



DEVASTATION FROM HURRICANE — A pile of rubble is all that is left on the south side of the Mulege River. All the homes were abandoned by their owners.

Photos courtesy of Chuck Kribs

Hurricane damage bad

Chuck Kribs recently returned from Mulege in Baja California, Sur Mexico and reported on the damage from a hurricane which hit there in September.

Mulege was his home for many years.

"It is one of the most beautiful places in the world," he said.

In September of last year, in the dark of the night, Hurricane "Ji-mena" came to call. At the peak of the storm, winds were 125 miles per hour, accompanied by torrential rains.

Just before 2 in the morning, a 46-foot wall of water came down the river canyon. When morning arrived, over 400 homes and businesses were gone.

Many of the "Gringo's" walked away from their homes, not to rebuild or return. The Mexican people, Mr. Kribs said, who are hard-working fishermen, farmers and businessmen, did not have that option. This was their home, they were going to stay.

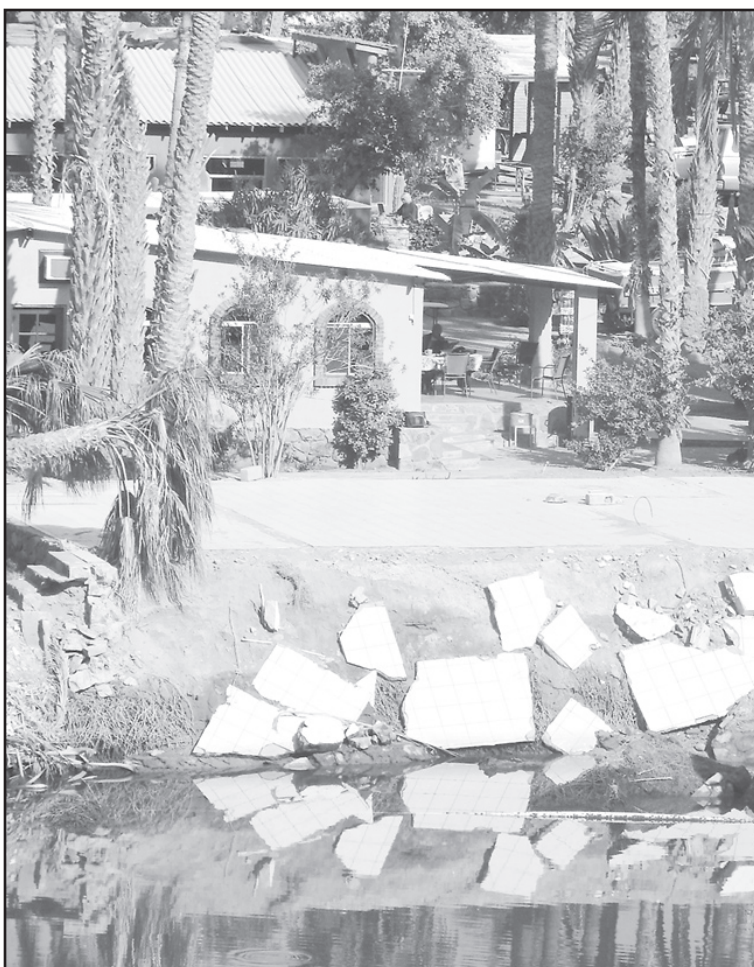
When word reached us here in Kansas, he said, we put out the word that help was needed and St. Francis responded. In a few days, together with our contribution, we raised \$1,000 dollars.

"That doesn't sound like much from our perspective here," he said.

Mr. Kribs sent the money south with a friend, with specific instructions as to whom it was to go.

"I returned to Mulege, last month," he said. "When the word went out that I was in town, my Mexican friends, to whom the help was given, came to call over the next few days."

Matteo, a commercial diver, and his daughter, Sulema, thanked us and said it was like a "gift from



SLAB OF CEMENT is all that is left of the home once owned by Dick Upchurch, former owner of Big Ed's in Bird City.

God" at the time.

Tito, a fisherman, had lost everything he needed to make a living — his boat, motor and nets. He told me, crying as he spoke, that he was able to keep his family fed for three months on the \$250 he was given.

Sarah, Mr. Kribs' housekeeper for years and a single mother, lost the roof of her little house. She said, "Chuck, it's not good to not have a roof." She was able, with the money,

to buy enough scrap tin and 2x4s to replace her roof and to fix her cook stove.

Small amounts of money, doing big things, Mr. Kribs said.

Thanks to people right here. Mulege is almost back to "business as usual," and is still a beautiful place. Much of the damage shown in the pictures may never be fixed, but the people were not broken. "They thank you all for your help!"

