

K-State department reaches out to ag planners

A roller-coaster economy, plus volatile commodity, fuel and fertilizer markets are making business planning for agricultural producers especially difficult.

"Help for Kansas farmers and ranchers is available in the form of membership in the Kansas Farm Management Association, based in Kansas State University's Department of Agricultural Economics. Each association member has an assigned agricultural

economist who works with his or her business to develop a sound accounting system and other activities critical for the long-term growth of any operation," said Kevin Herbel, the association's administrator.

"We specialize in profitability analysis and planning and in income tax planning and preparation — all in one shop," Mr. Herbel said.

"The association also maintains

a database with facts from more than 1,500 farms across the state — while maintaining the strictest anonymity for all," he said.

"This allows each member to see how well his or her business is performing, when compared with similar operations.

"Included in each farm's analysis are the three- and five-year trends of the individual member's business information," Mr. Herbel said. "Producers can see if their

operation is really progressing over time.

"The trends also help members identify strengths and weaknesses in their businesses for longer-term planning."

The association offers four visits a year with the association's agricultural economist; proven accounting systems; whole-farm and enterprise accrual-basis analyses; financial benchmarks for comparing performance with similar farms; year-end tax planning, marketing and asset investment

strategies; assistance with estate planning; guidance for business entity and structure planning; and a monthly newsletter.

Kansas Farm Management Association is associated with the K-MAR-105 Association, a non-profit educational corporation. K-MAR-105 serves as the central information processing unit for the six regional associations in the association program. The data banks it maintains not only inform association members but also are used extensively (and

anonymously) for Department of Agricultural Economics Research and Extension activities.

The KFMA program has been working with Kansas producers since 1931. The K-MAR-105 Association has been providing financial accounting systems and financial performance benchmarks to agricultural producers since 1968.

More information about membership in the program is available on the web at <http://www.agmanager.info/kfma>.

Noninsured crop deadline March 15

The deadlines to accept applications under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program for this year's crops have been established. The application closing date of March 15 applies to the following crops: in general your coarse grains, vegetable and melon crops plus, amaranth, chestnuts, cotton, pecans, pumpkins, safflower, sesame, squash, and walnuts.

Crops eligible for the assistance program benefits are limited to those not insurable in the county and are produced for food or fiber. Included as eligible crops are floricultural, ornamental nursery, Christmas trees, turf grass sod, industrial crops, seed crops, aqua-

culture (including ornamental fish), sorghum forage crops for livestock (mechanically harvested or grazed).

Interested producers who may wish to participate in the program must visit their local Farm Service Agency office to complete an Application for Coverage and pay the applicable service fee by the applicable sales closing date for the specific crop. Administrative service fees are collected in order to help offset the cost of implementing the program and range from \$250 per crop per administrative county not to exceed \$750 per producer per administrative county with a \$1875 maximum fee for multi-county producers.

In the unfortunate event that a producer does suffer a loss on their particular crop, a Notice of Loss must be filed with the local Farm Service Agency office within 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence, or the date the loss becomes apparent to the producer.

Once the Notice of Loss has been approved and production evidence collected, the producer must file an Application for Payment. This is done at the local office as well and must be filed prior to the immediately subsequent crop year acreage report date for the specific crop. Additional information is available at the Farm Service Agency office.

Web-based seminar for painters scheduled at KSU

The Kansas State University Small Business Environmental Assistance Program will host a free web-based seminar on Feb. 18 for businesses involved in paint stripping and surface coating.

The seminar will start at 10 a.m. and help businesses both protect their employees and meet new federal Environmental Protection Agency requirements.

Businesses that do paint stripping with methylene chloride should benefit from the program, as should auto body shops and painting and coating businesses that use a coating containing a target hazardous air pollutant, said Nancy Larson, director of the Pol-

lution Prevention Institute, a part of the environmental assistance program at K-State.

"The EPA has new requirements designed to reduce air pollution

from paint stripping operations and from surface coating shops including those doing auto-body refinishing work, said director Larson.

Jennings community report

By LOUISE CRESSLER
Correspondent

City Council met Thursday, Jan. 8 at the Community Hall. Council President, Louise Cressler, presided over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Bob Jones. The resignation of Bill Gawith was accepted by the council. Pat Hall was appointed by Council President and approved by council to fill the unexpired two year term vacated by Bill's resignation.

