

Program deadline set for Aug. 27

The Farm Service Agency reminds producers that the deadline to enroll in the Conservation Reserve Program general sign-up which is quickly approaching. Farmers and ranchers have until close of business on Friday, Aug. 27, to offer eligible land for Conservation Reserve Program's competitive general sign-up. Applications can be completed by landowners at the county office where their farm records are maintained. The 2008 Farm Bill authorized the United States Department of Agriculture to maintain enrollment up to 32 million acres.

In addition to producers signing up for the first time, Conservation Reserve Program participants with existing contracts that are scheduled to expire on Sept. 30, 2010, may elect to re-enroll under a new 10- to 15-year contract. Cropland that is highly erodible, or within a national or state Conservation Priority Area, or is covered under an expiring Conservation Reserve Program contract is generally eligible to

be enrolled into Conservation Reserve Program, provided all other eligibility requirements are met. Contracts awarded under this 39th sign-up are scheduled to become effective Oct. 1.

The Conservation Reserve Program is a voluntary program that helps farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers protect their environmentally sensitive land. Producers enrolling in the program plant long-term, resource-conserving covers in exchange for rental payments, cost-share and technical assistance.

In addition to the general sign-up, Conservation Reserve Program's continuous sign-up program is ongoing. Continuous acres represent the most environmentally desirable and sensitive land.

For more information on the general Conservation Reserve Program sign-up, or the continuous program sign-up, producers should contact their local Farm Service county office, or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

New extension agent begins work in county

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Cheyenne County has a new Extension agent.

Marty Fear has joined the Sunflower District as the livestock specialist and will serve as the county's agent. His first day on the job was Monday, Aug. 9, although he was on the fairgrounds to observe during the fair.



Fear

For the last year and one-half, Mr. Fear has served as an agent at Walsh County in Park River, N.D.

Born and raised on a farm and ranch near Sutherland, Neb., Mr. Fear grew up liking to work with animals. He was actively involved in 4-H livestock judging and showing. He came to Kansas to attend Colby Community College where he was a member of the judging team. He went on to Oklahoma State where he received a bachelor's degree in

animal science.

He earned a master's degree in agriculture leadership and education from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Mr. Fear and his family raised and sold show lambs and show cattle. He likes working with kids including helping his niece and nephew learning how to show in 4-H.

He would like to see the county 4-H program become larger and stronger and is willing to do whatever he needs to do to see it grow.

"I welcome ideas," he said. Not only does he want to be able to work with the 4-H youth, he wants to work with adults, by holding education programs. If someone is interested in a particular program, he asks that they stop by and talk to him.

Mr. Fear said his door is always open and he is looking forward to meeting residents.

Mr. Fear fills the vacancy left by Joe Leibbrandt in the spring. Since that time, Linda Elfers, agent assistant, has been filling in with the help of Dani Lohman.



DISHES painted by Bette Partch are on display at the library.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

Dishes, quilt on display

The Bird City Public Library is pleased and honored to present a showing of Bette Partch's china painting. Bette was a gifted artist. The Partch family has a total of 22 china pieces in the display case and one oil painting on the wall above the case.

Bette grew up in Nebraska, graduated from Upland High School and the University of Neb. Art was always important to her.

One of her more interesting pieces is a nurse she made for her aunt Ann Marie. Her aunt was a career military nurse.

A ring is another beautiful keepsake that Bette made. Pieces range from 2 to 20 inches in height and some have lids.

The items will be on display for 2 months. In addition to the china painting, a double Irish Chain quilt is on display the Heritage Room. Dee Dorsch reported that the quilt is on loan from the Cheyenne County Museum and was made by Martha Zwegygart.

Everyone is urged to stop in and see the displays at the library.



WEDDING RING QUILT by Martha Zwegygart is on display at the library.

Photo courtesy of Stan Dorsch

Bird City News

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dorsch spent several days in Aurora, Colo., where they were guests of Hulda's sister, Lydia Frank. This was a sister's reunion as Hulda's sisters, Olga Walker of Minot, N.D., and Edna Homburg and

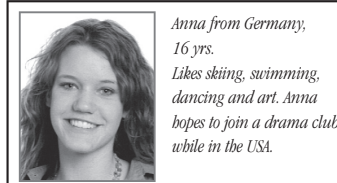
husband August of Ellis, were also there. Also other family members that stopped by to visit were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fabrizio, Sarah Walker; Mr. and Mrs. John Weber and Kim Lowers.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Robin Griebel, Hays; Jean Cook, Stark; Ramona Harris, Otis, Colo.; Candi Glasco, Bird City; Mr. and Mrs. Ron Byrd, Magnolia, Texas; Diane Jordan, Abilene; Dave Jensen, Blair, Neb.; Coleen Shrader, Tempe, Ariz.; Rob Jensen, Bird City; Bob Kricke, Denver, Colo.; Mike Mapel, Butler, Okla.; Alilia Carpenter, Bird City.

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Anna from Germany, 16 yrs. Likes skiing, swimming, dancing and art. Anna hopes to join a drama club while in the USA.



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BATTER UP!



Cheylin Coach Pitch — Front (l to r): Tyler Sabatka, Jayden Boyson, Keigan Taylor, Briana VanDike, Colton McCarty, Logan McCarty; Middle (l to r): Grace Sabatka, Daniel Monteiro, Kaylynn Hendricks, Miguel Gonzalez, Andrew Shields, Gus Hesse; Back (l to r): Coaches, Marshall Hesse, Kasey Sabatka, Asst. Coach Mike McCarty, Head Coach Kale Shields; Not Pictured: Joseph Augusta, Merlin Ray, Caitlin Ray. Photo courtesy of Darci Shields

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