

# VILLAGE

Continued from Page 1A

Again, Mr. Fitzgerald said it was not a problem. He added that he is a good steward of the taxpayer's money.

Mr. Paulsen pointed out in a recent newspaper article, that the proposed contract doesn't read that the county will hand over \$200,000 (or the 6 mills voted in by the people for the elderly).

The money appropriated to the Society is for operations and capital support, and will be spent locally, Mr. Fitzgerald stressed that it will not be going to the Society.

The commissioners said that because the money for the Village is an appropriation, that doesn't mean that there will always be 6 mills given to the Society. It will be handled in a way similar to the appropriation given to the hospital.

Sometimes, Dale Patton, commissioner, said, they get the full amount they ask for and other times they don't.

So, said Mr. Fitzgerald, the amount could be changed each year? How do I present this to my leadership when the amount needed is not enough?

Your annual budget is your biggest financial statement, Mr. Patton said. It is not the intent of this board to short change the nursing home, however, if the board does see that the facility can be operated on less, then we will not appropriate the full 6 mills. That is why we need to have that annual audit.

I understand money and budgets, Mr. Fitzgerald said, but we need to be assured that the money is there because we don't know what is happening with Medicare. We are nervous about Medicaid reductions in the future – if revenues go down, if there are less patients – it makes me nervous that we might not get what we need.

Because there had been no budget submitted by the Society, the commissioners had not put a line item in the 2013 budget for the nursing home. However, they said extra money had been put in another fund to cover needed expenses for the nursing home.

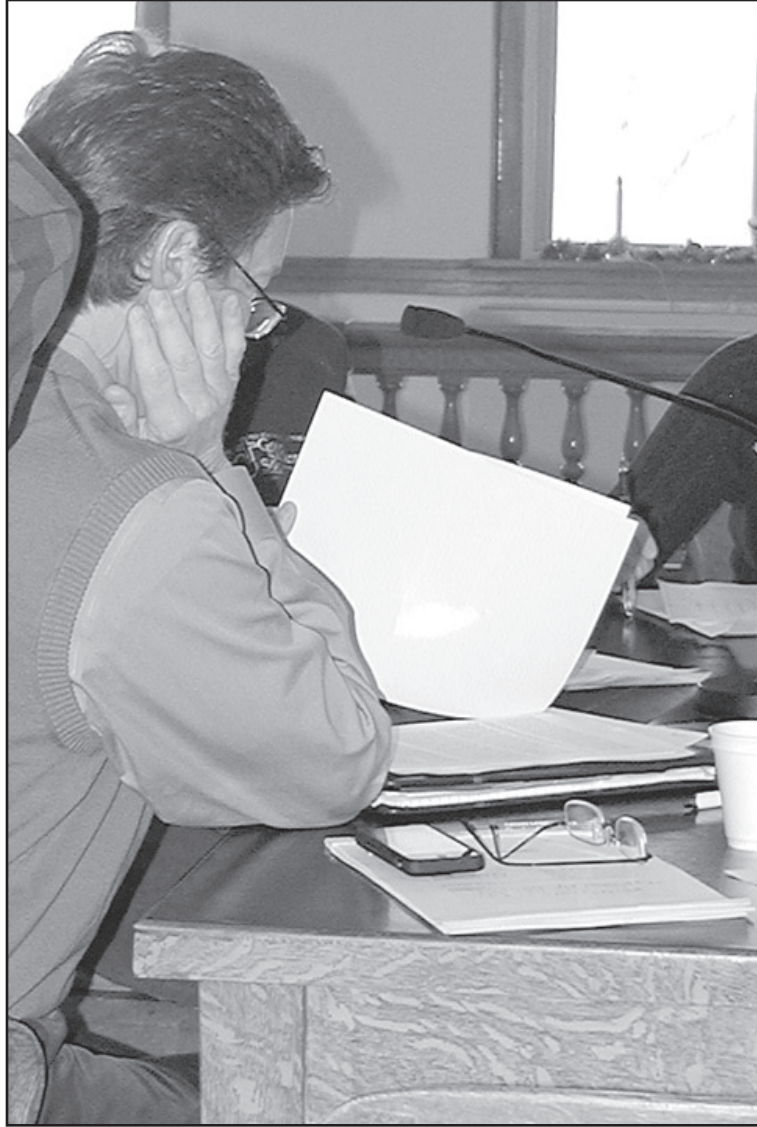
That is the reason for the annual review, said Kari Gilliland, county attorney.

