

# Remember to sign up for incentives

For those involved in agriculture, it's a busy time of the year—so much to do, so much to wrap-up.

"Even though you're busy, this might be the best time to take a moment and sign up for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program or EQIP as we call it," says Harold L. Klage, State Conservationist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The cut-off date to apply for Fiscal Year 2008 funding is Nov. 2.

"Chances are you have concerns on your farm that need solving today, not tomorrow, not next year," said Joan Gienger, district conservationist, Cheyenne County.

"You may have soil condition, irrigation efficiency, or livestock waste concerns. Maybe you have grazing land that isn't as productive as it used to be," she said. "If you haven't been to the conservation office to get your plan started and

signed up for Environmental Quality Incentives Program, don't waste any more time. Do it today."

Environmental Quality Incentives Program has been around since 1996 and since then it has grown in popularity with increased funding levels. It is Natural Resources Conservation Services' principal program for delivering conservation in Kansas and across the country.

The program supports the needs of agricultural producers. The conservation service offers ideas, solutions, and guidance for a successful and sustainable conservation operation. Environmental Quality Incentives Program—one of the largest programs in the 2002 Farm Bill—is a voluntary conservation program that promotes environmental quality and assists producers to meet local, state, and federal regulations.

"Environmental Quality Incentives Program is available to help limited resource and beginning farmers and ranchers, who have unique circumstances and natural resource concerns that need to be addressed on their land.

In Kansas, the program may offer limited resource and beginning farmers and ranchers a higher payment rate for structural and vegetative practices," Mrs. Gienger said.

"The incentive payments have been popular with our current participants. They provide a financial buffer while the producer is learning a new management method."

"So take the first step and visit your Natural Resources Conservation Service conservation team at your local U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center," she said.

The Service Center is located at West Highway 36 in St. Francis.

## Introducing

### Thaddaeus Levi Magley

Thaddaeus Levi Magley was born on Sept. 22, 2007, in his home near Bird City. He weighed 7 pounds and was 20-inches long. Welcoming him are his parents, Robin and Lori Magley, and older brother, Adoniram.

Grandparents are Dixie Magley of Bird City, and Marvin and Wanda Marks of Montrose, Colo. Great-grandparents are Dorothy Marks of Red Lion, Pa., and Daniel and Dorothy Noecker of Manheim, Pa. His great-great-grandmother is Verna Fidler, also of Manheim.

## St. Francis News

Donna and Norvin Northrup flew to Chesterfield, Va., Thursday where they were guests of their daughter, Diana and Gordon Jenkins until Monday. They also enjoyed visits with Michael and Ginny Dankenbring and girls, and Brenda, Autumn and Tyler Dankenbring.

Arrilla Zimbelman has had several visitors during the past three weeks. Her guests included her cousin Mary Aagard of Iowa, her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Wickwar of San Antonio, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Skalka of San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. Don Bash of Louisville, Ky.

Attending two high school cross country meets was the main reason for Betty Jean Winston to travel to Ellsworth and Overland Park Wednesday through Sunday, Oct. 3-7.

She spent Wednesday in Ellsworth visiting the Dan Winston family before driving to Sterling on Thursday to attend the Sterling Invitational Cross Country meet to

watch James Winston participate, with many school attending. James, who is a junior, has been a consistent medal winner for the Ellsworth Cross Country varsity team this season.

Friday she traveled to Overland Park to attend the Shawnee Mission West Cross Country Invitational on Saturday morning. Rather than varsity, junior varsity and freshman classifications, this meet had individual races for each high school grade. Miles Legere, a freshman, placed sixth out of 93 runners in his race, with 15 school represented. She was a house guest in the Legere home.

Jean Winston was among members of the Great Lakes Naval Recruiting class who graduated on Saturday morning in Illinois. Her parents attended the ceremony.

Larry Beringer of Sharon Springs was a visitor of LaVera Beringer on Oct. 6. On Tuesday, LaVera's guests were Sylvia Queen and Jerry Meyer and Alma Beringer of Bethune, Colo. Sylvia Queen visited on Friday.



LINE DANCING was enjoyed by a selected group at the annual 4-H Fun Night on Thursday. Pictured (l to r) Emily Elfers, Kattie Ford and Kyla Bandel knew just what they were doing.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Obituaries

### Joan Marie Steinkamp

Funeral Oct. 4, 2007

Visitation for Joan M. Steinkamp 42, was held on Thursday, Oct. 4, 2007 at K.L. Brown Memory Chapel in Anniston, Ala.

