

Discussion to be held on farm bill

Dr. Art Barnaby is conducting a series of six discussions around the state to explain the provisions of the new 2014 Farm Bill. He will be providing analysis of both the primary programs for the major crops in Kansas, as well as changes to crop insurance.

Dr. Barnaby is an agricultural economist at Kansas State University. The program will focus on the 2014 Farm Bill, updated government commodity programs, the "new" price loss coverage option and agriculture risk coverage option, and the supplemental coverage option.

Dr. Barnaby's northwest stop will be in Rawlins County, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Atwood, on Monday March 24 from 10 a.m. to noon. It is open to all producers interested in learning details of the Farm Bill as it relates to their farming operation.

No RSVP is required. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information please contact the Cheyenne County Extension Office at 785-332-3171 or the Rawlins County Extension Office at 785-626-3192.



Seth Taylor and Elizabeth Trumbo

Wedding planned in Oregon for March

Mr and Mrs. Timothy Trumbo are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Trumbo, to Robert "Seth" Taylor.

The wedding will be March 23, 2014 in Milton Freewater Ore.

Elizabeth is a 2011 graduate

of Walla Walla University, with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. She is currently is a Registered Nurse.

Seth will be a 2014 graduate of Walla Walla University, with a degree in Engineering.

The couple will make their home in College Place, Wash.

Club Clip Lawn Ridge 4-H

The monthly meeting of the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club was held at the courthouse on Feb. 24 at 7:15 p.m. President Bailey Merklin called the meeting to order. Brady led the club in the flag salute. There was no song. Roll call was answered by 6 members and 2 leaders. Secretary Jylian Laten read the minutes from the previous meeting. Treasure's report was given. Under old business Lynn reminded the

president and treasurer that they needed to sign the signature card at the bank. Under new business, model meeting and County 4-H Days were discussed. Valerie Wurm read the announcements. Next meeting will be March 10 at the club house. Katie Wurm led the 4-H pledge. Meeting was adjourned.

Katie Wurm, Club Reporter

Obituary

Vera Kacirek

Feb. 13, 1922 - March 3, 2014



Vera Kacirek

Vera (Harper) Kacirek was born on Feb. 13, 1922, at the farm home in northwest Rawlins County. She was the youngest daughter of Elmer C. Harper and Bessie (Hatch) Harper.

In 1930, the family moved to Benkelman, Neb., where Vera attended grade and high school, graduating with the class of 1939. She attended Hastings College, acquiring a teaching degree.

After teaching one year at Sumner, Neb., she taught fifth grade in Benkelman. On Jan. 15, 1945 she married Laddie Kacirek at St. John's Catholic Church in Beardsley.

They made their home on a farm north of McDonald. In 1959 they moved to a new home built by Laddie and his father, Theo Kacirek.

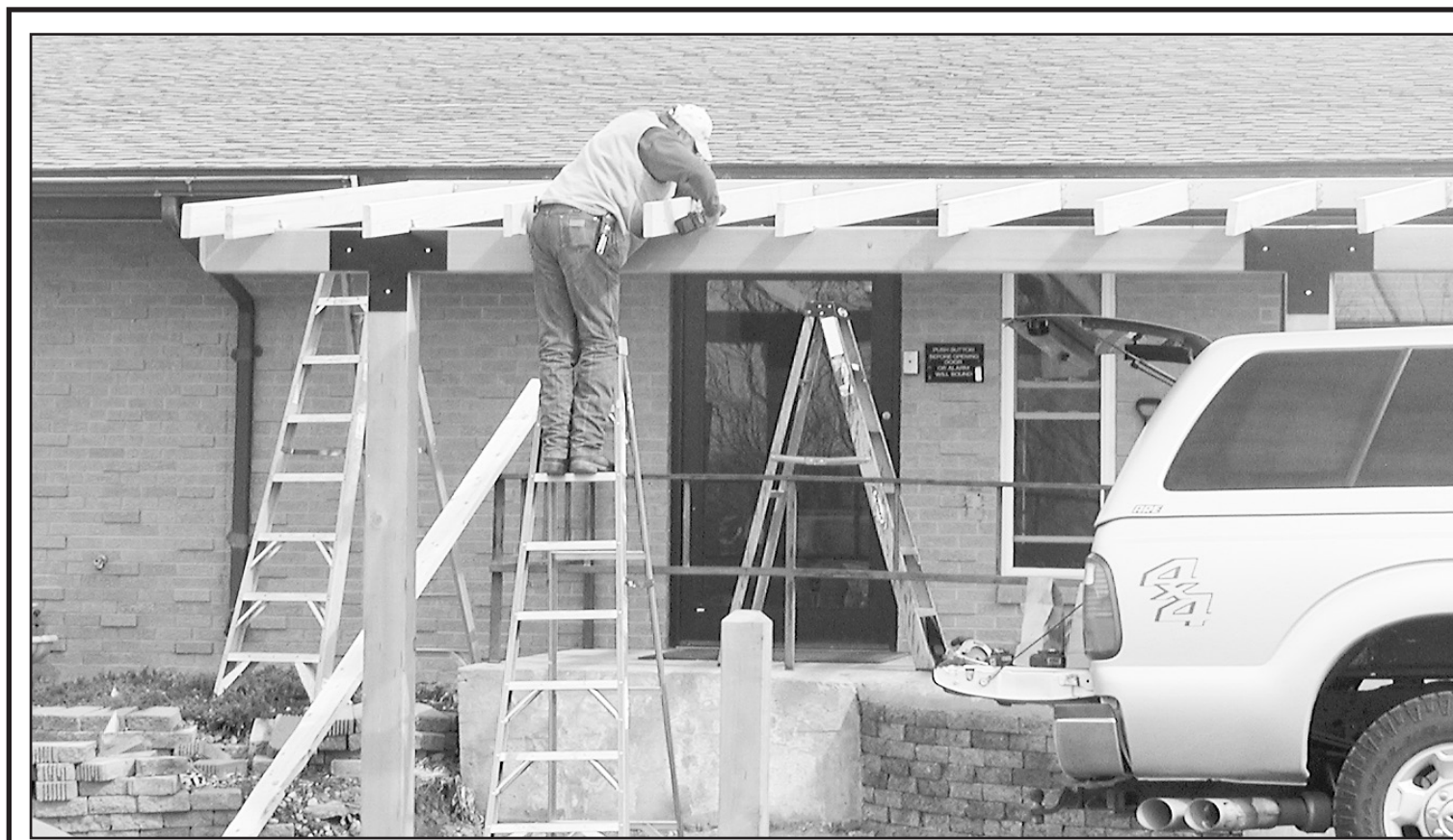
Three children came to make a complete family. They were Douglas Linn, Linda Susan and

