

# Farm bill meetings to be informational

"The Farm Service Agency, along with the extension service, is planning two informational meetings in the county," said Angie Bock, director of the local Farm Service Agency office. Both meetings will be held Tuesday with the first one at 1:30 p.m. at the courtroom of the Cheyenne County Courthouse. The second will be at 6:30 p.m. at the fellowship meeting hall of the Bird City United Methodist Church.

"Both meetings will have the same agenda and will focus on base and yield options," said Director Bock. "I

will give some 'nuts and bolts' of the program options, and then a Farm Management Specialist for Kansas State University will give some financial calculations and 'what-if' type scenarios.

"We will also field questions. I hope they will be very beneficial meetings and helpful to producers in examining their options." Director Bock said.

If you have any questions, please contact the Farm Service Agency office at (785) 332-2183 or extension at (785) 332-3171.

# Thresher Queen for 2002 soon to be home

The 2002 Thresher Queen is Minnie Busse. The announcement was made during the annual Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show.

Though born and raised in the Hickory Grove community near Auburn in southeastern Nebraska, she has a keen interest in the history of the Great Plains. In 1944, she married Clarence Busse, the grandson of homesteaders, Henry and Albertine Zielke Greisler, who arrived in Cheyenne County in 1885. Mrs. Busse spent many years compiling a history of this homestead family which she published as a book, "Sodbusters of Cheyenne County." She has been maintaining the Busse/Greisler showcase at the Thresher Show and has always enjoyed attending the event.



Minnie Busse

Mrs. Busse has been a member of the Extension Club for over 50 years. She is active in the Women of the Church at St. John Lutheran Church and was the volunteer superintendent of the Sunday school for 20 years.

The Busses live on a farm 12 miles south of Bird City. They have three children; Dan and wife Lynn of Bird City, Dave and wife Teri of Omaha, Neb., and Pat and husband Jim Cooksey of Houston, Texas. They have eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Mrs. Busse's parents were the late Ernest and Mina Boehling Oestmann. Mina was from

Germany and came to America at the age of 21.

Mrs. Busse was disappointed that she was unable to attend the Thresher Show but is grateful to all of the many people who were involved in her emergency flight to Denver to repair an aortic aneurysm. Her recovery, though slow, is going well and she hopes to be back in the community in the near future. She recognizes all those who have sent good wishes, prayers and cards these past many weeks. Mrs. Busse celebrated her 83 birthday on Aug. 1.

# Golf tournament set

This Saturday marks the second "Swing Fore Your Health" golf tournament, sponsored by the Cheyenne County Hospital. The tournament will start at 11 a.m. with tee-off at noon on Aug. 25 at Riverside Recreation, west of St. Francis on U.S. 36.

The tournament is a three-person scramble. Proceeds will be used to purchase a new defibrillator for the emergency room. The defibrillator is used to access the heart's abnormal rhythms and shocks it back to its normal rhythm. In other words, the ma-

chine saves lives.

After the tournament, there will be an evening barbecue dinner at 6 p.m. which is open to the public at Riverside Recreation. Anyone purchasing a ticket to the dinner will be eligible to win a Stearman bi-plane ride provided by Grace Flying Service. Tickets for the dinner can be purchased from several businesses, the hospital and clinic.

For more information, contact the hospital at 785-332-2104.

"See you there!" said Administrator Les Lacy



ACCIDENT CLAIMS PICKUPS but there were no injuries in this accident which occurred Aug. 14 on the old Wheeler Road. Billy Lee, driving a 2000 Ford pickup and pulling a livestock trailer, was traveling west when he attempted to pull off the road. Gary Yonkey, driving a 2001 Dodge pickup and pulling a livestock trailer, rearended the livestock trailer pulled by Lee.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

# Surgeon interested in coming to hospital

By Karen Krien

Administrator Les Lacy informed the hospital board on Thursday that a surgeon had shown interest in coming to the Cheyenne County Hospital to see patients and do procedures.

"He was impressed with our laparoscopic equipment and it currently appears we will be able to work out a relationship," he said.

If the agreement comes about, Dr. Charles Schultz will begin coming to the hospital in the fall, possibly as soon as October.

**Hospital elevator**

At the last meeting of the board, a certified letter had been received concerning the hospital's elevator and that there might need to be some work done to insure that it was safe.

