

Frontier Ag answers questions

FUEL, from Page 1a

ence with our premium fuel,” he sad. “It is a little more expensive, but it will take less additives than others.”

Way said the county has not had any problems with the Frontier Ag fuel, and said the county does put some additives in the vehicles.

Linin asked what the truck fuel price was

Williams said \$2.59 and he said the price for No. 2 diesel is about \$2.39.6 for county price.

Way said the county will go back to No. 2 diesel blended next month.

Williams said Frontier Ag does not blend the No. 2 diesel because

people will not pay the higher price.

“I cannot compete with the places down the street if I blend the fuel,” he said. “We offer No. 1 or No. 2.”

He said the price for unleaded Tuesday was \$2.43 and with the discount it is \$2.23.

Way said the fuel price is all over the board, and it depends on what day when you buy and it is hard to know when to buy.

Thomas said the major difference is the premium fuel.

Williams said it is a better fuel and that it cleans up your engine. He said you need to put an additive in with the fuel.

Way said the county uses an additive.

He said if the commissioners are satisfied with the Frontier Ag prices he is satisfied.

Williams said if there is ever a question he would like to be called and asked to answer the question.

“I was surprised by the story in the newspaper,” he said. “I suppose you were sort of surprised as well.”

Commissioner Thomas said all the commissioners knew was Atteberry asked to be on the agenda.

Williams said the Frontier Ag fuel is proven to be better quality and it is a better fuel.

Way again said he has not had any problems with the Frontier Ag fuel.

The commissioners thanked Williams for coming to the meeting.

Dropping grassland assessed value shifting property tax burden

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He said the real cap rate in the past few years has been down to 9 percent, and changing the rate to that level would be a help.

“This is something the legislators have control over,” he said, “but they seem to have a deaf ear and don’t want to look to see if something is out of line.”

Thomas asked if the state appraisers association had tried to do something.

Ballard said the Kansas Association of Counties had been approached, but nothing was done. He said it appears there was a lot of lobbying pressure in Topeka with those who own farm land.

Strand said it sounded like a conflict of interest.

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Thomas said farm land values have doubled in the past 10 years.

Ballard said the values are developed using an eight year average, and the way K-State has worked the formula the income has gone down.

Thomas said the income on dryland has been good for the past two years, but the dry years are still in the formula.

Strnad said the value could continue to go down for the next five years.

Thomas said it should level off or go up eventually.

Ballard said the farmers have had some good years, but the bad ones have off set any gain. He said if the legislature dropped the cap rate to

the actual of 9 percent that would mean an increase of about \$5 an acre in value. In Sherman County that could be as high as \$1 million in increased valuation.

Strnad said the commissioners will need to educate the people that the value of property has gone down, and the county will have to bring the property tax level up to match the previous income level.

“We would not be really raising budgets,” she said, “but have to raise the property tax to keep the income the same.”

Ballard said that would be true as each mill of property tax would raise less money with the decrease in valuation.

Winners honored at annual conservation dinner

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and Wence Hendrich.

Posters fifth and sixth grade: first, Tristan Cooper, second, Sianna Miller, third, Saige Vandiver and honorable mention Lindsey Geeska and Logan Perryman.

Limericks third and fourth grade:

first, Emily Smith, second, Hannah Mickelson, third, Mikayla Stoffel and honorable mention Christopher Gamboa and Skyler Warren.

Limericks fifth and sixth grade: first, Alinexis Castillo, second, Lindsey Geeska, third, Kyndell King and honorable mention Luke Avila and Molly Bollig.

Essays: first, Dani Mangus, second, Cienna Brannick, third, Savannah Bassett and honorable mention Grace Cole.

Computer Stacks: first, Rachel Mikelson, second, Dani Mangus, third, Quinlen Withington and honorable mention Logan Perryman and Saige Vandiver.

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Mudding the walls



A Northwest Tech carpentry student walked on special stilts Wednesday as he spackled the walls of the college’s “green” house project on Center Ave. across the street from the Ennis-Handy House. Bryant Nemechek, carpentry instructor, said the sheet rock is all installed and the mudding and taping are moving forward. The house has a ways to go Dr. Ed Mills, college president said, but he said the students are really learning a lot about house remodeling.
Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

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CARDIOLOGIST	Vijay Subbarao, M.D.	March 11
CARDIOLOGIST**	Christine Fisher, M.D.	March 8
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ORTHOPEDIST	Raj Bazaz, M.D.	March 8
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