

Livestock benefits are now available

Eligible ranchers and livestock producers can begin applying for benefits under the provisions of the Livestock Indemnity Program in the 2008 Farm Bill, according to Tom Vilsack, agriculture secretary.

"This program will provide livestock producers with a vital safety net to help them overcome the damaging financial impact of natural disasters," Mr. Vilsack said.

The Livestock Indemnity Program provides assistance to producers for livestock deaths that result from disaster. Using funds from the Agricultural Disaster Relief Trust Fund, The program is administered by the Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency. The Livestock program compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to hurricanes,

floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires, extreme heat and extreme cold. Eligible losses must have occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2008, and before Oct. 1, 2011.

The following table provides the final dates to file a notice of loss and/or application for payment for either 2008 or 2009 livestock losses.

Date of Livestock Death; Final Date to File a Notice of Loss; Final Date to Submit an Application for Payment.

Calendar Year 2008: (dates are in 2009 except for ones listed 2010) Sept. 13.; Sept. 13; Jan. 1 to July 12; Sept. 13, to Jan. 30, 2010; July 13, to Dec. 31; 30 days after death is apparent; Jan. 30, 2010.

For more information on available supplemental disaster assistance programs, please visit your FSA county office or www.fsa.usda.gov.



SEVERAL ATTEND the Lawn Tour put on by Resource Conservation and Development. Those pictured meeting at the home of Eric Fiala are Joe Leibbrandt, Dana Belishe, Sandra Bandel, Jolene Dodd, Ruth Milliken, Eric Fiala and Joan Gienger.

RETIRES

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Reeser said. The north apartments had only two with two-bedrooms. Last year, they combined two apartments into one which now has a two bedroom luxury suite with bathrooms.



Reeser

Many people who are retiring, Mr. Reeser said, are downsizing from much larger homes. They also have family coming to visit. These two-bedroom apartments help them find room for items they didn't want to leave behind or get rid of.

Before Mr. Reeser leaves, he said the new geo-thermal heat, ventilation and air conditioning system will be installed. The system will replace the air in the building every two hours; it will get rid of odors and, all rooms will have individual thermostats. The system also replaces the old boiler, thus, saving on inspection costs, upkeep and electricity costs.

"The new system will pay for

itself in 8 to 10 years," he said.

Mr. Reeser said he has enjoyed being in St. Francis.

"It has been a team effort," he said. "We couldn't operate without all the departments, book-keeping, laundry, dining, nursing.... all of them, all of them honoring each other for the welfare of the residents. I have appreciated the team members."

When a replacement is chosen, Mr. Reeser said, then a traditional "Passing the Keys" ceremony, will be announced, probably in September.

"I am looking forward to retiring, even though I will miss the residents, staff, and volunteers that labor so faithfully here," he said.

Mr. Reeser said he plans to continue working with the Society on special contract assignments and will continue teaching continuing education classes in western Kansas with the Grow With Evergreen Resources For Transforming Innovation (GERTI) organization.

He also plans to find time to do a little dry fly fishing in the Rocky Mountains, do a little bird watching as well as traveling.

Last meeting held before county fair

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With just a few weeks to go before opening day for the Cheyenne County Fair, the board members covered many topics to get the "show on the road."

Fair events

Dick Bursch, president, opened the meeting with a checklist of fair events. Brian Holbrock, board member, reported that for Wednesday night rodeo scheduled shows are roping, barrel racing, and mutton bustin'. Mr. Holbrock added that he wanted to pick up more on the roping event.

For Thursday, Gary Cooper, secretary, said that for the Horseverses-Horsepower event rules are pretty much established; however, this being the first year, much will be learned.

Still, work is being done on scoring for the different teams. It was discussed having 12 people for the horse team and 12 for the four-wheeler team. At the end of the event, times would be added up and the team with the least amount of time would be the winners.

Performance by Mario Manzini will be on Friday night, but on Thursday evening, after sunset, Mr.

Manzini will do a special demonstration on what the audience can expect for Friday. A little hint, a crane is involved.

Round Robin Showmanship

Karol Lohman, board member, reported St. Francis Equity is sponsoring a special award to the 4-H Club Round Robin Showmanship event. A belt buckle will be awarded to the champion in each of the age categories, which is the Junior, ages 7-9; Intermediate, ages 10-13; and the Senior, ages 14-18.

The belt buckles are custom designed by Champion Choice Buckles out of New Mexico.

New construction

Roger Jensen, Methodist Church treasurer, presented the proposed construction of shaded area for weary and hot attendees to sit.

Mr. Jensen said the construction would enhance the area behind Christian Church and Methodist buildings. Concrete would be poured and three Coolaroo Triangle Shade Sails installed to provide an attractive rest area with seating.

Board members asked how would the funds be provided, and Mr. Jensen replied that the funds were coming from an anonymous donor. He added that the Christian Church has

been contacted and is OK with the construction.

"The design is not set in stone and may change," said Mr. Jensen.

He continued by saying that the sails can be taken down after the fair, but the poles that hold the sails will stay year round. Also discussed was the possibility of having the construction done for this year's fair. Motion carried to proceed with the construction of the rest area.

Advertisement

Casey McCormick, advertising manager for *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*, presented several opportunities for advertisements in both newspapers.

Mr. McCormick told board members the newspaper would do a pre-fair plus after-fair special section, an ad in the County Advocate that would reach outside the regular subscription area, thank you list for premium buyers, and open class cards. No further discussion.

Extension office

Joe Leibbrandt, county extension office, said he had received a suggestion to post signs requesting visitors to watch contact with animals and maybe hand-washing stations on the grounds.

Several of the members had ques-

tions about the need for the hand-washing stations and the signs sending the wrong message that swine flu is contacted through pigs, it is not. No action was taken.

Mr. Leibbrandt updated the members on the donation from the Cleveland Run Township for the purchase of table and chairs for the 4-H building.

He told the members there is \$1,500 for purchasing the much needed chairs and tables. Members agreed that the tables and chairs should not be removed from the 4-H building.

"Main thing is getting them before this year's fair," said Mr. Bursch.

Miscellaneous items

To finish the July meeting, the members took action on the following.

- Will sell event tickets early.
- Had a work clean up on Monday.
- Hold off painting horse stalls until fall.
- Scheduled fire department for the derby on Saturday.
- Selected grand marshal.

Next meeting

Next meeting will be in September with the time to be announced.

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