star-news land 19, 2003 3 The Goodland Star-News / Friday, Dec. 19, 2003 Wheat moves as farmers seize higher price

By Sharon Corcoran

Trainloads of wheat have been pouring east from area elevators during November and December, with some cash flowing back to area farmers.

That's not unusual, but this winter's shipments, for one elevator at least, have been earlier than usual, he said. larger than normal, influenced by higher wheat prices and a better harvest than in here means more to ship, Hoelting said, and year. Hoelting said farmers often get disrecent years.

time, said Lynn Hoelting, general manager The Goodland Star-News for Mueller Grain Co.; the industry ships more wheat between corn harvest and winter than other times of the year.

But more than usual is on the move. This year probably saw a 15-20 percent increase, Hoelting said. There was more wheat sold income," Hoelting said, "you can afford to

A better-than-average harvest east of better wheat prices and farmer cash flow It's not unusual to ship out wheat at this also influence how much wheat is shipped. times for buying or committing to fertilizer

The price is good, he said, and farmers early. It's the year-end scramble. don't want to miss out on that. And with year-end approaching, they are making decisions for next year and scrambling to be in the best position for income taxes.

"If you haven't made too much as far as sell more."

And now is a good time to buy for next counts for buying seed early, and some-

Plain and fancy jumpin

Not all farmers work on a calendar year,

he added, but many do. And when they sell the grain they store, elevators want to ship it out.

"If the producer sells the grain," Hoelting said, "we can't collect storage."

Then it is usually in the elevator's best interest to ship it out, he said, to sell it if they can get a good price. And now seems to be the time to do that.

"Prices are as good as we've seen them

in several years," Hoelting said. The price Monday was \$3.56 per bushel in Goodland, compared to \$2.67 July 1 and \$3.78 a year ago.

Brad Cowan, manager of Frontier Equity, said the co-op has shipped about the same amount as normal for this time of year. A receptionist at Collingwood Grain, which is owned by Archer-Daniels-Midland, said the manager there does not release that type of information.

Owner wonders why he'll pay for trash hauling

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News Gary Mosbarger says he thinks the city is picking on him.

He told city commissioners Monday that he has used a metal quonset building at 1002 E. Business U.S. 24 to store farm equipment and old cars since 1958, paying residential rates for power and nothing for trash service.

Then this fall, someone at the city noticed the hut was not a home, and reclassified it as a commercial property. His electric bill jumped and he said he heard he would start getting a bill for trash pickup, though he hauls what little trash he has there off himself.

Eventually, city staff said, the account was reclassified to storage and the minimum power bill was cut in half. Under current ordinances, though, the owner still may have to pay for trash service. And that did not make him very happy.

Mosbarger, 307 Washington, said he bought the building in 1958, and that it has been listed as a residential property for utilities since he installed three lights.

"It is not a commercial establishment," Mosbarger said. "I store some farm equipment and what I term 'my toys.

"I have not had a trash bill, but now I got a notice from the new trash guy that I am going to get a trash bill.

"I'm telling you, I don't like it. charged a trash collection fee. This is like all the other decisions you make; there is no common sense."

tested that the ordinance was written for the whole town, and that this is an exception which does not fit the definitions.

telling Mosbarger that the city was doing what it had to do based on the current ordinance.

The owner said he was upset about how the change was handled. He said he felt he was being picked on by the city.

Volk said he should see a credit on his next bill reflecting the change

"This should not have been listed as a commercial in the first place," she said. "It has been that way (residential) for a long time, and when the question was raised, we realized it was not listed properly.'

Mosbarger said he could do without the trash service, as he hauls his own, but that he needed the few lights in the building because there are no windows.

would be up to the contractor, In the Can, and that was not a city decision

Billinger asked if there were other situations like this, and what could be done about people who may have utilities, but do not generate any trash.

Pickman said under the city's ordinance, all businesses and buildings that have utilities are covered under the trash section and are

He said any changes would have

Mayor Rick Billinger agreed,

from commercial to storage.

Pickman said the trash question

The Skip-It Jump Rope team from Boulder, Colo., entertained tany Medrano, Samantha Raymer, Jade Herl and Ashley Archer. Topside Tipoff crowds between games on Friday and Saturday. They were among more than 50 area kids who took part in a rope-On Saturday, the group was joined by four local youngsters, Brit- jumping clinic on Saturday. Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Star-News

Flu fills hospital as national outbreak spreads

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Debbie Hickman, director of patient care services, said the hospital had a peak census of 26 patients and had 28 in the hospital at one time that day.

