

A new era in conservation

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced a new era in American conservation efforts with an historic focus on public-private partnership. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCP), created in the 2014 Farm Bill, will fund a number of conservation activities across Kansas.

This is an entirely new approach to conservation, Vilsack said. We're giving private companies, local communities, and other non-government partners a way to invest in what are essentially clean water start-up operations.

Regional Conservation Partnership Program replaces the former Natural Resources Conservation Service Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) and Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI) program. These two programs also worked with conservation partners to implement conservation using a landscape approach.

The Regional Conservation Partnership Program will competitively award funds to conservation projects designed by local partners specifically for their region. Eligible partners include private companies, universities, non-profit organizations, local and tribal governments, and others joining with

agricultural and conservation organizations and producers to invest money, manpower, and materials to their proposed initiatives.

Local decision making is empowered through this program bringing together conservation groups, cities and townships, sportsmen groups, universities, agricultural associations and others to design conservation projects that are tailored to our needs here in Kansas, said Eric B. Banks, NRCS State Conservationist.

Through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program, partners propose conservation projects to improve soil health, water quality and water use efficiency, wildlife habitat, and other related natural resources on private lands. With participating partners investing along with the Department, U.S. Department of Agriculture's \$1.2 billion in funding over the life of the five-year program can leverage \$2.4 billion for conservation.

Secretary Vilsack announced Prairie Grasslands, which includes all of Kansas, as one of eight critical conservation areas (CCAs) that will compete for one third of the total available funds.

The Regional Conservation Partnership Program has three funding pools:

- 35 percent directed to eight critical conservation areas

including the Prairie Grasslands Region.

- 40 percent directed to regional or multi-state projects through a national competitive process.

- 25 percent directed to state-level projects through a competitive process established by Natural Resources Conservation Service state leaders.

Kansas Natural Resources Conservation Service has established five natural resource priority concerns for which proposals will be accepted. These include soil health, water quality, water quantity, plant condition, and fish and wildlife habitat. Proposals for this program are now being accepted. Pre-proposals are due July 14, and full proposals are due September 26. For more information on applying, visit <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=256049>

For more information and priorities on Regional Conservation Partnership Program, visit Kansas Natural Resources Conservation Service web site at www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov. To learn about technical and financial assistance available through conservation programs, visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted or local USDA service center. For more on the 2014 Farm Bill, visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/Farm-Bill.

Pheasant and quail workshops announced

Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever employees and chapters are pleased to announce their summer slate of upland habitat tours and workshops. Currently there are 15 workshops or tours planned around the state. These events will be hosted by Pheasants Forever Farm Bill Wildlife Biologists with the assistance of local area partners and statewide partners-Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism and the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service.

With events scheduled from May-July, there will be plenty of time for readers to pick sessions they would like to attend and, though all will relate to how habitat can be managed to benefit game-birds and why it is necessary, there will be topics tailored to a wide range of conservation and landowner interests. With sessions covering topics ranging from "Landscaping for Pollinators" (geared toward backyard conservationists and youth educators) to a cover crop tour and roundtable discussion with Kansas farm-

ers, we're sure that everyone can find a worthwhile workshop or series to attend. All the workshops are free and open to public, but some will require an RSVP because of space limitations or dinners being provided. Most of them will be half a day or shorter to accommodate our attendees' busy summer schedules. Be on the lookout for more details locally, or for more information, check our website (www.kansaspfqf.com) or contact Senior Farm Bill Biologist, Zac Eddy, at (620) 338-7132 or zeddy@pheasantsforever.org. Be sure to inform Zac or the local hosts if you need any accommodations.

Pheasants Forever is dedicated to the conservation of pheasants, quail, and other wildlife through habitat improvements, public awareness, education, and land management policies and programs. There are more than 600 Pheasants Forever chapters across the U.S. and Canada, accounting for over 130,000 current members, and more than 100 Quail Forever chapters in the U.S. accounting

for over 8,000 members. Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever members are a diversified group of hunters, non-hunters, farmers, ranchers, landowners, conservation enthusiasts, and wildlife officials. The organization is for those who want to make a difference for wildlife by creating habitat, restoring wetlands, and protecting prairies.

Pheasants Forever Farm Bill Wildlife Biologists are specialized consultants in conservation programs and habitat planning. The purpose of Farm Bill wildlife biologists is to assist landowners in designing, developing, and funding habitat improvements on private lands. Farm Bill biologists possess the knowledge of federal, state, and local programs to assist landowners in finding the right program to meet their personal habitat and land use goals. Through a unique partnership, Farm Bill biologists are located in local U.S. Department of Agriculture service centers in priority habitat areas throughout the pheasant range.

Genetic research

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IC so much easier for patients down the road", said Herman. "I don't want another child to have to endure the type of pain that I did while growing up."