Since that meeting, Administrator Lacy had been in touch with the company which installed the elevator ram in 1987. The company indicated that, at that time, it was their practice to put double-bottom rams in which, in turn, relieved the hospital board that the elevator was safe.

**Administrator's report**

In the administrator's report, he noted that there had been patients using the hospital but those using swing bed was less than expected.

Bill Wilger, maintenance, had reported several small leaks in the basement which concerned some of the board members. The administrator explained that the leaks would be stopped as soon as some re-sloping of the lawn was done. There was also another small leak around a vent.

• Administrator Lacy reminded the

board that the annual hospital golf tournament would be held on Sunday and hoped everyone would plan to attend.

In other business:

- Jackie John, area director for Great Plains Health Alliance, gave her monthly report and invited all board members to come to the Alliance's annual meeting at the end of August.
- Susan Roelfs, county health nurse, has been applying for a bioterrorism grant and would need to put in a few more hours than she normally works.
- It was noted that the St. Francis clinic was down in patients but the Bird City clinic continued to see more patients than expected. The administrator said the emergency room numbers were also up and said these statistics are common when the economy is bad as people will put off going to the doctor as long as possible.

# Maximum \$10 paid for away meals

The Cheyenne County Commissioners met in special session on Aug. 9 to canvass the votes from the primary election. Before canvassing the votes, they took care of some correspondence and old business including the matter of how much to pay for meals when employees are attending meetings and workshops.

Earlier, the commissioners had established the policy that the county would pay up to \$10 per meal and the employee must furnish proof of the cost of the meal. Commissioners Jane Brubaker and Tim Raile wanted to continue the paying policy but Commissioner Ron Krien thought that employees could pay for their own meals. At the previous meeting he had stated that he had never turned in a bill for a meal eaten while attending business or a meeting as a commissioner — that he paid for his

meals at home, why should the county be expected to pick up the bill when he is away from home? Because the majority was for paying for the meals, the county will continue to pay up to \$10.

**Airport taxiway sealed**

Clerk Terry Miller reported that Darin Neufeld, the representative of EBH and Associates, the company which oversaw the airport runway resurfacing, said the airport taxiway had been sealed and the commissioners agreed to pay \$6,000 to the company. However, there is a drainage problem which will be corrected with concrete sometime in September. The final payment to EBH will be paid when this work is completed.

**Canvassing the votes**

When canvassing the primary election votes, there were four votes from Benkelman Township that were not

counted had been found and recorded. The county was duly recorded in the Abstract of Votes Cast Volume D on file in the county clerk's office.

**In other business**

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- Commissioner Krien will attend the landfill training in Colby on Sept. 18 and 19 and, if he cannot go, Commissioner Brubaker will go.
- The commissioners signed ambulance write offs in the amount of \$1,102 as well as two abatements and four refunds.
- Reva Pownell, Food Pantry coordinator, asked if the Pantry could be moved to the city police office when it is vacated but the request was denied as Judge Jack Burr will be assuming that office.
- Ranae Pilkington, road and bridge secretary, submitted bids for the removal of rubber tires from the landfill and the board accepted the bid from Champlin Tire for \$1,750.
- The Kansas Coroner Association wanted \$100 for the county to join the association. The board denied the fee.

**Next meeting**

The next meeting of the hospital board will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 19 in the basement of the clinic across the street from the hospital in St. Francis.



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# Book review

**Willow**  
By V.C. Andrews

A book review from the St. Francis Public Library

Wealth. Extravagant parties. Celebrity status. These are things Willow DeBeers could only dream of until now. After discovering deep family secrets in her adoptive father's journal, Willow bids farewell to her North Carolina college town and sets out in search of her birth family amid the ritzy glamour

of Palm Beach.

Using an assumed name and pretending to conduct a study of one of the nation's wealthiest communities, Willow takes Florida's gem city by storm and quickly encounters Thatcher Eaton, a young lawyer who sweeps her off her feet. But as Willow spirals into a passionate love affair and becomes intoxicated with the lifestyle of the rich and famous, the dark truth about her birth family threatens her fabulous new life, pushing her to the brink of insanity.

**Guess who's been here 90 years?**

Please wish Gus Zweygardt, the twin on the right, a Happy 90th Birthday! On September 4, 2002.

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