, hoping they understood there was available space for another option. He hopes to sell the property to any business looking to join Main Street.

Before Mr. Schultz left the meeting, he also complemented the city crew on the job they did chip sealing the streets.

Moving back to old business, the repairs in the Scout Hut had been completed. Mayor Scott Schultz and council member Roger Jensen had looked at the repairs and had some concerns about the flooring in the building. There is a ripple-effect that is probably caused by the underlayment and it feels 'spongy' when they walked across it, Mr. Schultz said. Council member Carla Lampe said she wanted to see the floor herself and the council decided to visit the Hut after the meeting.

The Clapper deed was brought up again, with city attorney Michael Day saying that he had still not received it back yet. It was also pointed out that the city was somehow responsible for unpaid property tax from the Smith property at 426 E. Emerson. Mr. Day said the city has the deed to the property but has not filed it yet. It was a property that was given away and the city has technically not accepted it yet. Mr. Day will talk with Deloris Jenik, county treasurer, about the issue.

Chelsi Kabureck applied for the new business incentive for her

beauty shop, which was approved.

There were building permits for: Scout Houtman for a carport and fence, Torre Whitney for a fence, Jerry McCurry to replace concrete, Brent Rueb for a patio, David Penton to replace curb and gutter, and Carol and Douglas Sloper for a garage. All were approved.

City superintendent J.R. Landenberger acknowledged in his report that there had been a power outage on Labor Day. The fault was on Sunflower's system, not our's. The power plant was also required to generate electricity last week, because the Holcomb power station went down again, and Mr. Landenberger said billing will be submitted to them for the generation.

There had been some water leaks in town, with one by the emergency building that had been fixed, and one on Jackson street, that had been fixed that day.

Mr. Landenberger said the city had received a letter from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment due to limit violations on testing. He said he'd already found out about the issue and it was due to an error in reporting, and it had already been corrected with the state.

The city crew is waiting until a rain to change out the welcome signs outside city limits due to fire hazard with the tall grass and dry weather.

For the clerk report, all Mrs. Milne had was a tree trimming application from Chance Indermuhle from McDonald, which was approved.

For council comments, Paula Keller, council member, said that at

the last theater board meeting, she said the exit light had been worked on but that they were waiting for a part, and that the outside door on the north side of the building needs to be looked at.

Mr. Schultz said somebody had stopped him and asked about the 125th anniversary of St. Francis that was coming up and said it was something council members needed to think about.

The next council meeting will be on Monday, Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the city office.

## Volleyball team to raise money

The St. Francis high school volleyball ladies are holding the second Pink Event to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation in October.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month. In 2010, the high school volleyball team raised \$500, all of which was sent in to the Ko-

men Foundation. This year, said Talley Morrow, coach, we will again hold a silent auction but we are adding a "pink baked goods drawing" as well as selling T-shirts for the public so we can all be wearing pink that day!! Look for more details.

## Ag Talk with Jeanne

Home Germination of Wheat Seed

By Jeanne Falk



Agronomy Specialist

How well will your saved-seed wheat germinate this fall?

This question is especially important this year with less than optimal wheat planting conditions. Since we are close to drilling season, an 'at-home' germination test can answer this question. It doesn't take long to set up and can be completed in just a week. This way you have an idea of the germination rate and can adjust seeding rates accordingly.

First, place two moistened paper towels (on top of each other) on a flat surface. The towels should not have free water in them. Next, arrange 50 seeds on the towels leaving approximately an inch border around the edges. Place two more moistened towels over the seeds. Make a half to three-quarters inch fold at the bottom of the four paper towels. This will keep the seed

from falling out.

Starting on one side, loosely roll the paper towels toward the other side (like rolling up a rug) and place a rubber band around the roll. Finally, place the roll in a plastic bag. Seal, but not completely, so as to keep moisture in but still allow some air into the bag. Now, place the bag upright at room temperature for 5 to 7 days.

After 5 to 7 days, remove the sample from the bag and unroll the towels. Count and record the number of healthy seedlings (adequate root and shoot development).

To calculate the germination percentage: divide the number of healthy seedlings by the number of seed tested and multiply by 100. For example, if you have 42 healthy seedlings divide 42 by 50 and multiply by 100. This will give you 84-percent germination. From here you can adjust your

seeding rate to compensate for the percent germination. Be sure to remember germination does not always equal emergence.

