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Logan County Hospital board

members on Wednesday conducted

their annual organizational meeting

and elected officers for 2007.

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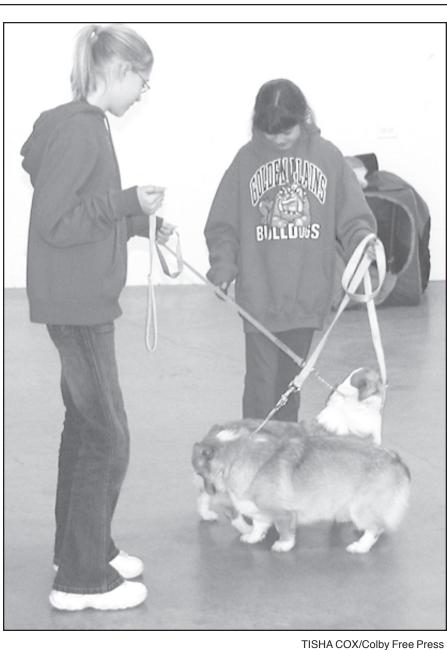
ogy to become administrator of Hoxie's hospital, Hahn served as Logan County Hospital administra-

tor in Oakley from February 2005

until last month.

Colby Free Press

By Jan Katz Ackerman



Corn price hogs up seminar

soaring demand for corn used to produce ethanol has hog farmers bracing for higher feed prices that threaten to put some producers out

climb to \$4 a bushel, a level not seen in the last decade. The soaring price was the subject of a seminar Thursday at the Iowa Pork Congress, a two-day annual gathering for Midwest hog farmers.

Neil Dierks, chief executive officer of National Pork Producers Council in Des Moines, said the situation is so dire that some producers will opt to quit the busi-

"Right now most hog farmers are in the break-even range," he

Jerry Shurson, a professor who studies swine nutrition and management at the University of Minnesota, said the situation could ease as farmers rely more on an ethanol-production byproduct called distillers grains as animal

Most farmers already feed their hogs between 10 percent to 20 percent of distillers grains along with conventional corn, Shurson said.

He said distillers' energy value is equal to corn, but there may be concerns about them being high in fat and having lower amounts of

Others are concerned that the price of distillers is also rising and

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DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - A is comparable to the price of corn. Hawkeye Renewables, said Iowa grains to be cheap, because there's more of them," Dierks said. "But making the alternative feed source

that's not the case.' John Bruellman, a hog farmer The price of corn is expected to from Ottosen in north-central Iowa, said more studies are needed before hog farmers use higher and product consistency for distillpercentages of distillers in their ers grains.

Bruellman said he had problems pumping out manure from hogs that ate feed containing distillers. He also said distillers were difficult to grind with other grains when making feed.

"Idon't like distillers. I did some trying with it, and had some bad experiences with it," he said.

Bruellman said he has started relying heavily on corn he grows himself for feed and expects more hog farmers to do the same.

Still, Ryan Sauer, distillers manager for Iowa Falls-based

"Some people expect distillers stands a good chance of doubling its distillers production this year,

more available. Sauer said his company and others are working with the ethanol industry to create quality standards

High feed prices may also lead to an increase at the meat counter, said Bruce Babcock, an economist at the Center for Agriculture and Rural Development at Iowa State

University. If the country is going to meet the ethanol industry's corn needs, "we're going to have to cut back on feed, cut back on food," he said.

On the Net:

Iowa Pork Congress: http:// www.iowaporkcongress.org/ Iowa State University: http://

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Logan County Hospital board meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the conference room. The hospital is located at 211 Cherry St. A special meeting has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Jan. 24 so the board can talk with Darlene Bainbridge, a consultant hired as part of a grant to assist with compliance issues. Bainbridge is paid \$1,200 monthly by the hospital for her services as part of a one-year contract which will end in Septem-COLBY ~ COLBY ~



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