In April of 2014, Herman was contacted by Dr. Kunkel's research department. The researchers were hoping to receive the permission to obtain DNA samples from Herman's parents, Larry and Vicki Henderson of Norton. There is evidence that interstitial cystitis tends to run in families. However, in Herman's case, her IC could not be genetically linked to either Larry nor Vicki. Herman's biological sister does not carry the IC gene in her DNA. It has been hypothesized that Herman is a sporadic case, meaning that her IC condition was caused by a change in her DNA sequence and not inherited from her parents.

Knowing of their daughter's strong advocacy for IC research and awareness, both of Herman's parents agreed to participate in the study and provided samples of their DNA for further research. Herman's parents were one of the first sets of parents in the world to be offered the opportunity to help with

this particular genetic study and they were both very excited and fascinated by the process.

Boston Children's Hospital received Larry and Vicki's DNA samples in May of 2014. The genetic researchers will be using Larry and Vicki's DNA for whole exome sequencing. They will be using Herman's DNA to determine which of her genes match and differ from Larry and Vicki's combined.

"The online IC community is always extremely grateful and excited when it comes to IC research work. There are hundreds of thousands of IC Sisters and IC Brothers all over the world who enjoy receiving feedback and newsletters regarding research," said Herman. "Research helps to keep the hope alive as we all pray for a cure for this extremely painful and debilitating disease."

Herman, who also suffers from Endometriosis, spends much of her spare time educating and helping to spread awareness about chronic pelvic pain conditions. "IC does not discriminate - it affects women, men and children. I try extremely hard to stay as positive and uplifting as I can," says Herman. "My husband, Brandon, has been amazingly supportive.

I've also got a great group of supportive family and friends along with a fantastic group of online IC patients who have become like second family to me", says Herman.

"It's not an easy thing to open yourself up and share your personal story with people - especially when you live in a small community," said Herman. "I greatly appreciate the amount of support that's been shown." Herman continues to stay positive and provides a lot of inspiration along the way by sharing her experiences with others.

"It's so important to support research programs and patient support groups and I am thankful that my parents and I have the opportunity to help make a difference by participating in genetic research," says Herman. "This experience has been really exciting for us and we're making such a positive impact without ever having to leave the comfort of our hometown of Norton!"

For more information about interstitial cystitis, please visit www.ic-network.com. You may also e-mail Lisa Herman at lisa_marie_henderson@hotmail.com if you are interested in reading her personal IC story.

Fizz, boom, read!



Little kids of all ages and their parents filled the Community Room at the Norton Public Library on Thursday to see award-winning Norton native, Randy Sauer, and his presentation, 'Jammin with Randy.' The presentation helped kickoff the library's summer reading program.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

PUBLIC RECORD

District Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the District Court clerk at the Norton County Courthouse.

Traffic and Wildlife and Parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid.+

May 22

April 27-Charles T. Alexander, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

April 19-Austin M. Brown, Onaga, Kan.; Charge: Speeding 67 in 55; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$153.

April 26-Dennis H. Coon, Colby; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty.

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May 8- Kent L. Freudenbrg, Axtell, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 80 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

April 19-Starr Garza, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty.

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April 17-Justin Lee Gibson, Tooele, Utah; Charge: Speeding 81 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine:

\$177.

April 16-Kevin Lee Goble, Loveland, Colo.; Charge: Failure to yield at stop or yield sign; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

May 19- Donald L. Goscha, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

March 9- Thomas Ralph Holfert, St. Joseph, Mo.; Charge: Speeding 83 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$189.

May 15- Kenneth R. Kent, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

April 17- Wanda Lee Schritter, Goodland; Charge: Speeding 74 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$153.

May 8- Anthony James Shellito, Bottineau, N.D.; Charge: Speeding 78 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$159.

April 19- Scott A. Sichler, Los Lunas, N.M.; Charge: Speeding 80 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

May 20- Patricia Ann Smith, Logan; Charge: Speeding 80 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

May 10- Lee V. Spann, Brecksville, Ohio; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

April 18- Joan Marie Streck, Norton; Charge: Speeding 56 in 45; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$147.

April 28- Richard Joseph

Walden Jr., Lake Villa, Ill.; Charge: Speeding 79 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$165.

April 26- Qudai Chithiphong, Garden City, Kan.; Charge: Violation of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism laws, Length limit violation less than 18 inches; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$196.

May 17- Brady M. Harbin, Leoti, Kan.; Charge: Violation of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism laws, Possess illegal length saugeye; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$146.

May 3- Sornsai Phetdara, Garden City, Kan.; Charge: Violation of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism laws, Took one short walleye; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$146.

May 4- Timothy J. Rippe, Ludell, Kan.; Charge: Boating and Water lifesaving devices, 12 year and under no personal flotation device; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$146

May 3- Jason Thammavongsa, Garden City, Kan.; Charge: Violation of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism laws, Took four short walleye; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$296.

May 3- Kaen Thammavongsa, Garden City, Kan.; Charge: Violation of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism laws, Took one short walleye; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$146.

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