

# Environmental cutoff dates are announced

State Conservationist Eric B. Banks for the Natural Resources Conservation Service has announced a cutoff date of March 12, for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program Organic Initiative.

Kansas producers who are transitioning to organic agriculture or who are currently certified organic may receive special assistance to meet their conservation goals with the provisions of the 2008 Farm Bill.

Producers may apply for financial assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

If approved, they can receive up to \$20,000 per year or \$80,000 over six years to implement conservation practices. The U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service in Kansas, which administers Environmental Quality Incentives Program, has set aside \$1.4 million in Environmental Quality Incentives Program funds to help Kansas organic producers and those who are transitioning to organic production.

"Environmental Quality Incentives Program has always been available for organic producers to treat resource concerns on their land," said Banks, "but the 2008 Farm Bill encouraged dedicated

funds to be set aside to assist organic producers.

Applications for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program Organic Initiative are taken continuously throughout the year, but to be considered for Fiscal Year 2010 funding, producers need to have an application signed and returned to their local Natural Resources Conservation Service office by March 12, 2010.

Eric Banks, State Conservationist in Kansas, says Environmental Quality Incentives Program applicants who are certified organic will need to bring a copy of their organic system plan (OSP) and name and address of their USDA accredited certifying agent when applying for financial assistance. Applicants who are transitioning to organic, will certify their intentions to transition to organic and must provide the name of the USDA accredited certifying agent they have contacted.

"Producers with an OSP have typically accomplished much or all of the work needed to develop an Natural Resources Conservation Service conservation plan," says Banks.

A number of conservation practices may be funded through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program organic ranking category, including cover crops,

crop rotations, fencing and watering for rotational grazing, high tunnels for seasonal crops, and field borders.

A fact sheet on Environmental Quality Incentives Program Organic is available at [www.ks.NaturalResourcesConservationService.usda.gov/programs](http://www.ks.NaturalResourcesConservationService.usda.gov/programs).

Some participants are eligible to receive a higher payment rate; those are limited resource farmers, beginning farmers, and socially disadvantaged groups. For more information, go to [http://www.NaturalResourcesConservationService.usda.gov/programs/SLB\\_Farmer/](http://www.NaturalResourcesConservationService.usda.gov/programs/SLB_Farmer/).

Visit your local USDA Service Center and talk to the Natural Resources Conservation Service office staff about the details the Environmental Quality Incentives Program Organic Initiative, conservation planning, and other programs to help you protect your farm.

For more information about Environmental Quality Incentives Program, go to <http://www.ks.NaturalResourcesConservationService.usda.gov/programs/EnvironmentalQualityIncentivesProgram/> and click on Kansas 2009 Environmental Quality Incentives Program information.

## Health

(Continued from Page 1) is right. It was time to get it done," she said.

"It's a good management tool for cholesterol," Frack said.

Vernette Becker also stopped in

to get her labs done. She said she was due to get them checked.

Frack said the tests can detect early cancer, diabetes, heart disease and other illnesses.

She said the health department

is still offering H1N1 vaccines. Frack said vaccination should be a concern for anyone who has not gotten it.

"Flu season can extend into May," she said.

## Election

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As a representative, Mr. Cassidy is asking those living in Northwest Kansas for input on how issues and new bills would affect them.

"I have many farmer, business and medical friends that have great knowledge and would always be willing to help," he said.

"The key is input from Northwest Kansas people — not lobbyists and special interest groups."

"If we don't all stand up to protect our Northwest Kansas way of life, we will have to take what is dished out."

He is asking the people to come to the polls in August and November.

"I want to see the largest turnout

in the history of our five counties," he said. "Then, maybe the legislature will take notice."

We have the best people and a lifestyle that we have worked hard for, he said. Let's fight to keep it that way!

Mr. Cassidy earned a specialist degree in education finance from Fort Hays State University and a master's in administration and counseling from Northwest Oklahoma State University.

He has served on numerous boards including: Kansas State High School Activities Association Board (3 years), Board of Secondary School Principals (8 years); board member for State Access for Handicapped Students, St. Francis Fire Department and was on the board of di-

rectors for Riverside Recreation, St. Francis.

He was named Area Principal of the Year (1989). He was a motivational speaker (1991-2000), Colby Community College Outreach instructor in education (6 years); Fort Hays State Outreach instructor, taught school and community relations and current educational issues (6 years).

Mr. Cassidy and his wife, Gloria, who is a first grade teacher, have two daughters: Jenny and husband, Cory Busse, who is a farmer; and Penny and husband, Kody Krien, who is a businessman on St. Francis' Main Street. They have six grandchildren, Tate, Cassidy and Ben Busse, and KC, Adam and Ellie Krien.

