

Extension office updates

In the Extension Office
We have some newly printed brochures for 2010: Chemical Weed Control for Cropland, Pasture and Non-cropland; the 2009 Variety Performance Reports for Corn, Sorghum, Alfalfa, Soy Beans and Canola; Farmers Tax Guide for completing the Farm Income Taxes, 2009 Custom Rates and Pocket Size Field Record Book for Beef cows. These are just a few of the resources we have received lately.



Views with Van Keith Van Skike, Extension Director

You can go to the Twin Creeks Extension Website at <http://www.twincreeks.ksu.edu> for more information.

Kansas State Extension Forestry

This program has distributed seedling trees and shrubs for many years. To aid farmers, ranchers, landowners and homeowners to add investments and protect their soil, water, habitat and improve livability on the farm.

Kansas Forest Service has begun taking orders for the low-cost tree and shrub seedlings it offers yearly through the Conservation Tree Planting Program.

Shipping season is March 8 through May 10 which allows landowners to plant their seedlings during the optimal planting season of late March through early April. Landowners are encouraged to place their orders as early as possible in the season to ensure they get the plants they

want. Approved uses for the plants include home and/or livestock windbreaks, living snow fences, Christmas tree plantations, firewood lots, habitats for game birds and wildlife, barriers to reduce noise pollution, blocking ugly view, making property lines and creating habitat for songbirds.

Landowners are quickly finding they have many of the same issues needed for conservation. Of course, landowners mostly see the needed plantings as a matter of improving their new quality of living. But those plantings can help conserve natural resources, too. Even though a single landowner may only own an acre or two, collectively these small acre tracts comprise large amounts of land. By working together, we can have a tremendous impact on the environment.

The program offers more than 30 one to two year old species which are selected for hardiness in the central high plains. The seedlings are mostly 12-18 inch tall bare-root stock, depending on species.

Special offerings include four types of mixed-species bundles, meant to benefit wildlife—the songbird, pheasant (western Kansas), quail (eastern Kansas) and wildlife mast (nut-producing) bundles.

All other plants come in one-species bundles of twenty five seedlings. Order forms and more information are available at the Twin Creeks Extension District Office – Norton or Decatur County, or also you can contact the local Conservation District Office.

Dormant Oil Sprays for Fruit Trees

There are a number of dormant sprays used on fruit to control various diseases and insects, but a dormant oil spray is designed to control scale insects. If you have a problem with scale, now is the time to start looking for an opportunity to spray. Normally spray should be applied by March 1st, especially with peaches and nectarines. Apples are tougher, and application may be delayed up to the green tip stage. Temperatures need to be at least 40° so spray has a chance to dry before freezing. If the spray does freeze before it dries, plant injury can occur. Applying the spray during the morning will help insure that it dries properly. Thorough coverage of limbs, branches and twigs is vital for good control.

•PUBLIC NOTICE•

STATE OF KANSAS COUNTY OF NORTON TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT AS OF JANUARY 31, 2010

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Table with columns: COUNTY FUNDS BUDGETED, FUND BALANCE, COUNTY FUNDS NON-BUDGETED, FUND BALANCE. Lists various fund categories and their amounts.

Eligibility dates announced

Compliance with the average Adjusted Gross Income limitations is an eligibility requirement to receive payments and benefits under many of the programs administered by FSA and NRCS.

The review and verification of Adjusted Gross Income compliance certifications submitted by program participants is required to ensure the accuracy of payments and the integrity of these programs. FSA and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) have finalized a data-sharing process for average Adjusted Gross Income compliance and verification. IRS will report the results of this process to FSA on a regular basis. FSA will use this information to determine whether a program participant complies with the average Adjusted Gross Income limitations, or if further review is required.

comparison processes begin with participants providing consent to IRS for the use and disclosure of tax information to FSA for Adjusted Gross Income compliance purposes.