David Kevin.

Vera continued her love of working with children by being a 4-H leader for 21 years, and taught a second grade catechism class at St. Joseph's Church in Bird City. After raising her own children, her joy was her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Church, Bird City, St. Joseph's Altar Society and McDonald Area Development. Through her love of gardening she joined Kansas Associated Garden Club in 1961. She served as president of the McDonald Garden Club, as well as holding district, state, and regional offices. For many years, Vera and Laddie enjoyed traveling to polka dances with the Sunflower Polka Club.

Vera and Laddie moved to Prairie Plaza Retirement Center in Atwood in 2008. There, they continued to make new friends and supported the community. In April 2011, Vera and Laddie moved to the Oberlin Good Samaritan. There, Vera was loved by her caregivers and received wonderful care. Many looked



ROGER JENSEN works on the west entrance improvements at the Good Samaritan Village building.

Herald staff photo by Tim Burr

Counties discuss merging emergency services at commissioners meeting

By Karen Krien

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Merging the county's emergency medical service with the Sherman County Emergency Medical Service was discussed when the Cheyenne County Commissioners met on Friday. At the end of the discussion, they agreed to set up a meeting with Sherman County Commissioners.

Dr. Mary Beth Miller, Cheyenne County medical director; Ryan Murray, emergency manager; and Duane Wright, Sherman County Emergency Medical Service director, immediately asked for 20 minutes to discuss personnel. After coming out of the session, they went back in for another 20 minutes. Coming out, Dale Patton, commissioner, said no decision was to be made.

They then turned to discussing merging emergency services with Sherman County.

It is becoming more apparent that volunteers in rural areas are going to have trouble meeting federal guidelines, said Mr. Patton. Rural areas are having a difficult time standing alone because of the cost as well as finding volunteers.

We need to move on this matter as soon as possible so we can provide the best emergency service as possible to our residents, he said.

A meeting with the Sherman County Commissioners will be set as soon as possible. The meeting will be open to the public, and the county's emergency medical service board will as urged to attend.

Resignation

Terry Miller, clerk, told the commissioners he had sent a letter to the governor, telling that he planned to resign May 31. He had also informed the Republican party chair. Members of the party planned a meeting on the following Monday.

Mr. Miller said he had recommended the deputy clerk,

Deb Lindsten, to finish his term. Deb, he said, has been training to do his job and she will do well. It will be a smooth transition, he said, noting that he assumed the party would appoint her.

In the meantime, Mr. Miller will continue to be the clerk until he leaves.

Road and bridge department

Dave Flemming, public works director, reported he had purchased a 2006 Caterpillar 950H loader for \$74,800. The final price, he said, had been cheaper than he had anticipated. The loader will need to be paid for before the next meeting, so the commissioners agreed to allow a check to be written.

Mr. Flemming recommended that the commissioners sign a permit for Tom Hnizdil so he can bore under a county road to run an electric line.

Emergency medical service

Jannelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, asked for 20 minutes executive session to discuss financial matters of a

third party. When coming out, Mr. Patton had a bill which had come from Citizen Medical Center in Colby. The bill was for providing ambulance service to a patient that had been delivered to the center. The bill was cleared to be paid.

Mr. Patton said that the county could be held accountable and it was the county's financial obligation. The bill for \$2,798 was approved to be paid.

In other business

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- The date was listed as 2014 instead of 2013 on the contract for law enforcement in Bird City. The date was corrected and will be sent back to the Bird City City Council for signing.

- An application foCour a state grant to the Cheyenne County Health Department was signed. Mr. Patton noted that at a recent state meeting he had attended, Mila Bandel, county health nurse, was highly commended for doing the best job in the state.

- Keary Carman had applied to

the Cheyenne County Incentive Plan. They were not sure what Mr. Carman's business was, but thought it was a halfway house, of sorts, for veterans. They signed the agreement.

- Natalie Stahlecker, clerk of the District Court, presented Resolution 14-04, which would allow the district court to add 17 percent to bills submitted to the Kansas Set Off Program, part of the Kansas Department of Revenue. The program has been successful for the district court in collecting bills, Mrs. Stahlecker said, however, they charge 17 percent of the total collected. If 17 percent were added to the bills, they would regain the majority of that collected.

- Deb Lindsten, deputy clerk, asked for 10 minutes to discuss personnel. No decision was made.

Next meeting

The next meeting has been set for 8 a.m. on Friday, March 14, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

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