

Second sign-up is announced

Beginning Aug. 21, the Farm Service Agency began offering farmers and ranchers in eastern Colorado a second chance to enroll acreage in the Republican River Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program. The Colorado Conservation Reserve Enhancement program participation is offered to producers with eligible land located in Logan, Sedgwick, Phillips, Yuma and Kit Carson counties.

Colorado Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program represents a total commitment of \$91.6 million in state and federal funding to enhance Colorado's natural resources in both the Republican River and High Plains Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program areas.

"The Republican River Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program agreement has an enrollment cap of 35,000 acres - to date, producers have offered 25,000 acres leaving 10,000 acres available for enrollment," said Drenda J Murchison, County Executive Director for the Yuma County Farm Service Agency.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program is a voluntary program that assists participants in implementing conservation practices on environmentally sensitive land. In return for enrolling eligible land for a 14 to 15-year period, participants receive annual rental payments paid on a per-acre basis, cost-share assistance and other financial incentives. Financial incentives paid through Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program are often higher than those paid through conventional conservation programs.

According to Murchison, the second Republican River Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program sign-up period began Aug. 21, and continues until enrollment goals are met, or through Dec. 31, whichever comes first. Acceptance of acreage in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement program is not automatic as special sign-up provisions apply for land located in the Republican River Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program area.

Colorado Republican River Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

The 35,000-acre Colorado Republican River Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program will conserve agricultural irrigation water use in the Republican River basin by 5 percent on the eligible 30,000-acres.

The planting of native grass and other vegetative covers throughout the Republican River Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program are projected to reduce soil erosion by

374,000 tons and reduce the application of agricultural chemicals by 2,900 tons. When fully implemented, the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program will restore 30 miles of riparian habitat and 500 wetland acres that will improve habitat for targeted fish species, including the stonecat, suckermouth minnow, brassy minnow and plains minnow.

Farm Service Agency estimates the Republican River Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program's total cost over a 15-year period to be \$66.3 million. The United States

Department of Agriculture is contributing \$52.8 million and Colorado is funding \$13.5 million, including \$11.7 million through the Republican River Water Conservation District Water Activity Enterprise.

For detailed approved Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program practice, eligibility and application information, please contact the Yuma County Farm Service Agency office at 970-332-3107 or visit the national web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Celebration set for program

Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices in northwest Kansas will celebrate the 20th year of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday. The Conservation Reserve Program is the premier soil conservation program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The public is welcome to attend the celebration located 4 miles west and 4 miles south of Colby, beginning at the Ken and Sheila Frahm farmstead located at the intersection of Thomas County Hwy 415 and Road TH O. Signs will be posted.

The tour will include stops at land owned by Claude Herren, Harvey Kistler, Barton Farms, and Allied Family Farm.

In addition to the Farm Service Agency, the celebration is being co-sponsored by other conservation partners including Pheasants Forever, Playa Lakes Joint Venture, Kansas Wildlife & Parks, Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Colby Public Schools.

It is being centrally located to give the public all over northwest Kansas easy access to the event and in particular to those located in Cheyenne, Decatur, Ellis, Gove, Graham, Logan, Norton, Rawlins, Rooks, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas, Trego and Wallace counties.

A bus tour with four stops covering six Conservation Reserve Program practices will be followed by a free catered lunch of smoked brisket. The event is expected to conclude by 1:30 p.m.

To insure enough buses and food is available, the public is asked to pre-register by e-mailing kimberly.jones@ks.usda.gov or by calling the Thomas County FSA office, 785-462-7671, ext. 204.

First District Congressman, Jerry Moran, has been invited and Bill Fuller, state executive direc-

tor of the Kansas Farm Service Agency will attend. The local Kansas legislative delegation is also being extended an invitation.

"We hope farmers and ranchers of northwest Kansas can attend this event prior to wheat planting and fall harvest to view the successes of the Conservation Reserve Program and to visit with their congressional and state representatives concerning issues of importance to them," Mike Campbell, Farm Service Agency District Director for Northwest Kansas, said. "Please call 785-462-7671, ext. 204 to pre-register," he said.

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Book Review

O'Hara's Choice

By Leon Uris

Fifty years after his first novel, *Battle Cry*, took the world by storm. Leon Uris returns to the topic that first inspired him to write books that captivate, educate, and thrill - the Marine Corps.

In the years following the Civil War, first-generation Irish-American Zachary O'Hara, son of a legendary Marine and a force of a man in his own right, finds himself playing a critical role in the very future of the Marines. If he can persuade the Secretary of the Navy that the Marines are more crucial than ever to America's safety and security - all the while hefting a heavier secret weight in his heart - he'll save the Corps and make his career.

But there's an obstacle in his path that this warrior had not

planned on. Amanda Blanton Kerr, the daughter of a ruthless industrialist, is a woman on a mission of her own; passionate, obstinate, and whip-smart, she's an heiress poised to blaze a trail for her sex.

