



Public Notice

Petition filed in court in the Hitchcock estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

CASE NO. 09-PR-23

MERLE D. HITCHCOCK, Deceased

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified a Petition has been filed in this Court by Lyle E. Hitchcock, duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the Estate of Merle D. Hitchcock, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto pursuant to the laws of intestate succession; fees and expenses be allowed; costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; the Administrator be discharged and Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before September 7, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. in the District Court, St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Lyle E. Hitchcock, Administrator

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Deadline for program is announced

The deadlines for purchasing insurance with Farm Service Agency (FSA) under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for this year crops have been established. Sept. 1 is the deadline for all small grain crops, except oats, barley and continuous crop wheat planted with the intention of harvesting as grain.

Crops included would include wheat for hay or graze or triticale

for hay, graze or grain. Crops eligible for Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program benefits are limited to those not insurable "downtown" in the county, such as forage crops for livestock (mechanically harvested or grazed).

To participate in the program, you must visit the Farm Service Agency office and pay the service fee by the sales closing date for the specific crop. Service fees of \$250 per crop per administra-

tive county not to exceed \$750 per producer per administrative fee for multi-county producers are collected.

In the unfortunate event you suffer a loss on your crop, a Notice of Loss must be filed with the Farm Service Agency office within 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence, or the date the loss becomes apparent to the producer.

This coverage entitles eligible you to a payment of 55 percent of an average market price for the commodity if a natural disaster caused a 50-percent production loss or greater of an eligible crop. Additionally, having all your crops insured is also a requirement of the new SURE (Supplemental Revenue Assistance) Program.

Contact the Farm Service Agency office at 785-332-2183 to purchase this crop insurance.

Second annual fun run held at show

The second annual Tri-State Thresher Show Fun Run was held on Saturday, July 31. The morning was clear and calm as runners took off from the Thresher Show grounds at 8:00. There were 54 registrations turned in, but only 42 racers actually participated. Racers hailed from all over Midwest—from Ft. Collins, Colo. to St. Louis, Mo. Spectators could see a wide variety of ages on the courses—eight months to 60 years. The three courses were split in to three divisions: youth (up to 12 years old), women and men. The Go Fish! option was also offered again on the Imile-course. The results are as follows.

Green 1 Mile Go Fish! Course
First place went to Jordyn Fields of Atwood. Placing second was Libby Kish of St Louis Mo. Third place went to Kent Klepper of Overland Park.

Green 1-Mile Course
Winner of the women's division was Emily Erickson of Clive, Iowa. at 11:14 minutes. In the men's division was Jacob Brubaker of Bird City at 12:27 minutes. In the youth division was Jordan Janicke of Bird City at 13:03 minutes.

Blue 2-Mile Course
Winner of the men's division was Craig Busse of Bird City at 20:17 minutes. In the women's division was Tara Fields from Atwood at 22:17. In the youth division was Ryan Klepper, of



RUNNERS CROSS the finish line during the fun run held at the Thresher Show.

Overland Park at 22:22 minutes.

Black 3.1 Mile Course
Winner of the men's division was Michael Sager of Denver Colo., at 20:30 minutes. In the women's division was Steph-

nie Busse, of Bird City at 27:26 minutes. There were no youth participants.

The fun run is the annual fundraiser to the high school volleyball team. This year the money

was used to purchase new uniforms for the team. Come check them out at the home games: Sept. 7, 17, and 28. Special thanks to all who helped and sponsored this event.

Commissioner meet emergency manager

By Karen Krien
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The Cheyenne County Commissioners formally met the new emergency manager at the Aug. 16 meeting.

Gary Rogers, retiring manager, introduced the commissioners to Ryan Murray. Mr. Murray was selected as the new emergency manager several weeks ago but the announcement of his hiring was not released until he had given his former employer two weeks notice.

Mr. Murray, who has worked at the Cheyenne County Hospital, was the emergency coordinator at the facility. Through his work, he has already met a lot of the people in the state who he will be working with and comes to the position with experience.

Cheyenne County shares the emergency coordinator with Rawlins and Sherman counties. Conference calls were conducted with the commissioners and those in the other counties and it was the consensus that they approved of the new arrangement.

The emergency management office will continue to be at the St. Francis Emergency Building located on U.S. 36.

Rawlins and Sherman counties also pay part of the expenses which includes salary, mileage and other expenses. Mr. Murray will not receive the same salary as Mr. Rogers so the pay from each of the counties was lowered from \$1,175 per month to \$1,100.

Mr. Murray will be replacing Kari Gilliland as the county representative to the Regional Homeland Security Council and Terry Miller, county clerk, will notify the security of the change. He will also write a letter to the Kansas Division of Emergency Managing notifying them of Mr. Murray's new position with the three counties.