Council discussed water leaks and future improvements on water meters; discussed trading off the old tractor.; voted to purchase a new vented heater for well # 3 building and also we are looking into a different chlorine set-up for the well. The council members will be reading the water meters on Jan. 23. They also reviewed dog ordinances with no action being taken. Attending were Stann Hartzog, Don Bolt, Pat Hall, Louise Cressler and City Clerk Sue Long.

Marge and Daryl Hartzog were host to a New Year's Eve card party. A good time was enjoyed by 24 pinochle players and 3 other guests.

Megan Faris visited four days last week with her grandparents, Wayne and Louise Cressler. Megan and her grandmother made Kolaches for her to take home.

United Methodist Women met Wednesday, Jan. 7 at the church. Decorations were taken down and stored for next year. Kay Brown opened the meeting with prayer.

Rachel Carter read minutes of the previous meeting. Lila Jennings gave out the annual treasurer's report.

The group voted to purchase larger pots for the kitchen. An industrial mixer has been purchased also. They voted to pay postage on packages sent to Iraq for soldiers to give to citizens or use for themselves. Kay Brown gave a program on, "Service to others and to God." Helen Rhodes gave devotions reading The Heart of the Issue. She then served bread and water. Attending were Kay Brown, Kathy Nauer, Ruth Chance, Rachel Carter, Lila Jennings, Helen Rhodes, Imogene Keenan and Louise Cressler.

Our prayers are needed for the following: Linda New who is in the Hays hospital. Edith Foster, Quinter, formerly a Jennings resident, who had a massive stroke this past week. She is in the Quinter hospital. It was

reported she is able to sit up now. Dorothy Vacura had open heart surgery Friday at the Kearney, Neb., hospital. She is doing as well as can be expected. Tony La Rue, WaKeeney, formerly a Jennings resident, is having some tests run.

Tony had open heart surgery a few years ago.


Jerry and Sandy Kinser, Concordia, Jane Wahlmeier, Concordia and Janeil Dilling, Goodland, attended church in Jennings Sunday.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**STATE OF KANSAS COUNTY OF NORTON
TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT AS OF JANUARY 31, 2009**

Published in The Norton Telegram on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 (1T)

COUNTY FUNDS BUDGETED.....	FUND BALANCE	Reg Deeds Tech Fund.....	16,940.81
COUNTY GENERAL.....	1,112,597.97	Heritage Trust Fees.....	425.24
Road & Bridge.....	954,546.75	Unclaimed Monies.....	3,782.71
Special Bridge.....	150,344.73	Strays Sold by Sheriff.....	6,765.28
Ambulance.....	27,263.68	Attorney Fund Cap Outlay.....	4,275.60
Andbe Home.....	10,925.40	Alcohol & Drug Test Fund.....	877.47
Appraiser's Cost.....	30,450.13	Co Attorney Training.....	19.47
Bond & Interest.....	152.89	Co Attorney Diversion.....	13,605.03
Bridge Bond.....	105,359.31	Special Law Enforcement.....	1,256.93
Community College.....	14.33	Worthless Check Admin Fee.....	1,129.57
County Health.....	45,206.56	Northwest BT Region.....	3,885.82
Economic Development.....	179,447.25	DATA PROCESSING CAP OUT.....	55,161.15
Election.....	104,471.01	4-H BUILDING CAP OUTLAY.....	9,592.96
Employee Benefits.....	800,366.92	Wireless 911 Grant.....	44,029.00
Extension Council.....	42,805.47	Hansen Grant Fund.....	50,000.00
Fair Building.....	6,166.85	Credit Card.....	358.12
4-H Maintenance.....	10,553.83	Long and Short.....	1,377.12
Historical Preservation.....	2,648.45		
Hospital Maintenance.....	53,265.36	REVENUE FUNDS..... FUND BALANCE	
Mental Health.....	15,722.08	Current Tax.....	76,128.64
Mental Retardation.....	29,214.87	Vehicle Tax.....	11,531.25
Noxious Weed.....	79,094.59	RV Tax.....	147.98
Noxious Weed Deficiency.....	82.46	Redemptions Real Estate.....	9,253.42
Senior Citizens.....	26,226.70	Advance Tax.....	.02
Soil Conservation.....	6,375.13	Escrow Account.....	60.44
Airports.....	26,782.64	Compensation Sales Tax.....	25,178.75
Solid Waste.....	238,699.34		
Landfill Closure.....	10,000.00	CITY FUNDS..... FUND BALANCE	
Special Liability.....	.80	Clayton City General.....	129.31
Bridge Construction #2.....	519,066.10		
Special Machinery & Equip.....	126,832.43	TRUSTEE FUND..... FUND BALANCE	
Co. Health Capital Outlay.....	44,983.47	Court Trustee - State.....	2,306.87
Ambulance Capital Outlay.....	500.00	Court Trustee - Local.....	69,461.65
Noxious Weed Capital Out.....	39,818.98	Case Management.....	59,333.19
Clayton Cemetery.....	724.10	Juvenile Just Authority.....	22,85.05
E 911 Fund.....	36,870.11	Juvenile Director.....	57.79
911 Tax.....	21,369.58	Family Education.....	27,636.32
KELLING FUND.....	1,500.00	Community Mobilization.....	15,938.63
Bridge Construction 2004.....	195,022.61	JISP.....	47,118.07
Grant 4 parental Modeling.....	32,606.59	Diversion.....	35,752.42
HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT.....	4,833.88	Juvenile Intake.....	20,046.88
COUNTY FUNDS NON-BUDGETED... FUND BALANCE		Judicial Capital Outlay.....	27,184.00
Co Treas Capital Outlay.....	14,703.56	Thinking For A Change.....	10,669.34
Co Clerk Capital Outlay.....	15,679.26		
Dist Court Capital Outlay.....	9,247.78	TOTAL CASH IN TREASURY.....	5,835,890.10
Reg of Deeds Cap Outlay.....	15,108.20		
Sheriff Capital Outlay.....	3,280.31		
Appraiser Capital Outlay.....	1,175.88		
Election Capital Outlay.....	14,580.71		
Solid Waste Cap Outlay.....	33,089.97		
Special Drug & Alcohol.....	14,378.48		
Spec Parks & Recreation.....	6,945.90		
Spec Prosecutors Trust.....	175.00		
Auto Fund.....	7.39		
Special Auto.....	40,851.87		