Have you been counted yet

By Karen Krien
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Everyone was to have their 2010 Census questionnaire filled out and sent by March 30 but, obviously not everyone has done that. In Cheyenne County, only 63 percent had returned their questionnaire.

There will be several efforts to ensure that everyone is counted, said Lech Wisniewski, specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau.

For those who have a city-style address and did not return their questionnaire, a second mailing will be made between April 1 and April 12. For those who have a post office box, these forms are being hand delivered to all Kansans who live in the central and western parts of the state.

On April 12, any Kansan who did not get a census questionnaire may call 866-872-6868 and request a questionnaire. However, do not call this number prior to April 12. If a request is made after the 12th, an extra form will be mailed to his or her home address.

Beginning at the end of this month, the largest field operation associated with the 2010 census will occur, Mr. Wisniewski said. For every residence where a census questionnaire was not recorded, a census employee will attempt to contact the residents to complete the questionnaire.

For each and every effort made toward a complete and accurate count will help keep those federal tax dollars at home, he said. If everyone across the nation mailed back their forms, taxpayers could reduce the cost of

taking the census by about \$1.5 billion.

Where does Cheyenne County stand

Do you want to see where Cheyenne County stands in returning their census questionnaire?

The Mail Participation Rate Tracker Widget is now available for people to embed on their web site. It's an easy way to remind neighbors and friends that they need to mail back their census forms.

Once the widget displaying your area's rate is embedded on your site, the rate will automatically update every day when Take 10 map is updated with the latest daily rates.

Directions for finding and embedding your Rate Tracker Widget are included below.

1) On the main map page (<http://2010.census.gov/2010census/take10map/>),

click on "View Participation Rate."

2) Enter a zip code or a county or city followed by a state and click "Find."

3) The map will center, click on the chosen state.

4) A bubble will appear showing the current 2010 rate and the 2000 rate. A "Track Participation Rate" link will be in the bubble. Click on the link and follow the instructions for embedding tracker in your website.

5) Note: To get rates for a lower level of geography, click on the "Zoom In" link

Remember: census data helps determine how more than \$400 billion in federal funds are distributed to state, local and tribal areas each year. A complete count of your community in the census will help ensure that your community gets its fair share of census-based funding for the next 10 years.

Protect your horse

Do you have a horse that you would like to let someone else use, but you do not want to sell that horse to them? Leasing your horse may be an option for you. But what are the details of this arrangement? Join us at the High Plains Horseman's Day as we help you work through your options and share some simple solutions with you.

Do you have a horse that means the world to you and is irreplaceable? Have you thought about equine insurance to protect you, your horse, and your assets? Did you know there are different types of insurance that would be beneficial to you the horse owner or

horse leaser? Join K-State Research and Extension County Extension Agent Jessica Milliman as she shares answers to both horse leasing and insurance with you at the High Plains Horseman's Day.

Mark your calendar for April 17. Registration begins at 8:30 am at the Logan County Fairground in Oakley. Come spend the day at the High Plains Horseman's Day and learn more about horses.

For more information or to pre-register for this event contact Thomas County Extension Office at 785-460-4582.

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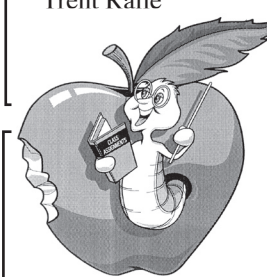


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QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

	12/31/2009			03/31/2010
	BALANCE	EXPENDITURES	RECEIPTS	BALANCE
General	\$31,783.95	\$815,525.78	\$1,100,912.58	\$317,170.75
Road & Bridge	\$229,102.40	\$377,715.44	\$633,197.70	\$484,584.66
Bridge Building	\$25,562.98	\$12.27	\$35,031.88	\$60,582.59
Noxious Weed	\$18,384.90	\$6,549.64	\$8,296.75	\$20,132.01
Rural Fire	\$11,113.02	\$7,678.37	\$22,318.60	\$25,753.25
Hospital	\$69,823.00	\$288,060.92	\$242,479.78	\$24,241.86
Motor Vehicle Fund	\$0.00	\$6,289.73	\$10,852.00	\$4,562.27
Attorney Fund	\$552.50	\$9.00	\$28.00	\$571.50
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$386,322.75	\$1,501,841.15	\$2,053,117.29	\$937,598.89

A detailed statement of expenditures is available for public inspection at the county clerk's office. Copies of such statement shall be available upon request. K.S.A. 19-228

Terry Miller
Cheyenne County Clerk