The commissioners discussed radio changeovers, phone numbers, disasters and mock disasters with no decisions made.

Treasurer's office closed Sept. 21

Dolores Jenik, county treasurer, reported that there are a lot of changes coming for the treasurer's office staff. In January, the office will be switching to a new driver's license system and there will be a training in Colby on Sept. 21. This would be the

closest training and she asked that she, Deb Patton and Melissa Tabor be allowed to attend the training. Taking all three employees out of the office would mean that the office would need to be closed that day.

The commissioners, after discussion, decided that she could close the office that day but asked that she try to let people know. Clerk Miller said he could answer the phone and take messages that day.

Noxious weed report
Justin Lohr talked about his work in the county. He said he had taken care of 92 acres of burr ragweed north of Bird City. He had spent around \$2,000 to \$3,000 in chemicals. Commissioner, Ernie Ketzner asked that he keep on top of the situation. Mr. Lohr said he was also starting to spray cemeteries, once in the fall and again in the spring. He said he was using special chemicals in this area.

He was given permission to purchase a new temperature/humidity meter for \$195. He was also given permission to attend the West District Weed Directors Association meeting in Garden City on Aug. 26.

Emergency medical service report

The commissioners approved the insurance write-off of \$4,224 presented by Jannelle Bowers, emergency medical service director. She said that Medicare is now only writing off 81 cents compared to the \$93.38 cents they were writing off previously. The commissioners asked that Mrs. Bowers keep track of what the difference is.

A new regulation in billing runs is to have the exact mileage, up to 10ths, listed on the bill. She will be ordering supplies including a new thermometer.

Mr. Ketzner said he was asked if technicians could carry pagers instead of radios. Mrs. Bowers said the technicians need to be able to talk to each other. The technicians will need new radios in 2013.

Mrs. Bowers was given permission to attend a training in Oakley on Aug. 28 and 29.

In other business

A letter was received from the city of St. Francis saying that the fund for the Emergency Building is \$2,700 short. There was no de-

cision on what the commissioners will do.

Pete Kinen, St. Francis, did not call in a controlled burn so, when it was called in, firemen responded. Commissioner Andy Beikman said George Harper, fire chief, said it was the second time it had happened. A resolution states that controlled burns are to be called in. If the burn is not called in, a fine will be imposed. Kari Gilliland, county attorney, said she would talk to Mr. Kinen.

A pipeline agreement was signed for Noble Energy to cross the airport land after the county attorney had reviewed and approved the agreement.

Jennifer Padgett, communication director, said the new console had been installed as well as the 800 MHZ radio. She said the sound quality is improved. She is applying for a 2011 grant. The 2010 grant will cover the upgrades needed in the communications equipment and software. She asked for 10 minutes executive session to discuss personnel with no decision being made after coming out of the session.

Mila Bandel, county health nurse, picked up an amended contract with the Kansas Depart-

ment of Health and Environment and the county health department which the commissioners had signed.

The commissioners presented Mrs. Bandel with a plaque from the Kan Be Healthy Immunization program honoring her for work with immunizations.

The county landfill had two deficiencies when it was inspected the last time. Deficiencies were failure to collect litter and some non-permitted items in the burn pile. The commissioners noted that with Kansas wind, there is litter almost immediately after a city trash truck has dumped and it would take someone full time to pick up papers which have gotten away.

Peggy Pratt with the Northwest Kansas Juvenile Services, gave a letter to those in the room which was written by a girl telling about the positive experience she had through the service. The county pays \$1,000 to the service and she asked that the county continue this amount for the next year.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners has been set for 8 a.m. on Tuesday in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

McDonald News

By Vera Kacirek

Stan and Dana Palmer and four children were guests of her grandparents, Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson from Monday to Saturday. They also visited the Rod Johnsons and Greg Wilkinsons and Laddie and Vera Kacirek in Atwood.

Eleanor Swihart and Joan Tongish attended the open house for the 60th anniversary of Keith and Hulda Dorsch on Sunday.

Eleanor Swihart and Joan Tongish visited Betty Lewis in the Rawlins County Hospital this past week.

David Banister was a Sunday afternoon visitor of Amelia Banister and Karlyne Atchison. David was on his way back to college.

Kamie and L.J. Purvis of Goodland spent the weekend with their grandparents, Jerry and Betty Knapp.

Kasey and Jennifer Sabatka went to Denver on Thursday for doctor's appointments.

Claudia Foster of Grand Junction, Colo., came Sunday night and will be with her mother, Betty Lewis, when she comes home from the Rawlins County Hospital.

Lisa Johnson was a Friday night supper guest of Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were Monday visitors of Agnes Reeh and of Laddie and Vera Kacirek.