Joan dedicated her life to her children and her family.

She is survived by her sons, Ty of Virginia, and Alan and Ryan, both of Anniston; her parents, Richard and Jonene Steinkamp of Anniston; her sister, Jamie Cunningham and her husband, Lester of Oxford, Ala., grandmothers, Rita Steinkamp of Oxford and Marcia Rueb of St. Francis; nephew Travis Cunningham; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

### Martha Stothard

Aug. 27, 1924 - Sept. 30, 2007

A longtime resident of St. Francis, Kan., Martha Stothard, died on Sept. 30, 2007, at the Hillcrest Care Center in Wray, Colo. Martha was 83 years old.

Martha was born Aug. 27, 1924, in Scott City to John L. and Bertha (Koehler) Morris. She had one sister, Kathleen (Dungan) Stanley, and two brothers, Edward and George Morris.

Martha was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Gilbert, and her brother, George.

In the spring of 1925, Martha moved with her family to the old soddie, north of Wheeler. She grew up on the farm, going to school at Riverside and Lawnview, walking to school and sometimes riding a horse. Martha worked hard and received her high school General Education Development (GED) diploma in the early 70s.

Martha began her nursing career in the early 50s, working at the

Miller Nursing Home for Katherine Miller. Later she became the owner/administrator of this home.

On Dec. 22, 1955, Martha was united in marriage to Gilbert Y. Stothard at the Presbyterian Church in Benkelman, Neb. No children were born to this union.

Martha was a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church in St. Francis. Her faith was strong.

Martha was a member of the Harmony Club for around 10 years. She enjoyed this every much.

Before retiring in 1987, Martha and Gilbert delivered the Rocky Mountain News for a number of years.

After retirement, Martha and Gilbert were a familiar sight in town, always together.

Funeral services were held on Oct. 5 at the Knodel Funeral Home in St. Francis with Pastor Mike Larson officiating.

Casket bearers were Rick Morris, Ron Morris, Billy Joe Morris, David Hankins, Tim Trumbo and Dave Yost.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Arrangements by Knodel Funeral Home.

### Howard F. Keever

Aug. 12, 1914 - Oct. 2, 2007

Howard F. Keever died Oct. 2, 2007, in Portland, Ore. A memorial service was held on Oct. 8 in Assumption Catholic Church Village Chapel in Portland.

Howard was born Aug. 12, 1914, to Rev. and Mrs. French, a traveling minister family. When his mother died, leaving three sons, Howard needed a home. A.H. Keever and wife, Nellie adopted him when he was 3-years old. They had two

daughters, Wanda and Maxine.

The family owned a grocery store and lived above it in Bird City, Kan.

Howard attended grade and high school in Bird City, graduating with the class of 1933. He attended junior college in McCook, Neb.

He married Mary Duff on July 12, 1939. They celebrated 62 years of life together. To this union a son, James Joseph Patrick was born March 17, 1945.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He retired from the postal department in 1980 in Portland.

Music was a very important part in his life. His talent with piano, organ, harp and xylophone was

shared for weddings, funerals and many other family and community events.

In his retirement years, Howard enjoyed volunteer work, delivering Meals on Wheels (Loaves and Fishes). He was active in Volunteer Income Tax Assistant (VITA), church, school and community activities.

He was preceded in death by wives Mary and Agnes.

Howard is survived by son, James Keever and wife, Joellen; two grandchildren, Amy and Joey; two adopted grandchildren, Vickie and Casey, 17 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

## Student News

### Sterling College

Ashley Dowgwillo, a 2006 graduate of St. Francis Community High School, daughter of Craig and Nadja Button, will be seen as Cinderella in the Sterling College Theatre production of "Into The Woods" on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18, 19 and 20. The contemporary classic musical by Stephen Sondheim will be staged as part of Sterling's Homecoming festivities.

"Into The Woods" is a magical,

imaginative adventure which leads familiar storybook characters like Little Red Riding Hood, the Wolf, Cinderella and Jack (of beanstalk fame) on a fascinating journey of self-discovery as they match wits against a witch. The show has been heralded for being both hilariously funny and heart-wrenchingly tender. Sterling Theatre professor Diane DeFranco-Kling directs.

The musical will be presented at 8 p.m. each night in Culbertson Auditorium.



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