O'Hara's Choice is the story of the inevitable collision of these two handsome, fighting spirits. Getting their souls' desire could jeopardize everything they - and their parents before them - scraped and struggled to achieve.

Duty to country, love of family, and a tormented passion intertwine in this latest epic by Leon Uris, international bestselling author of such classics as *Exodus*, *Trinity* and *Battle Cry*. A riveting, sweeping tale in inimitable Uris style, *O'Hara's Choice* is this master of the historical novel at his most brilliant.



DALE HINES, an agent from Unicel is cooking up some hamburgers and hot dogs in front of Donna's Gift Palace. Nancy McCumber is waiting to taste the finished product.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

McDonald News

Saturday evening supper guests of Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were Rod and Lisa Johnson and Greg Wilkinson. Josh Johnson was a Sunday dinner guest of his grandparents, Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson.

Doug Tongish of Goodland was a Saturday afternoon visitor of Joan Tongish.

Friday, Lavina Waters, Joan Tongish and Marlene Johnson enjoyed the afternoon quilting at the home of Betty Knapp.

Amelia Banister and Karlyne

Atchinson visited Betty Lewis at the hospital in Atwood, Saturday afternoon.

Saturday, Betty and Jerry Knapp helped their grandson, L.J. Purvis, celebrate his first birthday at the home of Becky and Stan Purvis in Goodland. On Sunday they attended their granddaughter, Katie Jo's, Bible School Program.

On Sunday Kent Banister and Amelia Banister visited Irene Kehlbeck and Viola Jones at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis.

Public Notices

CHEYENNE COUNTY 2005 DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES

Published in The St. Francis Herald, St. Francis, Kansas, and The Bird City Times, Bird City, Kansas, Thursday, August 17, 24, and 31, 2006. Notice is hereby given that the taxes assessed for the year 2005 on the lands, lots, and blocks described in the following list, accompanied by the names of the owners and situated in Cheyenne County, State of Kansas, are in whole or in part unpaid and that said land, lots or blocks will be on the first Tuesday of September 2006 bid off by me in the name of Cheyenne County, NO BIDDERS BEING allowed and sold to Cheyenne County for the amount of delinquent taxes and interest and legal charges due thereon and unpaid to said date, according to the provision of Chapter 79, Articles 23 of Kansas Statutes Annotated unless otherwise prohibited by applicable Federal or State law. Dolores Jenik, Cheyenne County Treasurer (33,34,35)

BIRD CITY						
CARPENTER FAMILY GRAIN CO.	25	3	38	43.23		
CARPENTER GRAIN CO., INC.	25	3	38	1,834.17		
ENFIELD, LEROY ET UX & ELLA MAE	36	3	38	489.18		
WILLIAMS, J D JR	36	3	38	128.33		
BIRD CITY ORIGINAL						
BIERBACH, DARLENE S.	36	3	38	LOT 1&2	BLK 10	179.66
CLARDY, FRANCIS ET UX						
NELSEN, JANESSA	36	3	38	LOT 2-4	BLK 60	16.84
HOFFMAN, TERRY D. ETUX & JANICE S.	36	3	38	LOT 4-8	BLK 24	157.75
HORINEK, GAYLEN JR ETUX & TAMMY	36	3	38	LOT 22-24	BLK 31	16.11
HORINEK, GAYLEN JR. SONNY	36	3	38	LOT 19-21	BLK 31	198.00
SEMLER, CALVIN C. ETUX & NANCY J.	36	3	38			100.92
SHANNON, EARL L. & WEBER, REBECCA	36	3	38	LOT 1-2	BLK 15	228.45
SOWERS, STEPHEN	36	3	38	LOT 1-6	BLK 58	78.09
SOWERS, STEPHEN E.	36	3	38			136.38
TAYLOR, RUTH R.				LOT 1-3	BLK 50	112.97
WARSELL, ART	36	3	38			182.60
WYLY, BILL				LOT 10-12	BLK 47	57.72
E.O. CURRY ADDITION						
MARSH, WALTER I. ET AL	36	3	38	LOT 5-12	BLK 2	522.36
KEHLBECK ADDITION						
AYRE, DONALD D. ET UX & ANITA J	36	3	38	LOT 7	BLK 1	808.72
BURNS, DAVID ET UX						

ST. FRANCIS						
SMITH, SHERRY ANN	22	3	40	LOT 15	BLK 57	87.49
SALAS, MARJORIE	22	3	40	LOT 21	BLK 48	166.45
ST. FRANCIS INDUSTRIAL PARK						
BILLINGER, ANTHONY E. ETAL & PEIKER, STANLEY %GAS 4 LESS	28	3	40	LOT 12	BLK IND	2,238.10

