



ACCELERATED READING students play Twister after reaching their goal. Pictured are Journey Lee, Alexis Frink and Hannah Wolf.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

New water proposals due Monday

The Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP), a new program, is authorized under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) in the 2008 Farm Bill. The U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources

Conservation Service (NRCS) will implement this program by entering into partnership agreements with eligible entities to conserve ground and surface water or improve water quality, or both, in their region.

A notice of request for proposals (RFP) was published in the Federal Register. Proposals should be submitted to the Natural Resources Conservation Service National Headquarters and the appropriate State Conservationist by March 2.

Entities eligible to enter into partnership agreements include federally recognized Indian Tribes, states, units of local government, agricultural or silvicultural associations, or other groups of such producers, such as irrigation associations, agricultural land trusts, or other nongovernmental organizations that have experience working with agricultural producers.

All federal funds awarded through these agreements will be paid to producers. No federal funds may be used to cover administrative expenses of part-

ners. Nationally, \$58.4 million is available for Agricultural Water Enhancement Program financial assistance. The Resources Conservation Service chief may give higher priority to proposals located in several regions, including the Ogallala Aquifer.

The following link <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/awep/> contains complete information, including the Federal Register notice, on submitting a proposal, requirements, ranking considerations, and agreements.

A letter of review from the Natural Resources Conservation Service State Conservationist must be included. Eric B. Banks is the State Conservationist for Kansas. His office address is NRCS, 760 South Broadway, Salina, KS 67401; fax 785-823-4540.

Obituary

Esther M. Studer

Dec. 10, 1922 - Jan. 20, 2009

Former Goodland, Kan., resident Esther M. Studer, 86, died Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009, at Sterling House in Mustang, Okla.

She was born Esther Mable Anderson on Dec. 10, 1922, at the family farm south of Wheeler, the daughter of Ross Will and Rhoda Elzina (Wieck) Anderson. In 1941, she graduated from high school in St. Francis.

On May 14, 1942, she went to work for the Adjutant General's Office in Washington, D.C., after passing the civil service test. During the war, she was called back to the farm to help with the farming, when both brothers were drafted into the Army.

She and Raymond J. Studer were married on Aug. 19, 1946.

In 1985, she retired from the National Weather Service, after 40 years of service as a meteorologist. After retiring, Esther was very active in Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Catholic Church and Altar Society, Business and Professional Women, Lawnridge Garden Club and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

She loved quilting and was always ready to help anyone. She also loved to travel to all her children's homes, not thinking twice about hopping into her car and driving across country.

After suffering a stroke in 2006,

she moved to Oklahoma to be with her two daughters.

Preceding her in death were one son, Keith Studer; her parents; two sisters, Darling Anderson and Vera Willit; and one brother, Ray Anderson.

Surviving family includes two daughters, Janet Fikan of El Reno, Okla., and Jeanie Studer of Mustang, Okla.; five sons, Raymond Studer and his wife, Julie of Sarasota, Fla., John Studer and his wife, Leticia of Yuma, Ariz.; Marvin Studer and his wife, Anita of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Larry Studer of Parker, Colo., and Dan Studer of Superior, Neb.; brother, Kenneth Anderson and his wife, Marie of Springfield, Ore.; 15 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Betty Anderson of Grand Junction, Colo.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 24, at Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with Father Norbert Dlabal presider.

Casket bearers were Janet Fikan, Jeanie Studer, Raymond Studer, John Studer, Marvin Studer, Larry Studer and Dan Studer.

A Vigil and Rosary was held Friday, Jan. 23, at Koons Chapel, Goodland.

Interment was in Cheyenne Valley Cemetery, Wheeler.

Spring vows planned

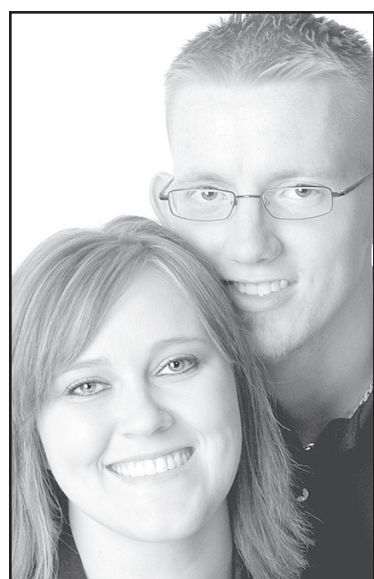
Kelsi Bowers, daughter of Dan and Janelle Bowers of Bird City, and Brandon Carver, son of Scot and Virginia Carver of Colby and Paula Carver of Hoxie, are planning an April 18 wedding at Hoxie Christian Church in Hoxie.

Kelsi is the granddaughter of Carolyn Rosenfelt, Benkelman, Neb., and the late Gene Rosenfelt and the late Glenn and Leota Bowers, Bird City.

Brandon is the grandson of Margaret Taylor, Hoxie and the late Howard Taylor and Ray and Velma Carver, Liebenthal.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Cheylin High School and is currently employed with United Bio Energy in Hoxie.

The prospective bride-groom is a 2003 graduate of Hoxie High School. He is currently employed with the Hoxie Police Department



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