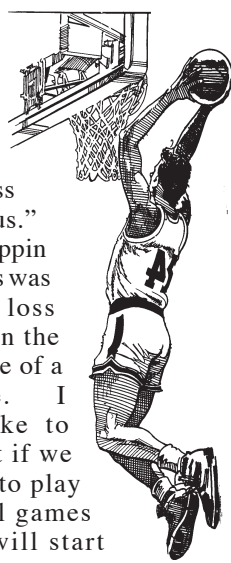


Healy squeaks by Cougars in game played Thursday

Healy 50-Cougars 46
The Cougar boys lost another close game at home last Thursday night. One minute into the first quarter, leading scorer Lincoln Pochop was forced out of the game with what would end up being a broken ankle. Without Pochop the Cougars stepped up with an energetic defensive performance. Pochop returned at the beginning of the second quarter and played the rest of the game.
"For Lincoln to come back and play with a broken ankle shows the passion he has for this team", said Coach Morgan Grippin.
The ball game was back and forth until Healy took an 8-point lead in the third quarter. Cheylin would not go away easily as they battled back to take the lead with around one minute remaining. The final minute went back and forth until 8 seconds were left and Healy grabbed the rebound with a 2-point lead and played keep away with the ball and put a layup

in at the buzzer to win by 4 points.
"It was a tough loss for all of us," Coach Grippin said. "This was our sixth loss like this in the last minute of a ballgame. I would like to think that if we continue to play close ball games that we will start getting them to go our way".

Leading Scorers: Lucius White 11, Sam Hengen 10, Pochop 9, Terry Jensen 8, Jacob White 7.
Leading Rebounders: Jensen 10, Pochop 9.
Steals: L. White 7.



COUGARS SET UP offensive strategy as Sam Hengen bring the ball down the court.
Photo courtesy of Kelly Basnett

President of Health Alliance is new chair

By Karen Krien
Roger John, president and chief executive officer, Great Plains Health Alliance, Phillipsburg, was recently inducted as the 2007 chair of the Kansas Hospital Association Board of Directors.



John

Great Plains Health Alliance leases the Cheyenne County Hospital, St. Francis. The Alliance also leases and/or manages 22 other hospitals in Kansas and two in Nebraska.

As the board chair, Mr. John will guide the Kansas Hospital Association's 19-member governing board that oversees the organization's strategic activities. Mr. John is the fourth Great Plains Health Alliance member to serve as president of the state association with Curtis Erickson serving in 1966, Jackie John (Mr. John's wife) in 1994 and Rita Buurman in 2000.

Before becoming the leader of Great Plains Health Alliance, Mr. John was the area director and director of education, quality assurance and management of the Alliance from 1984 to 1990.

He has also been the assistant vice president, operation officer and loan officer at the Security State Bank, Scott City; area director of Great Plains Lutheran Hospitals, Phillipsburg; and business manager at Trego County Lemke Hospital, WaKeeney.

Mr. John graduated from Kansas State University, Manhattan, with a bachelor of science degree in business administration with an emphasis in finance in 1970. In 1981, he earned a masters in hospital administration from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

In 1980, he received an honorable discharge from the United States Army Reserve with the rank of Captain.

The Johns have three children. When he has time, he enjoys hunting, sailing, racquetball, handball and reading.

Ag Talk with Jeanne

BT corn events and refuges needed

By Jeanne Falk
K-State Multi-County Agronomist

Knowing the requirements for refuges for insect resistant management (IRM) for Bt corn can be important when ordering seed corn and planning for the upcoming growing season. There are two basic insect resistant management programs for Bt rootworm corn and Bt European corn borer corn. If you are growing a Bt corn stack that has genes for both corn borer and rootworm (YieldGard Plus, Herculex Xtra), you must follow the insect resistant management for rootworm program for Bt rootworm corn.

For Bt corn hybrids active against corn rootworm, there are several requirements.

Growers must plant a structured refuge of at least 20-percent non-Bt rootworm corn that may be treated with insecticides (for example: seed treatments, liquid or granular) as needed to control corn rootworm larvae.

Growers will not be permitted to apply corn rootworm labeled insecticides to the refuge for control of insect pests (either rootworm beetles or other insects, such as western bean cutworms, grasshoppers, and others) while adult corn rootworm are present unless the Bt rootworm field is treated in a similar manner.

Refuge plantings may be blocks in or adjacent to Bt rootworm cornfields or as in-field strips.

External refuges must be planted adjacent to Bt rootworm fields.

When planting the refuge in strips across a field, refuges must be at least six rows wide for YieldGard Rootworm and YieldGard Plus or at least four rows wide for Herculex RW and Herculex Xtra. It is preferable to have wider strips, such as 12 consecutive row-wide strips.

Insecticides for control of corn rootworm larvae may be applied to the refuge area. In addition, the refuge must be planted in similar ground as the Bt corn for rootworm (such as: YieldGard Rootworm, or Herculex RW), that is, if the Bt corn for rootworm is planted in ground that was in corn the previous year, so must the refuge. General management of the Bt corn for rootworm and the refuge should be similar, such as planting dates, irrigation, fertility programs, and others.

For Bt corn hybrids that are active against European corn borer, there are other requirements.

On each farm, growers may plant up to 80 percent of their corn acres with Bt corn. At least 20 percent of their corn acres must be planted with non-corn borer Bt corn and treated only as needed with insecticides. Decisions to treat the refuge must be based on economic thresholds. Conventional Bt products (liquids or granules) must not be used on the non-Bt refuge.

Plant non-Bt corn refuge within, adjacent to, or near the Bt cornfields. The refuge must be placed within 1/2 mile of the Bt field, preferably within 1/4 mile.

If refuge is established as strips in

a field, the strips should be no narrower than four rows. General management of the Bt corn for European

corn borer and the refuge should be similar, such as planting dates, irrigation, fertility programs, etc.

Irrigation scheduling using KanSched2

By Jeanne Falk
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Irrigation scheduling is a tool that producers use for maximizing yields, and reducing water and energy usage. Many producers are likely familiar with KanSched, which is an irrigation scheduling tool from Kansas State University that determines when and how much irrigation water to apply. KanSched is a program developed by irrigation specialists at Kansas State University that is tailored to Kansas crops and growing conditions.

Irrigation scheduling that uses evapotranspiration (ET) values is much like using checkbook accounting, where valued commodities are tracked. In this case, soil water rather than money, is the valued commodity. The debit is the crop water use, while credits are rainfall and irrigation.

"The major goal of the 'accounting procedure' is to help the producer keep the amount of water in reserve above a minimum acceptable level to prevent water stress to the growing crop," said Dan Rogers, agriculture engineer with K-State.

New and improved

There is now a new and improved version, called KanSched2. This program is a smile and user friendly spreadsheet based-program that can be quickly learned and easily used by irrigators to develop an irrigation schedule.

The new features include a way to account for cutting cycles in alfalfa, an irrigation forecast (five days into the future) irrigation fuel cost accounting, and a water record page for individual fields. In addition, pull down menus are included throughout the whole program for easy navigation.

KanSched2 was developed by Rogers and Mahub Alum, agriculture engineer at the SW Kansas Research and Extension Center in Garden City. Producers that have the original KanSched are likely to find KanSched2 familiar and should have little or no difficulty adapting to KanSched2.

In addition, once it is time to enter data for the new year, it can easily be entered without creating a new field or deleting the old data. Contact your local K-State Extension Office for information on obtaining the KanSched2 program.

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