

Conference scheduled for Jan. 30 and 31 in Salina

The 11th annual No-Till on the Plains Winter Conference will be held Jan. 30-31, in the Bicentennial Center, Salina.

This premier no-till conference is one of the largest in North America. The Bicentennial Center will be open at 9 a.m. on Tuesday morning allowing attendees to visit the trade show until the conference begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday's sessions begin at 8 a.m. and conclude by 5:30 p.m.

The conference will highlight the best in agronomy, management and new technologies, not only helping regain profitability for the producer, but also doing it in an environmentally-friendly fashion. A variety of sessions featuring experts from various states and countries will address pertinent no-till-related topics. Over 70 exhibitors featuring the latest innovations in the industry will participate in the very popular trade-show portion of the two-day event. Certified Crop Advisor credits are also available for

those continuing their education. This information-packed conference includes lunch Wednesday, all materials and an abundance of networking opportunities.

Brian Lindley, coordinator of No-Till on the Plains, Inc., said, "With each passing day, conservation and environmental issues become more important to the producers involved in agriculture because it is being demanded by the public — our customers. Consumers will pay for food, i.e. support farm programs that are conservation-based and environmentally-friendly. Continuous no-tillage is a perfect fit for that mindset.

"The new farm bill promises to be "greener" than ever, rewarding producers making positive contributions to environmental issues. When considering agriculture production practices in the future, there appears to be an undeniable movement toward no-tillage. Our conference and reputation have been built

by supplying the finest information to keep producers profitable and give them the edge and knowledge needed in such a competitive business. This year's conference will continue to deliver information on the key topics that producers require. No-Till on the Plains believes that the producer needs to be profitable. In countries where agriculture is not subsidized, adoption of no-till is normally in excess of 80%, thus proving that continuous no-till remains the most profitable production system. One of the huge benefits of continuous no-till is the enhanced environmental aspects of cleaner air and cleaner water. That is why producers who practice continuous no-till have the advantage of being economically rewarded and environmentally sound."

For more information about the upcoming Winter Conference, contact No-Till on the Plains, Inc. at 888-330-5142 or visit the website at "http://www.notill.org" to register.



STAN CARMAN presented a flower to Milton Lampe, in behalf of Betty Lampe, for serving four years as secretary for the Cheyenne County Historical Society.
Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

County Health Talk

January is National Glaucoma Awareness Month

By Susan Roelfs
County Health Nurse

Glaucoma is the second most common cause of blindness in the U.S., affecting nearly 3 million Americans. Glaucoma represents a family of eye diseases commonly associated with optic nerve damage and visual field changes (a narrowing of the eyes' usual scope of vision). Because the disease often progresses silently, with no warning or symptoms, it is estimated that up to one-half of the approximately 3 million Americans with the disease don't even know they have it.

Glaucoma occurs when high fluid pressure in the eye presses

against the optic nerve, causing damage. The damage to optic nerve fibers can cause blind spots to develop. These blind spots usually go undetected until the optic nerve is significantly damaged. If the optic nerve is destroyed, blindness results.

While anyone can get glaucoma, certain groups of people are at higher risk for the disease. These include African Americans and Hispanics, and people with diabetes, which are nearly twice as likely to develop glaucoma as adults without diabetes.

Glaucoma screening can lead to early detection and treatment,

which can prevent, slow, or stop vision loss from the disease. Medicare covers annual glaucoma screening for people at high risk for the disease.

Medical advances have made it easier to diagnose and treat glaucoma before even moderate vision loss occurs.

Because glaucoma progresses with little or no warning signs or symptoms, and vision loss from glaucoma is irreversible, it is very important that people at high risk for the disease receive annual screening, and that those who have it are treated and monitored routinely.

Club Clip

Plum Creek 4-H Club

The Plum Creek 4-H Club met on Thursday, Jan. 4, at the Equity meeting room. The meeting began with officers' training. Cindy Burr conducted the training.