## JENNINGS NEWS

United Methodist Women met Feb. 3 at 2 p.m. Roll Call "A Favorite Valentine Memory" was answered by the following members: Kay Brown, Ruth Chance, Rev. Barbara Patterson, Rachel Carter, Alice Mizer, Helen Rhodes, Kathy Nauer, Lila Jennings, Violet Foster and Louise Cressler. Lila Jennings, with the help of some members reading parts, presented the program "What Gift Will I Bring." Members left their pledges. Rachel Carter gave Devotions and Ruth Chance served refreshments.

Next meeting will be March 3 with Helen Rhodes having the program

Sunflower Senior dinner held Feb. 9 at the Center was enjoyed by William and Tommie Kump, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Wilma and Jim Mader, Imogene Keenan, Ruth Chance, Eleanor Morel, Agnes Wahlmeier and Wayne and Louise Cressler. Several played cards in the afternoon.

Mary Beth Hannah and children Josh and Sunny from Cougar, Wash. visited several days with

Mary's mother, Dorothy Jones; her sister, Carla Latimer; brother Bob Jones and nephew Dan.

Visiting Galen and Meme Carper over the weekend were grandchildren, Steven Mangus and Dani Mangus, Kanorado. Galen and Meme enjoyed Valentine's Day phone calls from grandson Devin Mangus, a K-State student and Micheal Mangus, a KU student.

A bountiful meal was served Feb. 14 at the Sunflower Senior Center for the fundraiser for Haiti. The United Methodist Church of Jennings and Dresden sponsored the event. Over 85 people attended. Naomi Streck, Norton, gave an interesting talk about her trips to Haiti. She was in Haiti at the time of the earthquake. We appreciate everyone who came and donated to the fund. Also we thank those who brought items for the Health kits to be mailed to Haiti.

A Bible Study will be held starting Sunday evening Feb. 21 at the United Methodist Church in Jennings. "Secrets of the Vine" by

Bruce Wilkerson, based on John 15 is the material to be used.

## JENNINGS NEWS

Light snow is still falling this morning. We have gotten about 5 inches the past 3 days.

United Methodist Church cancelled Sunday morning church services and evening Bible Study because of the weather.

Betty Brown is feeling much better and will be returning home from Kearney today.

On March 3 the United Methodist Women will meet at 2 p.m. Roll Call: A Windy Story. Helen Rhodes will have the Program: "Mission comes Home: Gather to Celebrate" Devotions by Patty Foster and snacks will be served by Kathy Nauer.


The City Council will meet March 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sunflower Senior Center. Anyone is welcome to attend council meetings.

History: Today George Washington's birthday. He was the only President to be unanimously elected and the only president who did not represent a political party. 1789-1797.

Also on this day Spain ceded

Florida to the United States in 1819.

**2nd Annual  
Norton County  
Horse Council  
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Saturday,  
March 6, 2010  
6:30 p.m.-midnight  
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# 238.1 ACRES PHILLIPS COUNTY LAND AUCTION

## WEDNESDAY - MARCH 17, 2010 - 10:00 A.M. LONG ISLAND, KANSAS

**AUCTION LOCATION: COMMUNITY BUILDING, LONG ISLAND, KS**

### MARY TUBBS - SELLER

**AUCTIONEERS NOTE:** Michael and Mary Tubbs purchased this farm 2 years ago and due to Michael's death we are selling the property at an auction for Mary, March 17, 2010. For more information contact: Monte Jessup at 785-476-5328 or 785-669-2556.

**LAND LOCATION:** From Long Island, KS, 6 Miles East on Highway 383, to the Northwest Corner of the Property.

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Parcel #1- All that portion of the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 1 South, Range 19 West of the 6th P.M., County of Phillips, State of Kansas, lying South of the right-of-way of Highway 383, more particularly described as follows:

Considering the West line of the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 1 South, Range 19 West of the 6th P.M., as monumented by a rebar and aluminum cap at the Southwest Section corner and the West Quarter corner of said Section 1, to bear an assumed bearing of North 01°34'55" East with all bearings contained herein relative thereto.

Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Southwest Quarter thence South 01°31'16" West 208.51 feet to the South right-of-way of Highway 383, said point being the point of BEGINNING; thence along said right-of-way the following 12 courses, South 73°38'56" West 52.01 feet; thence South 73°07'00" West 1001.98 feet; thence South 52°45'06" West 35.00 feet; thence South 64°01'35" West 166.13 feet; thence South 68°32'34" West 246.85 feet; thence South 73°07'00" West 82.57 feet; thence South 16°53'00" East 106.89 feet; thence South 73°07'00" West 200.00 feet; thence North 16°53'00" West 142.98 feet; thence South 73°07'00" West 291.58 feet; thence North 73°00'50" West 39.51 feet; thence South 73°07'00" West 675.80 feet to the West line of said Southwest Quarter; thence along said West line South 01°34'55" West 1532.22 feet to the Southwest corner of said Section 1; thence along the South line of said Southwest Quarter, South 88°07'23" East 2639.32 feet to the South Quarter corner of said Section 1; thence along the East line of said Southwest Quarter, North 01°31'16" East 2425.76 feet to the point of BEGINNING. The above described parcel contains 118.4 acres more or less.