**Funded depreciation**  
Mr. Fitzgerald referred to the newspaper article which said if the funded depreciation total was taken out of the Society's monthly budget, then the nursing home would be making money. We will continue to look at depreciation as an expense, he said. It helps the Society to purchase capital items and to help with cash flow – that is how we, the Society, need to do that.

Before the fire (October 2010), Mr. Fitzgerald said, we had saved \$800,000 which was used for salaries and other expenses at that time. We have no funded depreciation at this time, he said.

The Society will pay the liability insurance and workers compensation and the county will be responsible for insuring the building and content. The county's insurance will cost \$440 per month.

**Billing**  
The accounting and billing will be moved to the Good Samaritan Society headquarters. Karen



**RANDY FITZGERALD, director of operations for the Good Samaritan Society, looks over the proposed lease during the meeting with the county commissioners on Thursday.**

Moberly, who does the accounting at the Village will have another position.

### Donations

Mr. Paulsen pointed out that the Society's donation for \$1 not only included the nursing facility but also the apartments.

The home health business and building will remain with the Society.

The commissioners talked about capital improvements that would need to be done in the near future. Mr. Paulsen said the asphalt parking areas needed work as did the west entrance. He wondered if the county crew could do some of that work which would save the county money.

Mrs. Moberly said that the Village is still building with its own revenue and the facility has been able to pay the bills. She didn't think that the Society would need to ask for money every month. Mr. Fitzgerald said that the nursing home had only had one positive month. I will continue to challenge Jeff (Paulsen) and the staff to continue to work at keeping expenses down and care up.

### Public comments and questions

Eilene Nolan reported that, after the fire, there had been patients who had gone elsewhere and had not come back after the fire. That, she said, is because they had a private bathroom, better views and it cost less. Their spouses were able to make the drive. She stressed that she was not putting the Village staff down because she thought they were doing a good job but she thought that maybe some of the rooms could be improved. If improving the rooms is feasible, she said, maybe some of those people would come back.

Mrs. Moberly said that the uncertainty that the facility lifespan

might not be open has hurt the numbers of the home.

Ken Krien asked why neighboring nursing home facilities leased by Good Sam required less than 6 mills? Mr. Fitzgerald said those homes were larger with more residents.

Rod Klepper asked if the county had looked into the price of other insurance. Mrs. Gilliland pointed out that the county's insurance at \$440 a month is cheaper than what Good Sam is paying now.

Carl Werner asked, since there is no line item for the nursing home, if, in six months, the Society comes to the board asking for \$100,000, will the county be able to give it to them? The commissioners said that there would be enough money there.

The commissioners asked for a show of hands as to how many people thought there should be public meeting before the lease was signed. They agreed that, while there were several hands showing, there was definitely not a majority so there will be no other public meeting except the commissioners' meetings and residents are welcome.

Mrs. Gilliland said she and Mr. Fitzgerald will continue to work on the changes in the proposed lease. Mr. Fitzgerald said he will have the lease to the commissioners at the Nov 30 meeting and will be at the Dec. 17 meeting to hopefully sign the agreement.

We want to sign before the end of the year, Mr. Fitzgerald said, but, if that doesn't happen, the facility will not be closed.

# Thrift store operation as seen through the eyes of a worker

By Marie Holzwarth

The Thrift Store is a magical place where we turn some people's junk and discards into other people's treasures and useful items. Many days the dumpsters are brought in from the front and people unload in the back which leaves the workers only a little path. At times, it is a little overwhelming but we know without all of it, we wouldn't have a store.