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THE BANK v. ROBERT J. BRITZ, et al.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

THE BANK, NORTON, KANSAS,)
)
) Plaintiff,)
)
 vs.) Case No.)
) 2009-CV-5)
)
) ROBERT J. BRITZ, CYNTHIA E. BRITZ, also known as CYNTHIA)
) BRITZ, ALLEN D. TAYLOR, UNITED NORTHWEST FEDERAL)
) CREDIT UNION, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF)
) NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS, doing business as NORTON)
) COUNTY HOSPITAL, JOHN DOE (Tenant/Occupant), MARY)
) DOE (Tenant/Occupant), and the unknown heirs, executors,)
) administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns)
) of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any)
) defendants the unknown officers, successors, trustees,)
) creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing,)
) dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors,)
) administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors)
) and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or)
) in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and)
) trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under)
) any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors,)
) administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of)
) any person alleged to be deceased, and all other persons who)
) are or may be concerned,)
) Defendants.)

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO:
The above-named defendants and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of such of the defendants as may be deceased; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any of the defendants that are existing, dissolved corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in a partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased, and all other persons who are or who may be concerned:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Norton County, Kansas, by the Plaintiff, The Bank of Norton, Kansas, praying to foreclose a real estate mortgage on the following described real estate, to-wit:
A tract of land commencing at a point 40 rods and 75 feet South of the Northeast Corner (NE/c) of Section Three (3), Township Three (3) South, Range Twenty-three (23) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Norton County, Kansas, running thence West and parallel with the North line of said Section Three (3) 185 feet, thence South about 108 feet, thence East 185 feet to the section line between Sections Two (2) and three (3), thence North 108 feet to the place of beginning LESS a tract of land deeded to the City of Norton as recorded in Deed Record 60, page 150, and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East line of Section Three (3), Township Three (3) South, Range Twenty-three (23) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, 735.6 feet south of the Northeast corner (NE/c) of said section, thence West 35.8 feet, thence North 108 feet, thence East 35.8 feet to the East line of said section, thence South along said section line to the place of beginning.

YOU ARE HEREBY REQUIRED to plead to said petition on or before the 24th day of March, 2009, in the District Court of Norton County, Kansas. Should you fail to plead therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

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