The flu season has kept everyone hopping. Though the hospital is normally staffed to care for 12 patients, Hickman said, it has had an average of 20 since Dec. 1.

some vaccine for children six to 35 said, "until I have it in the refrigera- nity, she said, some who have had months after Jan. 1, Harrel said, but tor. Hopefully, we'll get that pedi- the shot may still have gotten sick. she doesn't want to count her chick- atric shipment." ens before they hatch.

Those who do get sick can get drugs Since it takes two weeks after that will help, Harrel said, if they go

"I hate to plan on anything," she getting the shot to build up immu- to the doctor right away.



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City Clerk Mary Volk said she had talked with City Attorney Perry Warren when the issue came up, and he said since farm equipment was stored in the building and the owner did not live there, it should be listed as a commercial property.

City Manager Ron Pickman said the building does not fit the definition of a residential property, and that it really is a storage facility with no house on the property.

Volk said she had changed the description of the property from residential to commercial and that the electric rate was increased on that basis. She said it has been changed again to be listed as a storage building, and the monthly minimum has been cut in half. The commercial minimum is \$15, and the storage rate is \$7.50.

Commissioner Dean Blume pro- dard.

to be taken to the County Solid Waste Committee for review, and then approved by the county commissioners, who contract with In the Can for handling the city trash. Under the new ordinance the contractor for the county is responsible for billing all commercial accounts.

Mosbarger said he did not feel this was the right way to handle things, but said he has faithfully paid his bills.

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Some days, she said, nurses had trouble getting a break or finding time to eat. There have been between one and five flu patients since Nov. 26, she said, and the hospital has restricted visitors and taken other precautions to try to contain the outbreak.

Hospital workers have been telling visitors to wear masks, she said, and to wash their hands before leaving.

For now, the flu seems to be settling down. The hospital has two flu patients, Hickman said Monday, and the census is 15.

But since flu season lasts through May, it is still early.

"It's going to be a bad year," said Dorendo Harrel, Sherman County health director.

Harrel said her department has run out of vaccine and doesn't anticipate having more for the general public. The department may have

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January **Consultant Schedule**

A	llergist	Jeffrey Rumbyrt, M.D.	January 8
A	Audiologist	Sherri M. Beck, M.A., CCC-A	January 2, 16 & 30
(Cardiologist	Barry Smith, M.D.	January 14 & 28
Ι	Dermatologist	Charles Ruggles, M.D.	January 7 & 15
H	Ears, Nose, Throat	Alfred N. Carr, M.D.	January 2, 16 & 30
H	Endocrinologist	Gerald Poticha, M.D.	January 2 & 22
(Gastroenterologist	Jeffrey D. Huston, M.D.	January 19
(Gynecology	Laura Rokosz, M.D.	January 8 & 29
Ν	Veurologist	Steven J. Gulevich, M.D.	January 7, 21 & 23
(Dbstertrics/Gynecology	David Forschner, M.D.	January 21
(Oncology/Hematology	Martin Rubinowitz, M.D.	January 6
(Ophthalmologist	David Pfoff, M.D.	Wednesday thru Friday
(Dphthalmologist	Kent Bashford D.O.	
(Orthopedist	Theodore J. Clarke, M.D.	January 5
(Orthopedist	Tim Birney, M.D.	January 12
(Orthopedist	Armond Hatzidakis, M.D.	January 12
(Orthopedist	James Holmes, M.D.	January 19
(Orthopedist	Edward Parks, M.D.	January 26
F	Pediatrician	Raymond Ketting, M.D.	January 27
F	Pediatric Cardiologist	Warren Toews, M.D.	January 4
F	Psychiatrist	John C. Faul, M.D.	January 2
F	Podiatrist	Erik Ouderkirk, D.P.M.	January 14 & 28
F	Plastic Surgeon	Greg Buford, M.D.	January 21
F	Pulmonologist	Ken Weisiger, M.D.	January 8
F	Pulmonologist	Tim Clark, M.D	January 21
F	Radiologists	Professional Radiology Services	Week Days
F	Rheumatologist	Karl Chambers, M.D.	January 15
S	Speech Pathology	Vicki Transue, M.S.	Monday thru Friday
S	Substance Abuse Dir	Fred Waters, CADC III	Monday and Tuesday
J	Jrologist	Darrell D. Werth, M.D.	February 17
J	Jrologist	Carl T. Newman, M.D.	January 6
J	Jrologist	Kevin R. McDonald, M.D	February 3
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