Some days the dumpster and sacks hold fascinating stuff – other days, it's just stuff. We get vintage clothes and some so new that the price tag is still on them. There are the new styles and the very outdated. There are the teenage fashions that are hard for us older sorters to understand, especially jeans bought with holes in them. Some of us have learned brand names we haven't ever heard of. Signs are posted to remind us of certain prices and sizes.

Sometimes perfectly good clothes are not clean so the washer and dryer in the basement get a good workout plus the dishwasher washes a lot of glassware.

Clothes for sale range from tiny baby things to sweaters and shawls for the older set. There are gloves for everyone. Sizes range from 0 to XXXXX in clothing. There are overalls, jeans, coveralls for the farmer, neckties, suits, shirts, sweaters, belts, nightwear and suspenders for men.

Women can find most anything from nightwear, blouses, sweaters, slacks, dresses, jeans and even Victoria's Secret underwear. Children clothes range from baby to teenagers.

There are shoes, sizes from baby to size 14 men. Coats for winter, spring or fall can be found for nearly everyone.

Bedding from twin to king size can be found. Linens from old to new plus tablecloths are available, also many pretty curtains. Pots, pans, dishes – old and new – grace the household department plus some strange things we get that we class as "one of those" (meaning we don't know what it is).

The jewelry department comes up with some very pretty pieces and some are surprisingly valuable. We are fortunate to have a worker that is knowledgeable about the value to advise us. Knickknacks of all sizes and kinds can be bought. Some people have found a special picture or lamp to decorate their home. Purses of all sizes, shapes and colors come in and some may have a coin or a dollar bill left in them. Books and books of all kinds plus dozens of puzzles are available. Videos and tapes occupy a shelf.

Toys are available for all ages of kids. We even had a three-foot Barbie doll. If you are lucky, you might hit a day when stuffed toys



**REV. WARREN CICO is helping get the Christmas items out for the holidays. He is just one of the many volunteers working at the Thrift Store.**

are given away. Sad to say, we also get clothes too bad for us to sell as we want to offer only good merchandise, also some are too bad for Goodwill as they need good usable things. So we have a rag box that painters and mechanics are glad to take advantage of. We also have a box of materials a church uses to make covers for the poor. Clothes and shoes not sold are put into huge boxes and taken to the recycle building. This new feature saves a lot of work. Before it was bagged and taken to Goodwill. It is a lot of work to unload a horse trailer full of bags.

Spring and fall brings entire changes of merchandise and a thorough cleaning of the store. It takes a big crew of workers to do this job. The workers range from the very young to senior citizens. Some do one thing and others do something else. Some stay a short time, others stay hours. Someone on the committee opens and shuts the store and takes care of the money. Some sort, some clean, others price – we even had an over-90-year-old who did mending until her health failed. Now we have another person helping out. There are ones who do ironing and steaming. Then there are the mechanical minded who check out the appliances and toys. Some add up the customer's bills and takes the money. Some fill in wherever needed. There is a schedule set up for the workers.

There are the faithful few who

unload the dumpsters on Monday mornings and works many hours. Without all these people – and the one person who oversees it all, the store would not be possible. The store receives merchandise from a wide area even clear across the country. It has customers from a three-state area and more. Workers are not just United Methodists, anyone who wishes to volunteer is welcome. The store windows have a very professional look – just as good as any big city store. A talented lady does this.

The store is especially pretty at Christmas. The upstairs takes on a holiday glow. The other holidays have their turn and are so decorated.

It is amazing how much money has come in the seven years we have been open. High up on the west wall are cards telling where money has been given. A committee decides on worthwhile projects. The store is owned by the United Methodist Church. It is an asset to the town and the far reaching communities. At the end of seven years, nearly \$300,000 has been given to those in need. These are Sherry Schultz's figures – amazing and unbelievable. The Thrift Store came from one woman's generosity and another woman's dream that it could be possible. May it continue to be a blessing to the community and to all it benefits. We hope to keep on doing magic by turning discards into treasures.