Parcel #2- All that portion of the Northwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 1 South, Range 19 West of the 6th P.M., County of Phillips, State of Kansas more particularly described as follows:

Considering the West line of the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 1 South, Range 19 West of the 6th P.M., as monumented by a rebar and aluminum cap at the Southwest Section corner and the West Quarter corner of said Section 1, to bear an assumed bearing of North 01°34'55" East with all bearings contained herein relative thereto.

BEGINNING at the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 12, said point also being the Northeasterly corner of that certain parcel described in Book 377, Pages 259 and 260, thence along the Northwesterly line of said parcel South 40°09'54" West 1331.66 feet to the Northwesterly corner of said parcel; thence along the West line of said parcel, South 01°35'27" West 1599.27 feet to the South line of said Northwest Quarter; thence along said South line North 88°02'09" West 1809.31 feet to the Southwest corner of said Northwest Quarter; thence along the West line of said Northwest Quarter, North 01°35'52" East 2641.75 feet to the Northwest corner of said Northwest Quarter; thence along the North line of said Northwest Quarter, South 88°07'23" East 2639.32 feet to the Northeast corner of said Northwest Quarter, said point being the point of BEGINNING. The above described parcel contains 119.7 acres more or less.

**ACREAGE:** 197.0 Acres Cropland (167.2 Acres Planted to Wheat, 29.8 Acres Corn Stalks) Balance: Old building site, creek, trees, and waste.

**FSA INFORMATION:** Farm enrolled in ACRE program until 2012. Wheat Base: 75.3 Acres; Yield: 37 Bu.

**2009 Taxes:** \$435.66

**TERMS:** 10% down payment at the auction, with the balance to be paid at closing. Closing shall be on or before April 17, 2010.

**POSSESSION:** The buyer shall receive possession the day of closing. The buyer will harvest the 2010 wheat crop, and pay the fall fertilizer expense of \$6985.04, and the crop insurance premium \$1158.00, the day of closing.

**FSA PAYMENTS:** This farm is enrolled in the ACRE program until 2012.

**EVIDENCE OF MARKETABLE TITLE:** Title insurance will be provided by Phillips Co. Abstract. The cost of an owner's policy for the amount of the purchase price, will be divided equally between the seller and the buyer. The cost of a mortgage policy, if necessary, is the buyer's expense.

**ESCROW AGENT:** Phillips County Abstract is the closing agent, and the closing costs will be divided equally between the seller and the buyer.

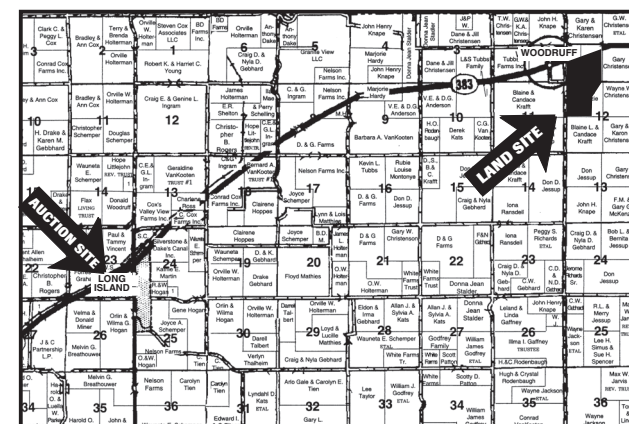
**TAXES:** The 2009 taxes will be paid in full by the seller. The 2010 and subsequent years taxes are the responsibility of the buyer.

**MINERALS:** The seller's rights transfer to the buyer at closing. There is currently an oil lease on this property.

**MANNER OF SALE:** This property will be auctioned by the acre for 238.1 Acres.

**AGENCY DISCLOSURE:** Jessup Realty, L.L.C. is the agent of the seller, with the duty to represent the seller's interest.

**CONDITIONS:** All acreages are based on U.S. Government measurements, and are considered approximate. All statements, representations, and information are from reliable sources and are believed to be correct; however, the seller and Jessup Realty makes no warranties, either expressed or implied. The property sells in "as is" condition. Announcements made at the auction take precedence over printed material.

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