

Crop block grant available

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced the availability of approximately \$66 million in Specialty Crop Block Grants to state departments of agriculture for projects that help support specialty crop growers, including locally grown fruits and vegetables, through research, programs to increase demand, and more.

The historic support provided by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Farm Bill), will strengthen rural American communities by supporting local and regional markets and improving access to fresh, healthy, and nutritious high quality products for millions of Americans. The Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, administered by the Agricultural Marketing Service, is designed to enhance the markets for specialty crops like fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture and nursery crops, including floriculture.

"Specialty crop block grants help sustain the livelihoods of American farmers while strengthening the rural economy", said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "These grants contribute to food safety im-

provements, increased access to healthy food, and new research to help growers increase profitability and sustainability."

As directed by the Farm Bill, the block grants are now allocated to U.S. States and territories based on a formula that takes into consideration both specialty crop acreage and production value. Nearly all states are seeing an increase in funds.

Agricultural Marketing Service encourages applicants to develop projects that enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops, sustain the livelihood of American farmers, and strengthen rural economies by:

- Increasing nutritional knowledge and specialty crop consumption among children and adults,

- Improving efficiency within the distribution system,

- Promoting the development of good agricultural, handling and manufacturing practices while encouraging audit cost-sharing for small farmers, packers, and processors,

- Supporting research through standard and green initiatives,

- Enhancing food safety,

- Developing new/improved seed varieties and specialty

- crops,
- Controlling pests and diseases,

- Creating organic and sustainable production practices,
- Establishing local and regional fresh food systems,

- Expanding access to specialty crops in underserved communities,

- Developing school and community gardens and farm-to-school programs,

- Enhancing the competitiveness of specialty crop farmers, including Native American and disadvantaged farmers.

Interested applicants should apply directly to their state department of agriculture. Several states have already published their requests for proposals, and the list of FY 2014 State Requests for Proposals is available on the Agricultural Marketing Service website.

For more information visit the Agricultural Marketing Service Specialty Crop Block Grant Program webpage or contact Trista Etzig via phone at (202) 690-4942 or by e-mail: trista.etzig@ams.usda.gov.

State Department of Agriculture Available Grant Allocation FFY14 Kansas \$313,801.56

Sworn in...



The new Norton City Council members were sworn in last Wednesday. From left, Chris McDiffett replaced incumbent Harriett Gill for the Ward 1 representative, Ron Briery ran unopposed for Ward 3 and Gary Lacy won the election over incumbent Donna Foley for Ward 2. They will hold their office for two years and then be up for re-election in 2016.

— Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Farmer and rancher disaster assistance program sign up date announced

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced today that farmers and ranchers can sign-up for disaster assistance programs, reestablished and strengthened by the 2014 Farm Bill, beginning Tuesday, April 15. Quick implementation of the programs has been a top priority for the Department of Agriculture.

"These programs will provide long-awaited disaster relief for many livestock producers who have endured significant financial hardship from weather-related disasters while the programs were expired and awaiting Congressional action," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "President Obama and I prioritized the implementation of these disaster assistance programs now that the Farm Bill has restored and strengthened

them."

The Livestock Indemnity Program and the Livestock Forage Disaster Program will provide payments to eligible producers for livestock deaths and grazing losses that have occurred since the expiration of the livestock disaster assistance programs in 2011, and including calendar years 2012, 2013, and 2014.

Enrollment also begins on April 15 for producers with losses covered by the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program and the Tree Assistance Program.

The Livestock Indemnity Program provides compensation to eligible livestock producers that have suffered livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather. Eligible livestock includes beef

cattle, dairy cattle, bison, poultry, sheep, swine, horses, and other livestock as determined by the Secretary.

The Livestock Forage Disaster Program provides compensation to eligible livestock producers that have suffered grazing losses due to drought or fire on publicly managed land. An eligible livestock producer must own, cash lease, or be a contract grower of eligible livestock during the 60 calendar days before the beginning date of the qualifying drought or fire in a county that is rated by the United States Drought Monitor as D2, D3, or D4.

The Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program provides emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish

that have losses due to disease, adverse weather, or other conditions, such as blizzards and wildfires, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture.

The Tree Assistance Program provides financial assistance to qualifying orchardists and nursery tree growers to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes and vines damaged by natural disasters.

The Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) employees have worked exceptionally hard over the past two months to ensure eligible farmers and ranchers would be able to enroll to receive disaster relief on April 15.

To expedite applications, all producers who experienced losses are encouraged to collect records documenting these losses in preparation for the en-

rollment in these disaster assistance programs. Information on the types of records necessary can be provided by local Farm Service Agency county offices. Producers also are encouraged to contact their county office ahead of time to schedule an appointment.

For more information, producers may review the 2014 Farm Bill Fact Sheet, Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised

Fish Program and Tree Assistance Program fact sheets online, or visit any local Farm Service Agency office or United States Department of Agriculture Service Center.



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Council

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amending Personnel Rules: Kansas CDL

- waived formal third reading of Ordinance #1654

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- adopted Ordinance #1655
- approved the April 2 city council minutes as written

- Building permits presented: Whitney Construction - \$15,000, demolish and remove structure at 602 N. Second St.

- Joe Sproul - \$3,800, re-roof at 206 N. Graves

- Ryan Manning - \$9,500, install garage/accessory building at 409 W. Wilton

- Curtis Chambers - \$7,000, construct deck with roof at 905 Manor Drive

- Dick Boyd - \$11,700, re-roof at 501 Pool Drive

- Reva Benien - \$4,500, re-roof at 406 N. Second St.

- Sloan's Plumbing - street opening at 507 N. Brown

- City of Norton - street opening at E. Waverly/N. Kansas intersection and at 707-708 W. North St.

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NOTICE OF SUIT

Published in The Norton Telegram on Tuesday, April 15, 22, 29, 2014

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

JEANA M. COZAD, Plaintiff,

vs. **PATRICK POMEROY,** Defendant.

Case No. 2013-DM-55
NOTICE OF SUIT

TO Patrick Pomeroy and all other concerned persons: You are notified that a Petition has

been filed in the District Court of Norton County, Kansas by Jeana M. Cozad praying for Division of assets and debts and you are hereby required to plead to the Petition on or before May 27, 2014 in the Court at Norton, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment will be entered upon the Petition.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Published in The Norton Telegram on Tuesday, April 22, Tuesday, April 29, and Tuesday, May 6, 2014

IN THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT, NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DEPARTMENT

In the Matter of the Estate of THOMAS CHESTNUT, Deceased. Case No. 2014 PR 11

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

NOTICE OF HEARING

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned: You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, formerly known as Meridian Oil Inc. and Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company, which is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of ConocoPhillips Company, by BROG GP LLC, its general partner, an interested party in the estate of Thomas Chestnut, deceased, dated October 30, 1925, be admitted to probate and record in this Court for the purpose of perfecting title to oil and gas mineral interests owned by the decedent at the time of his death. No administration of this estate is necessary and petitioner prays 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 hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 15th day of May, 2014, at 1:30 o'clock P.M., of said day, in said Court, at the Norton County Courthouse, in the City of Norton, in Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS COMPANY, LP by BROG GP LLC, its sole General Partner, Petitioner

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IN THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT, NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DEPARTMENT

In the Matter of the Estate of CARMILETA C. QUINLAN, Deceased. Case No. 2014 PR 13

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

NOTICE OF HEARING

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned: You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, formerly known as Meridian Oil Inc. and Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company, which is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of ConocoPhillips Company, by BROG GP LLC, its general partner, an interested party in the estate of Carmileta C. Quinlan, deceased, dated October 17, 1963, and Codicil thereto dated March 16, 1964, be admitted to probate and record in this Court for the purpose of perfecting title to oil and gas mineral interests owned by the decedent at the time of her death. No administration of this estate is necessary and petitioner prays that the Will be construed and that the property described in that petition be assigned in accordance with the terms of the Will.

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