

# Agency set to issue payments

*Special to The Telegram*  
 Bill R. Fuller, State Executive Director for the Kansas Farm Service Agency, said the agency will begin issuing \$123,334,516 in Conservation Reserve Program payments to eligible producers in Kansas. More than \$1.7 billion in payments are being made on 34.7 million acres across the country. "The Conservation Reserve Program works cooperatively with America's farmers and ranchers to conserve and preserve the soil and water that we, and numerous wildlife species, depend on for survival," said Fuller. "These payments represent an investment in the nation's land that will pay dividends in the form of a cleaner environment today and for our grandchildren." The payments announced are annual rental payments earned

on the 3,124,702 acres enrolled in the program for fiscal year 2008 in Kansas, including acres enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program and Continuous Sign-Up Program. Kansas currently has 49,874 Conservation Reserve Program contracts on 28,431 farms. The number of contracts is higher than the number of farms because producers may have multiple contracts on a single farm. Other such payments are made throughout the year, including a 50-percent reimbursement of expenses for establishing cover and incentive payments for enrolling eligible conservation practices, such as wetland restorations and conservation buffers. This voluntary program helps agricultural producers safeguard environmentally sensitive land.

Producers enroll in Conservation Reserve Program and plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve water quality, control soil erosion and enhance habitats for waterfowl and wildlife. In return, the United States Department of Agriculture provides producers with rental payments. The Conservation Reserve Program contract duration is from 10 to 15 years. Land to be enrolled must be either highly erodible, contribute to a serious water quality problem, provide important wildlife habitat or provide substantial environmental benefits if devoted to certain specific conservation uses. For more information, producers should contact their local Farm Service Agency office or visit FSA's Web site at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

## JENNINGS NEWS

The Immaculate Conception Church of Leoville will hold their Fall Festival on Sunday, Oct. 12. Bingo will begin at 3 p.m. A roast beef and turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 5-7 p.m. The auction will begin at 6: p.m. along with games, a country store and a drawing. It will be fun for the young and not so young. Everyone is welcome. A Pheasant Hunters' Breakfast will be held at Jennings in the Masonic Hall Nov. 1, opening day of hunting season. More on this at a later date.

Lawrence and Lila Jennings and Brett attended the wedding of their grandson, Derek Merle Cook and Jackie Lynn Standage

at the Sable Landing Event Center in Firestone, Colo. Parents of the couple are Steve and Vicki Cook, Ft. Morgan, Colo., and Mick and Robyn Standage of Ashby, Neb. Other relatives attending were Marcia Cassey, Milt Sherman, Marlene Hounshell, Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Hounshell and Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Zubko, Tori and Mitchell of Erie, Colo.; Damon Cook and friend Heather of Dallas, Texas; Glenda Harris, Grand Junction, Colo., and Brent Harris, Loveland, Colo.

Captain Todd Gaston, Sumter, S. C., a grandson of Wayne and Louise Cressler, was deployed to Iraq this past week. He is a captain in the Air Force and a meteorologist. Bud and Helen Rhodes recently attended the birthday celebration in Eudora for their great-granddaughter, Hannah, daughter of Ryan and Corey Grace. This was Hannah's 1st birthday. They

## LYLE

*By Veda Wood Correspondent*  
 June Jolly returned home after an eight-day tour to Washington and Oregon. It included a trip to Mt. St. Helens, which they found very interesting. She reported a great time. Wendy Farr made a trip to Ohio for her brother, Fredrick's wedding. Her friend, Chris Kuhlman, had some tests on his heart at the Hays hospital. They found no blockage and felt his condition could be controlled by medication. We have had beautiful rains during the last week, and really enjoyed the cooler weather. It changed our plans for a community picnic, so the dinner took place in the Lyle Community building. Five hungry people braved the moist and misty weather to attend, and had a good dinner and a good time. David Huff came for the county fair and was at the home of his parents, Ernest and Donna Huff, from Friday to Sunday. Joyce Sumner took a load of clothing and quilts to Guinn Ward, who delivered them and things from the Clayton church to Garden City. Joyce's granddaughter, Amanda, had some surgery and tests, and will have more surgery later. Joyce's son, Larry, returned from his motorcycle trip. Speaking of motorcycling, the last week in July, Todd and Deanna Sumner cycled to Grand Mesa, Colo., where the Sumner family met for a week of cool weather and good times. Then Todd and a friend took an extended trip to California, traveling 4500 miles and visiting 13 states including Kansas. Last week, Deanna's family went to Ellsworth and stayed with Michelle and Sumner Homolka, then to Great Bend overnight with Buddy Zimmerman, Von Sumner's mother, and brought Von and Buddy home with them. Veda Wood's great-grandchildren spent the week with their mother, Tielia High. She and A.J., Aubrey, Carol Moye, Emily, Mariah Garrett, Grant and Mariah's friend visited during the week. Veda and Dennis visited Alta May Van Gundy at the Andbe Home on Saturday. Emily, Mariah, and Garrett Bader, Grant Slater, and Aubrey High visited Veda Wood;

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