## YOST

530 E. Business US Hwy. 36 St. Francis, KS 67756  
800-524-9678 785-332-2188 yostford.com

Sales Manager — Brent Rueb      Like us on Facebook  
Salesman — Jason Knox              Yost Ford

**Wholesale pricing on these other pre-owned units**

1999 Ford F-150 Lariat Super Cab	\$6,250
2001 Ford Windstar LX Van, 7 pass.	\$4,200
2003 Ford Taurus SE, FWD	\$3,800
2004 VW Touareg	\$16,825
2006 Ford F-150, 4x4 pkg.	\$15,900
2006 Ford, S/C, 4x4, long box, Biege Cloth	\$14,500
2007 Honda Pilot, Fully loaded	\$20,250
2008 Ford Explorer XLT, Leather, Clean,	\$20,200
2008 Dodge 2500 Diesel, great shape	\$31,995
2009 Ford F-150 King Ranch Crew	\$31,000
2009 Nissan Altima, loaded	\$16,800
2009 Cadillac STS, loaded	\$28,250
2011 Chevy Impala LT, 34K	\$21,000
2011 Ford Escape XLT, FWD	\$27,065

**Black Friday**  
Now till Nov. 30  
**Pre-owned Sales Event**  
All pre-owned vehicles qualify.  
Present this ad at  
**Yost Ford for a \$400.00**  
**Instant SAVINGS**  
on top of your best deal.

**View all of our inventory at**  
[www.yostford.com](http://www.yostford.com)

**INTRODUCING**

FREE SHIPPING ON ALL ORDERS!

[WWW.THEPROBIOTICSTORE.COM](http://WWW.THEPROBIOTICSTORE.COM)

**YOUR ONE-STOP SHOP FOR PROBIOTICS**

**USE COUPON CODE NWK12 FOR 15% OFF!**

**-SUPPLEMENTS**  
**-SKINCARE**  
**-FOOD/BEVERAGES**  
**-PET HEALTH**  
**-FARM & AGRICULTURE**  
**-HOME & GARDEN**

FREE Probiotics For Dummies E-book download by Dr. Shekhar Challa      [WWW.THEPROBIOTICSTORE.COM](http://WWW.THEPROBIOTICSTORE.COM)

**SPECIAL EQUIPMENT LOAN FAST**

**2.95% for 3 years**

Make your best deal on the equipment purchase of your choice, and then finance it with Farm Credit at a low fixed rate. New or used, any color, same great deal.

You can also refinance existing equipment loans from other lenders. Rate terms from 3 to 7 years are available. Call Farm Credit today to start saving on your equipment financing costs.

Be sure to also ask about our special financing program for seed and chemical purchases.

1190 S Range - Colby  
800-657-6048  
[www.fcwk.com](http://www.fcwk.com)  
contactus@fcwk.com

Farm Credit is an Equal Credit Opportunity and Equal Housing Lender. Program rules, terms, and conditions are subject to change without notice.

*Bringing quality care to your home!*

**Community Healthcare and Hospice offers:**

- ❖ Skilled nursing care
- ❖ Home health aide
- ❖ Medical Social Service
- ❖ Hospice Care
- ❖ Homemaker/chore service
- ❖ Speech therapy
- ❖ Physical therapy
- ❖ Occupational therapy
- ❖ Lifeline
- ❖ Registered dietitian
- ❖ Diabetic Education

Community HealthCare and Hospice works closely with your physician to bring quality home health care and hospice services to your doorstep. For peace of mind, a nurse is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Serving Red Willow, Frontier, Hayes, Hitchcock, Furnas, Dundy, and Chase counties, we are Joint Commission certified, and state licensed with Medicare/Medicaid.

**COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**  
*Advanced care. Always there.*

**COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE AND HOSPICE**

\*This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.\*

402 West 5th Street, McCook, NE 69001 | 308-344-8356 | [www.chmccook.org](http://www.chmccook.org)