

# Good Samaritan apartments profit

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The nursing home and independent apartments administrator informed the commissioners at the Monday meeting that the apartments had operated in the black last month.

Jeff Paulsen, Good Samaritan Village administrator, said there had been a small loss of a little less than \$150 in the nursing home operations. However, he said, in the apartments there had been a profit of \$1,600 during the month of August. For the year, the nursing home has a loss of \$66,126 while the apartments have a profit of \$16,782 making a total loss of \$49,344.

There were 29 residents at the nursing home in August. Mr. Paulsen said they had just finished training two certified nurse aides. By the end of the year, he said, he plans to have enough employees in place so the home can accommodate 33 residents.

The staff, he said, has just finished electronic medical records training and the computer tablets have been purchased. The electronic equipment will soon be a requirement.

Brett Poling, commissioner, asked how much the nine computers had cost. Mr. Paulsen estimated that they cost between \$1,500 and \$2,000 each.

All the residents' medical information has been transferred to the computer, Mr. Paulsen said. They will start using the tablets on Tuesday.

Several of the independent living apartments are being renovated with new doors and carpet, along with other repairs. He expected to have them rented in the

near future.

The west entrance of the nursing home has been on the list of updates. The nursing home had raised \$10,000 to have someone draw up plans for the entrance.

Roger Jensen, contractor, had been hired to draw up the plans. There will be a 12- by 45-foot roof extension. There will be new steps to the entrance. The materials have been figured out, Mr. Paulsen said. An ad will be put in the newspaper asking for bids to build the structure. The deadline for bids is Oct. 11. We would like to get it done before cold weather is here, he said.

He said he had gotten bids for the tires for the lift van. Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, was not happy about the county being asked to buy tires for a van that wasn't owned by the county. Dale Patton, commissioner, said it was a double-edged sword. It was important that the van have good tires for the safety of the residents and staff using the van.

Mr. Paulsen said a new physical therapy provider, Synertz, was starting on Oct. 7. He said the change resulted from an effort to reduce therapy expenses.

The new ice machine for the facility had been purchased, coming in at \$1,600 which was \$200 under the estimate of \$1,800.

A surveyor had been at the Village and cited the facility on not having a trash receptacle with a lid that tightly closed. Mr. Paulsen said he had talked to the city manager who has ordered one. In the meantime, they are keeping a tarp over it so, if the surveyor returns, it will show they are trying to contain it until the new trash container arrives.



GINNY LARSON and Paula Austin work at their new computer, pulling up the patient's electronic medical records at Good Samaritan Village.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

At the last meeting, there had been considerable discussion on removing snow from the parking lot, which is also the drive through to the county's airport. The Graces, who run the airport, said their equipment for removing snow from the runway was too big. J.R. Landenberger, St. Francis city su-

perintendent, said he would try to work with the county in removing snow at the Village, but opening up snow routes was the city's first priority. Mr. Flemming said he would try to have the county's skidsteer equipped to remove the snow from the area before the first storm.

If the nursing home is going to be dependent, Mr. Paulsen said, a four-wheel pickup with a blade would probably work.

The last item of business concerning the nursing home and apartments was the removal of dead trees. The county crew had been asked to remove the trees. Mr. Flemming said the crew would probably cut them down and remove them in December and January.

The city is no longer able to pick up chemicals, paint, batteries, yard waste or any petroleum products.

City cleanup is for household cleanup for residents only. Contractors or citizens who have done construction, demolition, remodeling or renovation are expected to haul materials to the landfill. The city reserves the right to refuse to pick up on site.

The cleanup will require several days to complete, please be patient.

The St. Francis City Council encourages citizens to take this opportunity to make the city an even more beautiful place to live.



# Fall city cleanup scheduled

The city of St. Francis is having a fall cleanup and residents have until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 11, to have their items picked up.

Those residents having items to be picked up during the cleanup need to call the power plant at 332-3031 between 7:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, before the deadline. Those calling should not leave cleanup requests on the answering machine as they will not be picked up. Instead, talk to the dispatcher. Requests can be called in Monday through Friday.

This service is free. Anyone calling after the deadline will need to wait until next fall's cleanup and will need to call again before the next cleanup.

All items will need to be ready for pickup no later than 8 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17.

### Necessary to call

Without a call the city crew is not authorized to pick up items, even if they are beside the trash container. Items to be hauled away must be accessible - next to the alley or street and not behind fences, bushes, utility meters or poles.

Mixed piles can not be picked up. Sort items in separate piles of metal, tires, concrete, furniture and lumber too large to go into trash containers and tree branches.

The sorting of materials is necessary because one of the goals of the cleanup is to decrease the rate the solid waste pit fills up and to recycle as much as possible.

# Office closed due to federal funding

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, including the Natural Resources Conservation Service office, is currently closed due to the lapse in federal government funding.