The business meeting began with a discussion about the model meeting, and participation in County 4-H Day. Sue Zimelman, club

leader, also suggested ideas for money-making projects.

The program began with a talk by Thomas Douthit. Thomas told about his dog project. Courtney Douthit gave an informational talk about the Hereford cattle breed. Brianna Cooks gave a talk on her Arts and Crafts project.

The Douthit family led the recreation. Members had a relay to build snowmen.

The Cooks family led the song, *Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes*.

Refreshments were then served by the Cooks and Douthit families.

Mikaela Grace, reporter



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Quotes

• "If we don't succeed, we run the risk of failure."

— Bill Clinton, President

• "We are ready for an unforeseen event that may or may not occur"

— Al Gore, Vice President

• "Traditionally, most of Australia's imports come from overseas."

— Keppel Enderbery

• "Your food stamps will be stopped effective March 1992 because we received notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances."

— Department of Social Services, Greenville, South Carolina

Introducing

Cale Evins

It's a boy! J.L. and Carrie Evins, Great Bend wish to announce the birth of a son, Cale Evins on Jan. 6, 2007, in Great Bend Hospital. He weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and was 18 inches long. He had two sisters, Avery and Emma to welcome him home.

Grandparents are Lewis and Audrey Evins, Oakley, Mary George of Ponca City, Okla., Roy George of Manchester, Okla. Great-grandparents are Janetta Evins, St. Francis, Paul and Edna Roesener, McDonald, and James Vowel of Ponca City, Okla.

Club Clip

Ramblers Club

Ramblers Club met at Sainty Stitches Fabric Shop on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 10, with owner, Dorothy Smestad telling how she decided to open her business here, and giving very interesting information on quilting.

The library report was given tell-

ing "cookie cutters" are the January display.

The next meeting will be a Valentine luncheon at the home of Arlene Walz at noon on Feb. 14.

Nancy Follett served cookies and coffee at the close of the meeting.



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MILL BAR LEAD ON 4611
Sire: Connealy Lead On Mgs: Connealy Forecast

LOT 5
205 DAY WT. 817
RATIO 107 ET
EPD's:
BW +2.6
WW +56
YW +100
Milk +29
\$Beef Value +41.87

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Big, stout, January and February yearlings. Sons of: Sitz Alliance 6595, GAR Grid Maker, SAV 8180 Traveler 004, Sitz Tradition RLS 8702, GAR Integrity, Leachman Right Time, WAR Alliance 9126. Retail Product and Connealy Lead On. Mill Bar will keep and feed your bulls until April 1, 2007, at no charge and deliver to adjoining states after having them fertility tested in March.



MILL BAR 9126 4616
Sire: WAR Alliance 9126 6006 MGS: VRD

LOT 9
205 DAY WT. 821
RATIO 107
EPD's:
BW +3.4
WW +62
YW +116
Milk +26
\$Beef Value +41.26

• 325 Fancy, One Iron, Bred Commercial Angus Heifers.

AI synchronized and ultrasound tested, and bred to SAV Final Answer. Due to start calving February 10. These heifers will weigh 1050-1150 lbs. by sale day. Strictly top shelf genetics from some Mill Bar Angus bull customers.



MILL BAR GRID MAKER 4710
Sire: GAR GRID MAKER
MGS: VDAR NEW TREND 933

LOT 52
205 DAY WT. 846
RATIO 121
EPD's:
BW +4.7
WW +59
YW +101
Milk +15
\$Beef Value +38.54

• 100+ One Iron Angus Replacement Heifers

These heifers will weigh 700-750 lbs by sale day. These will be some of the fanciest heifers to sell in the West this year.

SPECIAL NOTE: The Mill Bar commercial herd has continually produced large numbers of home-raised steers that have consistently achieved a 50% acceptance rate for Certified Angus Beef while grading 92% USDA Choice and Prime.

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