ST. FRANCIS ORIGINAL						
GADWAY, RHONDA	21	3	40	LOT 4	BLK 33	128.36
GADWAY, RHONDA	22	3	40	LOT 9	BLK 7	116.11
HOARD, DANIEL K. ET UX & ELIZABETH R.	22	3	40	LOT E 36' OF 8	BLK 38	128.45
JENSEN, LUTHER F. & CARTER, BETSY	22	3	40	LOT 4	BLK 5	68.53
JONES, JACKIE ELAINE	21	3	40			369.62
SALAS, MARJORIE	22	3	40	LOT 2	BLK 47	335.87
TAYLOR, GARY R ETUX & TRISHA L	22	3	40	LOT 11	BLK 9	547.43
TOLER, JERRY	22	3	40	LOT 14 & 15	BLK 15	110.08
WILSON, RON E. ET UX						
ZWEYGARDT, KARY L. ET UX	22	3	40	LOT 17 & 18	BLK 15	254.91
WILSON, RON ET UX & DEANNA J.	22	3	40			789.66
ZWEYGARDT, KARY L ET UX & KIMBERLY S	22	3	40			956.61
ZWEYGARDT, KARY L ET UX & KIMBERLY S	22	3	40	LOT 10 & W2 OF 11	BLK 11	369.69
HENRY'S ADDITION						
BISHOP, LEROY	22	3	40	LOT 20 & 21	BLK 51	417.80
BUNJES, DOUGLAS L.	22	3	40	LOT 22,23 & 24	BLK 51	100.64
GADWAY, RHONDA	22	3	40	LOT 9 & 10	BLK 50	289.24

PARK HILL ADDITION						
MORRELL, GEORGE ETUX & CHERYL % ROGERS, DAWN	27	3	40	LOT 43 & 44	BLK 1	58.68
RATH, NORMA C. %MERCHANT, MIKE	27	3	40	LOT 13 & 14	BLK 20	264.59
SMULL, LAURA J ET VIR & BENJAMIN	27	3	40	LOT 3 & 4	BLK 11	289.60
WRIGHT, DAVID L.	27	3	40	LOT 23 & 24	BLK 14	296.64
ZWEYGARDT, KARLA J	27	3	40	LOT 19,20,21	BLK 11	753.03
JOHNSON, DARREL						968.62
MILLER, MARVIN R						
% COATES, BONNIE L.	28	3	40			314.43
BIRD CITY TWP.						
SHAFFER, JERRY J.	5	1	37			2,311.81
SHAFFER, JERRY J.	6	1	37			885.40
SHAFFER, JERRY J.	1	1	38			197.63
SHAFFER, JERRY J.	11	1	38			393.90
SHAFFER, JERRY J.	12	1	38			87.02
SHAFFER, JERRY J.	14	1	38			332.09
WINTER, DEBRA D.	28	5	37			121.35
WINTER, DEBRA D.	33	5	37			410.15
WANO						
JOHNSON, RANDY	27	3	40			261.36
KINEN, PHILLIP J.	26	2	41			184.01
SMITH, JAMES & VELDA REVOCABLE TRUST %KEVIN SMITH	29	1	41			56.21
SMITH, JAMES & VELDA REVOCABLE TRUST %KEVIN SMITH	29	1	41			153.69
SMITH, JAMES & VELDA REVOCABLE TRUST %KEVIN SMITH	31	1	41			811.71
SMITH, JAMES & VELDA REVOCABLE TRUST %KEVIN SMITH						
SWARTZ, JANET ET AL & AARON, DORINE	6	2	41			80.91
WRIGHT, DAVID L.	10	5	39			66.12
WRIGHT, DAVID L.	27	3	40			33.40
WRIGHT, DAVID L.	27	3	40			26.73
ORLANDO - WHEELER						
MELTON, JIM L. & MCLINN, TONYA J.	29	3	39			40.72
SMITH, RONALD L. % MELTON, JIM	29	3	39			58.25
BENKELMAN						
HELTON, KENDALL L	6	5	41			489.10
HELTON, KENDALL L. ETAL & KEVIN L.	6	5	41			156.10
HELTON, KENDALL L. ETAL & KEVIN L.	7	5	41			153.23
JAQUA						
HELTON, KENDALL L	1	5	42			100.27
HELTON, KENDALL L	12	5	42			132.96
HELTON, KENDALL L. ETAL & KEVIN L.	1	5	42			202.79

City public hearing to be held in Bird City

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Bird City City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 5, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 111 E 4th, Bird City, Kansas, for the purpose of considering an application to be submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funds under the Water/Sewer category. A specific project application to be discussed will be the replacement of the City's existing mechanical wastewater treatment facility with a new wastewater facility to benefit an area generally bounded by the city limits of Bird City. The project will consist of

the acquisition of property adjacent to the existing facility south of Bird City, Kansas, geotechnical evaluation, the construction of a full retention (non-discharging) lagoon facility, modifications to the existing force main, seeding, fencing, gravel and entrance drive. The estimated total project cost is \$866,175 with the grant request for \$400,000 of the project cost. Other project proposals introduced at the hearing will be considered. Oral and written comments will be recorded and become a part of the City's CDBG Citizen Participation Plan.

Reasonable accommodations will be made available to persons with disabilities. Requests should be submitted to the City Office by September 1, 2006.

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