Anyone who presently holds a contract with the service, said Bernadette Lunsford, district conservationist with the service, should rest assured that your money was obligated in the previous year's budget. You should continue your conservation work, and you can

expect payment for completed work once the office re-opens.

The Cheyenne County Conservation District is not a federal entity, however, its office is located on federal property and unable to be accessed. Therefore the Conservation District will be working from an alternate location. Please call Dani Holzwarth at 785-772-7016 if you need district assistance.

We are very sorry for the inconvenience, she said.

# Writers workshop scheduled Oct 12

A memoirs writing and publishing workshop will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Atwood City Library, 102 South 6th Street.

Lucille Rossbach, college English teacher, writer, and editor from St. Francis, will lead the workshop.

Participants will become acquainted with various techniques for recording memoirs. Effective writing techniques and an introduction to publishing will also be covered. Refreshments will

be served.

Participants are asked to bring several action photographs of themselves or family members and any journaling they may have done.

A \$10 registration fee, collected at the start of the workshop, will help cover expenses and a donation to the library. Pre-registration is necessary, so call Lucille at 785-332-8903 or Wilma Mai at 785-852-4455 to do so. Also, call Lucille if you wish to have a ride to Atwood.

## Club Clips

### Lawn Ridge 4-H

The monthly meeting of the lawn Ridge 4-H Club met Sept. 9 at the club house. Acting president Bailey Merklin called the meeting to order. Haden Lennox led the club in the flag salute. Roll call was answered by nine members and two leaders.

Acting secretary, Valerie Wurm, read the minutes of the previous meeting. There were no communications. Leader, Natasha Wilson, reported on the 4-H Council meeting. Marty would like to make sure all thank you cards get written and mailed out from the fair. They are looking for someone to start up the Teen Leaders again. If anyone is interested, let Marty know.

Club leader, Lynn Laten, talked about the after fair fun trip. It has been decided we will go to Denver to a corn maze on Oct. 13.

Under new business, it was moved by Valerie, and seconded by Jylian Laten, to take part in Operation Child Boxes this year. Everyone is to bring items for your boxes to the November meeting. 4-H Week was discussed. We will attend church in Bird City on Oct. 6. We will then have a record book work day and get cookies ready for the businesses. Record books will be due to Lynn Laten by Oct. 13.

For the program, we had election of officers.

Announcements were read. Echo Lennox led the club in the 4-H pledge. Brady Hanson moved to adjourn the meeting.

Refreshments were served by the Lynn Laten family.

-Valerie Wurm, club reporter.

### PUBLIC NOTICE NW KS GMD#4 WTAP SIGN-UP OPEN

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Applicants who are selected for WTAP grants are compensated by the department's Division of Conservation in exchange for the permanent retirement of water rights on irrigated land.

For more information, contact Steve Frost, water conservation program manager, at (785) 296-8964 or HYPERLINK "C:\Documents and Settings\srfrost\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Outlook\SB55R7VL\steve.frost@kda.ks.gov" steve.frost@kda.ks.gov WTAP rules and regulations, applications, maps and other details are available on the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Conservation website at HYPERLINK "http://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/division-of-conservation/water-conservation-programs" http://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/division-of-conservation/water-conservation-programs.

Information and assistance is also available on the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Water Resources field office in Stockton at (785) 425-6787 or at the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 in Colby at (785) 462-3915.



Look who turned 50!!

Good Bye Summer ... Hello Fall!!!  
... and it's "that" time again!

## CITY-WIDE CLEANUP St. Francis Citizens

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Calls received after the deadline will have to wait until next fall. Your cooperation and patience will be appreciated.

**Real Estate Auction**

Thurs., October 17, 2013  
10:30 am CT @ 103 W. 4th, Bird City, Ks

**PRAIRIE LAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC., SELLERS**  
Tract 1: 103 W. 4th St., Bird City  
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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.

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## Open Bid for Remodel Project

- Contractor must be licensed and bonded.
- Roof Extension 12 ft. x 45 ft. West side of GSV Nursing Home in St. Francis.
- For plans and specifications, call 332-2531 for an appointment with Jeff Paulsen, Administrator
- Deadline for application is Friday, Oct. 11

The Good Samaritan Society is an equal opportunity employer.



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Applicants who are selected for WTAP grants are compensated by the department's Division of Conservation in exchange for the permanent retirement of water rights on irrigated land. Priority is given to retiring water rights in areas that would have the greatest impact on the stream system. A fixed rate of \$2,000 per acre-foot of historic consumptive water use is available for eligible water rights to be retired. WTAP grants are approved on the basis of competitive bids.

To be eligible, water rights must be in good standing with the department's Division of Water Resources. Dryland farming is permitted after a water right is retired. Limited irrigation can also be temporarily allowed to establish a permanent cover on the land being transitioned from irrigation. Partial water right reductions will also be considered for retirement grants.

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