



THE HOME HEALTH Care Agency receives a 'deficiency-free survey'. Those pictured are back row: Bonnie Doggett, Patty Weick-Wauffle, Rick Reeser, Tammy Howard; front row: Judy Sager, Cheryl Lee and Cathy Ritchey.
Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Agency is 'deficiency-free'

The Northwest Kansas Home Health Care Agency, located in St. Francis, was recently surveyed by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Following the four-day survey, the agency came out with a "deficiency-free survey."

"We congratulate director, Cheryl Lee, and office manager, Tammy Howard, for a job well done," said Rick Reeser, Good Samaritan Village, administrator.

"This also goes to each of the other fine workers we have in our home health agency."

Mr. Reeser said there has been a great deal of cooperation and support from the local health-care providers and especially to medical director, Dr. Mary Beth Miller and the many people who work at the Cheyenne County Hospital and Clinic.

"It takes quite a community effort to make a deficiency-free survey happen," Mr. Reeser said.

He said that the survey tells whether or not the staff is doing a good job by making sure they are abiding by doctor requirements and following acceptable nursing practices.

"We want to make sure clients are cared for in a quality manner in their homes," Mr. Reeser said.

Lodge has meeting with potluck

A bountiful potluck supper preceded the stated meeting of Rising Star Rebekah Lodge, 675, held in the Masonic Lodge hall on the evening of March 18. Members had come to welcome Carol Scott, vice president, Rebekah Assembly of Kansas, of Eudora, who was in St. Francis to make an official visit. Accompanying her was Judy Cashman, Rebekah Assembly President, of Overland Park.

A short program, prepared by Vicki Cress, district deputy president, was given by Lodge Officers, who each had something to contribute to a travel basket Sister Carol carried on her journey through the Lodge Room. A gift from the Lodge and a gift from the Nobel Grand were also presented.

The meeting opened in form and formal introductions were made, Fred D. Magley, Noble Grand, presiding. Other state officers in attendance were Patrick Cress, Vicki Cress, Marsha Magley and Ruth Moore, all of St. Francis.

Marsha Magley, Mary Ruth Burkett and Dorothy Schield, an appointed committee, had delivered Easter gifts to shut-in members on March 15. They reported happy visits with several members. Easter greetings had also been mailed to members living in care facilities at a distance.

A regular order of business ensued, highlights of which centered around honoring the State Vice President on her special

Scholarships from the Lodge are available, for local relatives of Rising Star members planning to attend colleges in Kansas. Recipients will be announced in early May. Students who qualify



Magley



Scott

should contact Mary Ruth Burkett or any other member of the Lodge for information.

Following remarks by the honored guest, the meeting closed in form and refreshments were served in the fellowship room.

Equity offers service

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The St. Francis Equity at River and Washington, is offering a new service to customers.

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CODY BARNHART details a vehicle at the St. Francis Equity.
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Ag Talk with Jeanne

Potential for Leaf Rust in Wheat?

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When we are dealing with the potential for wheat rusts, we start listening to reports to the south on the amount of and severity of the disease. Since these diseases move on the wind and infect wheat from Texas and north, reports from that area are important. This is an update on leaf rust.

the risk of severe disease problems in Kansas this year.

According to Erick DeWolf, K-State wheat plant pathologist, no immediate management actions are necessary, but growers should monitor the leaf rust situation carefully during the next few weeks. Research has demonstrated the most effective time to apply a foliar fungicide to wheat is between flag leaf emergence through heading. The average yield response for foliar fungicides in Kansas is 10 percent.

Wheat prices have fallen slightly this past week, but are still around

\$9 bushel. The costs of fungicides have also increased recently, with the average cost now approaching \$25 per acre for product plus application costs. Fields planted to susceptible varieties and having a yield potential of more than 35 bushels per acre are strong candidates for a fungicide application this year.

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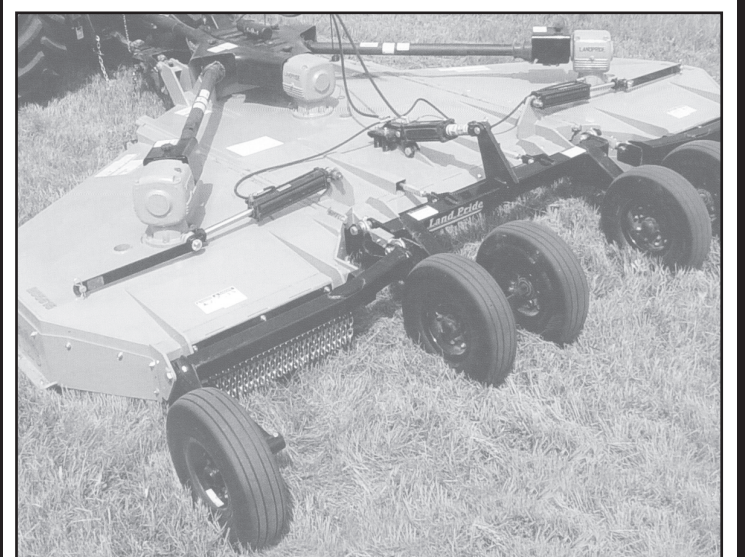
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