What about certified wheat? Certified seed must have at least 85-percent germination. When you purchase your certified seed, you will receive a blue label. This will contain the percent germination, along with other information about the wheat seed you purchased. This other information will include variety and seeds per pound.

Check out the Sunflower District Agronomy website at [www.sunflower.ksu.edu](http://www.sunflower.ksu.edu) and click on the agronomy tab for information on wheat drilling, seeding rates, and charts for seed drop and plant populations.

## Across the County

### Storage Methods to Reduce Hay Losses

As you bring in your round bales for winter storage and feeding, store them to minimize weather losses. Hay stored outside will be damaged by rain, snow, wind, and ice this fall and winter. The average round bale loses about one fourth of its original nutrients during storage, but these losses can be reduced to only 10 percent or so. Now, I'm sure you are better than average. Still, let's look at ways to reduce spoilage by storing that extra valuable hay more carefully this year.

For instance, do you usually line up bales for easy access so the twine sides touch each other? Or do you stack your bales? If so, extra spoilage will occur where these bales touch because rain, snow, and ice will gather in spots where bales touch instead of running off. Round bales butted end-to-end, cigar-like, usually have less spoilage.

Does snow drift around your bales? Bales in east-west rows often have drifts on the south side. Hay next to fence lines or trees

can get extra snow. As snow melts it soaks into the bales or makes the ground muddy. Plus, the north side never gets any sun so it's slow to dry. This year, line bales up north-and-south for fewer drifts and faster drying as sunlight and prevailing winds hit both sides of the row.

Most important is the bottom of your bales. Always put bales on higher, well-drained ground so water drains away from them. Keep them out of terrace bottoms or other low spots. If necessary,

use crushed rock, railroad ties, or even pallets to keep the bottoms dry. This also will reduce problems getting to your hay or getting it moved due to snow drifts or mud.

Just a little pre-planning can save lots of hay and frustrations.

Contact the Cheyenne County Extension office at 332-3171 or [cfe@ksu.edu](mailto:cfe@ksu.edu) with questions or comments. Till next week - Marty

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2007 Honda Pilot, Fully loaded, #T9712A	\$20,250
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2008 Dodge 2500 Diesel, great shape	\$31,995
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2008 Ford Escape Limited AWD, Super Clean, #T5188A	\$13,500
2008 Ford Explorer XLT, Leather, Clean, #85233C	\$20,200
2009 Cadillac STS, loaded, #T2882A	\$28,250
2009 Nissan Altima, loaded, #22328A	\$16,800
2010 Chevy Cobalt LT, #T1798B	\$13,500
2010 Buick LaCross, T7062B	\$24,495
2011 Ford Edge Limited, #T8768A	\$30,000
2011 Chevy Impala LT, 34K, #06614B	\$21,000
2012 Ford Edge Limited, AWD, Leather	\$30,660
2012 Ford F-150 Crew XLT, 1,100 miles, #T9023A	\$36,500

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### Help Wanted

The Cub's Den in Idalia, CO is now accepting applications for a full-time Director position. Applicants must hold current Director qualifications for the Director, as per the State of Colorado Rules & Regulations. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. Please inquire at (970)354-7587 for further details.

### St. Francis Rec Upcoming Activities

#### Lil' Indians Basketball

A skills class taught by Holly Hingst  
When: Saturday mornings 9-10 A.M.

Oct., Nov., and Dec. starting Oct. 13th  
Ages: Boys and girls in K-6th grades  
Cost: \$20/month (\$60) IF paid in advance - \$50.  
Forms sent home this week from school

#### PINTEREST PreCHRISTMAS Crafting

A weekly get-together to craft for the holidays  
Call Penny with questions and to voice your interest.

Other classes starting soon: Adult Woodworking & Digital Camera  
For more info call Penny @ 332-3949

### SEPTEMBER IS LIFE INSURANCE AWARENESS MONTH ...

Which is a good reminder to review your current policies to help ensure you have enough life insurance coverage. As you discuss your short- and long- term goals, a helpful planning tool is the *Personal Journal of Wishes and Records*®. Stop by my office to receive a free copy or schedule an appointment to discuss where you are and where you want to be. Plus, during the month of September you can register for a chance to win a \$50 gift card to Pizza Hut.



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