IRS requires written consent from the individual or legal entity (members are also required to submit consent) to provide USDA verification of the average adjusted gross income for that individual or legal entity. This written consent is provided by using a CCC-927, Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information - Individual; or if a legal entity, a CCC-928, Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information - Legal Entity. Failure to provide the written consent may require refund of applicable payments received from FSA and NRCS for the years 2009 and 2010. Timeliness is essential in order to avoid any delays in the issuance of 2010 program payments and the pos-

sibility of refunding 2009 program payments. The consent forms should be mailed directly to IRS at the address given on the form no later than June 15th, 2010. Do not return the completed and signed forms to the FSA Office. Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information forms may be picked up at any Farm Service Agency Office.

Public Notice

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In the Matter of the Estate of Lois Louise Kitzke, Deceased Case No 2010-PR-6

Notice of Hearing and Notice to Creditors

The State of Kansas To All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that on February 4, 2010, a Petition was filed in this court by Paul Thomas Kitzke Jr. and Charles John Kitzke named in the Last Will and testament of Lois Louise Kitzke, deceased, praying that the will filed with the Petition be admitted to probate, that they be appointed as executors without bond, that they be granted letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 8, 2010, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., of said day, in this Court, in the city of Norton,

Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FAITH J. BARTLETT

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of FAITH J. BARTLETT, AKA FAITH HELEN BARTLETT, AKA FAITH HELEN JOHNSON FKA FAITH J. RODGERS, Deceased Case No. 2010-PR-07
NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Admission of Foreign Will to Probate and Record Without Administration has been filed in this Court by Maureen D. Rathburn, Personal Representative of the estate of Faith J. Bartlett, deceased, praying that the foreign will of Faith J. Bartlett, deceased, be admitted

to probate and record in this Court; that no administration of this estate is necessary; that the will be construed; and that the property described in that petition be assigned in accordance with the terms of the Will. You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 11th day of March, 2010, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., of such day, in such Court, in the City of Norton, in Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place such cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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New Physician Helps Keep Patients Closer to Home



Help has arrived for those patients in Western Kansas suffering from kidney disorders. This summer Hays Medical Center hired its first in-house nephrologist, Johanna "Joni" McCullagh, M.D. The addition of Dr. McCullagh, medical director of the Nephrology Center program, means advanced kidney care is now available for patients closer to home.

Dr. McCullagh and the Nephrology Center staff provide a variety of services, including care for patients with:

- Kidney failure
- Hypertension and hypertensive kidney disease
- Diabetes and diabetic nephropathy
- Inflammation, scarring or hardening in the kidney
- Cystic kidney disease (polycystic)
- Inflammation of blood vessels in the kidneys
- Kidney stones

• Management of dialysis patients, transplant patients and those with end stage renal disease

One of the biggest benefits of this addition to Hays Medical Center is that the hospital now has greater capacity to care for patients in need of regular dialysis. While the hospital previously treated dialysis patients, they can now treat more patients – and patients who need a higher level of care – eliminating the burden and stress of travel for additional families in the area.

Dr. McCullagh, a Wichita native, grew up in Kansas City and completed her education

at the University of Kansas School of Medicine. She completed both her residency in Internal Medicine and her fellowship in Nephrology and Hypertension at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Dr. McCullagh is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and holds memberships with the American Society of Nephrology, American College of Physicians and the American Medical Association.

Wanting to stay within driving distance of family and friends, Dr. McCullagh and her family were excited to make the move to Hays.

WHERE CAN YOU FIND THE TOP MEDICAL SPECIALISTS?

102 E. Holme

Hays Medical Center is partnering with Norton County Hospital to bring you easy access to advanced medicine. Every month. So treat your knees, back, heart and more to exceptional care. From very smart specialists in your own neighborhood.



Learn more at haysmed.com

Norton Outreach Clinic Schedule

Cardiology – Dr. Fisher Second Tuesday (785) 625-4699	Ophthalmology – Dr. Pokorny Surgery: Fourth Monday every other month Clinic: Fourth Tuesday every other month (785) 628-8218
Ear, Nose & Throat – Dr. Black Second Wednesday (785) 628-3131	Orthopedic – Dr. DeCarvalho Fourth Tuesday (866) 428-8221
Mobile Echo Monday (785) 877-3351	Urology Every fourth Monday (785) 877-3351

Call the number listed for specific clinic locations.