

BUILDING

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“The rooms will be considerably larger than the ones we have now,” he said, adding each household has a different color scheme and look, but is laid out the same way.

Rooms at the current facility are about 180-280 square feet, and will be about 325 square feet in the new building.

“We didn’t oversize the bedrooms because we want people to leave (their rooms),” Coe said. “Other spaces in the house are for people to interact. Getting out of your room and space is an important part of living.”

The tour also included a look into the facility’s chapel which will be named in memory of Mark Jerstad, the former president of the Good Samaritan Society, who, for six years, served as

the pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in International Falls.

“He became CEO and held that position when Good Samaritan Society – International Falls (was established),” Coe said. “(Jerstad) has ties to the area and we felt naming the chapel after him was appropriate.”

Jerstad is the grandson of the Good Samaritan Society’s founder, the Rev. August Hoeger. Jerstad died at age 54 in March 1997—just months after being diagnosed with colon cancer.

Coe said while the chapel will be used for worship, it’ll also be an area of fellowship and a place he hopes residents will congregate to.

“We see this as a popular gathering space,” he said.

The target move-in date for Northwinds Assisted Living, Coe said, is set for Sept. 9, and the nursing home

should be seeing residents by Sept. 17.

“We’ve got some scheduled state inspections coming up,” he said. “There is a lot of work to do ... but we’re told it’ll be ready.”

Coe said space is still available for those interested in calling Good Samaritan their home.

“It’s important for people to call if they’ve got questions,” he said. “We’re introducing another level of care ... and we urge people to call and we’ll direct them to the appropriate person.”

Coe stressed the intent of the new building is to make residents and the public feel welcome and shy away of appearing so institutionalized.

“We’re really trying to create a model showing that this is a place where people call home that provides medical care, not a medical facility that is people’s homes,” he said.

BOISE

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freesheet paper machines and an off-machine coater at the International Falls mill. Additionally, Boise recorded \$5.5 million of incremental depreciation expense related to shortening the useful lives of some assets, primarily at mill in International Falls.

“We grew both sales and margins in our packaging business during second quarter. However, prices declined during the quarter in paper,” said Alexander Toeldte, president and chief executive officer. “The two, large strategic projects we announced in May are both proceeding as planned. At our mill in DeRidder, La., the conversion of an idled newsprint machine to lightweight linerboard and medium is on schedule and budget. Likewise, the closure of the machines in International Falls is progressing smoothly and on schedule for completion in early fourth quarter 2013. We continue to believe both these projects will enhance not only the competitiveness of these mills but also the competitiveness of the company overall.” Packaging Segment

Packaging segment sales for second quarter 2013 were \$300.6 million, an increase of \$15.8 million, or 6 percent, compared with second quarter 2012. The increase related primarily to benefits from implementation of the linerboard price increase announced in fall 2012 and 5 percent sales volume growth in the company’s network of box plants, offset partially by a 6 percent decrease in sales prices of newsprint. Prices for corrugated containers and sheets increased 5 percent in second quarter 2013, compared with last year’s second quarter. “We expect to begin benefiting from the \$50-per-ton linerboard price increase we announced in May 2013 during third quarter, with full realization expected in fourth quarter 2013,” Toeldte said. Packaging

segment EBITDA, excluding special items, was \$49.1 million for second quarter 2013, an increase of \$9.1 million, compared with \$40 million for the same period last year. The increase was due to the implementation of fall 2012 linerboard price increase, sales volume increases, and lower maintenance outage costs of \$5.9 million, offset partially by about \$2 million of lower revenue in newsprint. During second quarter 2013, key input costs for fiber, energy, and chemicals increased in total over second quarter 2012, due primarily to increased consumption and higher prices for some key inputs. During second quarter, we began to see some margin improvements at our operations in California and Texas, which experienced competitive pressures in recent quarters. We expect the combination of announced price increases and investments in our corrugated operations to improve our results for the rest of the year. Paper Segment

Paper segment sales for second quarter 2013 were \$334.8 million, a decrease of \$28.4 million, or 8 percent, compared with second quarter 2012. Excluding

sales at the mill in St. Helens, Ore., where the company ceased paper production in December 2012, second quarter sales decreased \$11.8 million, compared with second quarter 2012. The decrease related to lower uncoated freesheet net sales prices. Excluding St. Helens, the average net sales price for uncoated freesheet declined \$52, or 5 percent, compared with second quarter 2012. And the uncoated freesheet volumes increased 1 percent, compared with the same period last year. In second quarter 2013, paper segment EBITDA, excluding special items, was \$28.2 million, a decrease of \$12.7 million, compared with second quarter 2012. The decrease was due primarily to lower net sales prices of uncoated freesheet papers and temporarily higher selling expenses, offset in part by lower fiber costs. During second quarter 2013, Boise successfully completed maintenance outages at mills in International Falls and Wallula, Wash., at a total cost of \$8.7 million, which was slightly lower than the \$9.8 million of maintenance outage costs at the same facilities in second quarter 2012.



STAFF PHOTO BY SPENSER BICKETT

College for Kids offers an arts and crafts class for kids ages 4-13, with age-appropriate projects for each class.

COLLEGE

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“We use email confirmations now, we used to mail physical confirmations.”

Throughout the program’s 36 years, Flesland said they’ve seen a lot of kids come back year after year, as well as some multiple generation families. There’s also a large amount of kids who come over from Fort Frances, she added.

“We have some generations where the parents came, and now their kids come, too,” she said.

Cassie Lane is one such parent. Her 4-year-old daughter Adriaunna participates in the College for Kids program, and her mother participated as a little girl, too.

“As a kid, I had a lot of fun, it was exciting to meet new friends,” she said. “Now I’m seeing (Adriaunna) enjoy it and doing the things I did as a girl.”

The program is put on by the RRCC Foundation as a community outreach program and not a money-making endeavor, Flesland said.

“We don’t make money on this, we’re just trying

to get it to break even,” she said. “It’s more for community outreach, the goal is for the fees to cover the cost of the program.” The fees haven’t increased since 2006, Flesland notes.

Not much has changed with the program over the years, Lane said. A lot of the same programs, like music and dance, as well as the woods program have stayed about the same, she said.

And like the programs offered, the overall goal of the program is the same, to provide a unique learning experience for kids.

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