

90th Birthday celebration held

A birthday brunch was held at the Spencer House at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning, Jan. 19, in honor of Hertha Kelley's 90th birthday. The party was hosted by her three daughters, Judy Raile, Kathy Wiley of Idalia, Colo., and Lori Maier of Russell.

The Spencer House was beautifully decorated in the Christmas motif which was perfect

as Hertha's birthday was on Dec. 25.

Those enjoying the occasion were Ethel Whitten, Ellen Raile, Rachael Keller, Micki Lampe, Jessie Schield, Marge Fossett, Carol Whipple, Lee Busby, Billie Hilt, Sharon Olofson, Dorothy Kellner and Alice Lampe. Those unable to attend were Marie Schultze of Hays, Vinta Keller and Ella Mae Keller.



Hertha Kelley

Cutoff date for producers to submit applications set

Feb. 8 is the cutoff date for producers to submit Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) applications to be considered for Fiscal Year 2008 funding, according to an announcement by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

"We want producers to have their applications ready," said As-tor F. Boozer, acting state conservationist for Kansas, "when the requested funding for the program is received from the National Natural Resources Conservation Service office."

The Habitat Incentives program is a voluntary program through conservation service for landowners who want to develop or improve wildlife habitat on private lands. Anyone interested in learning more about improving wildlife habitat and would like to submit an application for program assistance can do so at any time.

"Initial ideas that come to mind when people think about creating habitat for wildlife are to plant grass, trees, or shrubs," said Troy J. Munsch, assistant state conservationist for programs, Salina. "While these practices can obviously provide benefits for wildlife where habitat is non-existent, it is often easier to manipulate existing habitat to achieve desired wildlife habitat objectives. What many people do not know is how the program can be used to improve existing habitat for wildlife, even on lands that are in agricultural production."

Mr. Munsch provided the following examples for using the

incentives program to enhance existing habitat.

There are several declining species of wildlife that are closely associated with grasslands. Prairie chickens and bobwhite quail are two familiar examples. Conservation practices offered through the program can greatly improve habitat for these species. Invasive trees have become a problem throughout the state on native grasslands. Trees adversely influence prairie chicken abundance on grasslands. The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program offers two conservation practices to control unwanted invasive trees: brush management and prescribed burning. By removing invasive trees, applying a prescribed burn once every three or four years, and practicing proper grazing management, habitat for prairie chickens, bobwhite quail, and many species of non-game birds can be improved dramatically.

Vegetation that normally grows within 300 feet of a stream, called a riparian area, provides habitat for turkeys, deer, and bobwhite quail. Stream-side vegetation also provides shade and habitat for aquatic species living within the stream itself. Over 60 percent of the species classified as threatened and endangered in

Kansas rely on streams and riparian habitat to survive. Riparian areas that are being degraded by uncontrolled livestock access can be improved by installing fencing through the incentives program. The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program can also help develop alternative water sources for livestock to keep them from damaging vegetation and reducing water quality in streams. Areas prone to erosion within riparian areas or on cropland next to streams can be seeded back to native grasses and wildflowers to improve water quality and wildlife habitat.

Conservation practices that enhance existing habitat are often more cost effective and meet habitat objectives relatively quicker than establishing new habitat. Landowners should contact their local Natural Resources Conservation Service field office located at the USDA Service Center on West Highway 36 in St. Francis to submit an application. Applicants can expect funding decisions to be completed in the early spring of 2008.

For more information about Natural Resources Conservation Service programs, visit the Kansas NRCS Web site at www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov.

Introducing

Zoe Dew Clark

Zoe Dew Clark was born to Janice (Weber) and Roger Clark of Claremore, Okla., on Aug. 22, 2007. She weighed in at 6 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

She is the granddaughter of Liz Weber and the late Darrel Weber and the late Lawrence and Donna Clark.



Zoe Clark

Employee will retire

State Conservationist Harold L. Klaege is among those U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Salina, employees who will retire in January.

Mr. Klaege will retire after 37 years with the Service. In 2002, he became the eighth state conservationist to serve in Kansas over the last 72 years. Prior to coming to Kansas, he held the position as National Watershed Program Leader in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Klaege began his career in 1970 as a student trainee while studying for his engineering degree at The Ohio State University. Most of his career was spent in Nebraska where he held several engineering and management positions.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service provides conservation assistance on private lands to farmers and ranchers.

Book Review

Book review from St. Francis Public Library

Drop Dead Gorgeous

By Linda Howard

Blair Mallory has already survived one murder attempt. Now, while planning her wedding and dealing with holiday-season madness, Blair once again dodges a bullet. Or, more precisely, a Buick. And though the driver's identity remains a mystery, his or her murderous intentions are all too clear.

Or are they? After all, Blair's homicidal ex-husband and his partner-in-crime/wife are safely behind bars. And even Wyatt Bloodworth,

Blair's police detective groom-to-be, isn't inclined to believe she's being targeted again. All of which makes Blair wonder if her close call was simply a mishap. But the wondering stops when she narrowly cheats death again in another seemingly innocent accident. Two strikes is all it takes to convince Blair that she's back in someone's crosshairs. And the only thing more frightening is that Wyatt still doubts her. That means this time on one will be watching Blair's back when she sets out to get the drop on her would-be killer - before whoever it is finally drops her.

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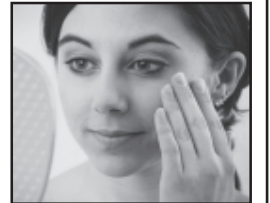
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TRACT 1 - The North Half (N 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Four (4), Township Five (5), Range Thirty-Eight (38) in Cheyenne County, Kansas. Acreage currently in wheat stubble.

BASE/YIELD INFORMATION

FSA Acres	Wheat	G.S.	Corn	Sunflowers	2007 TAXES
76.9	40.5/33	9.2/45	---	4.6/1070	\$246.35

TRACT 2 - The South Half (S 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Four (4), Township Five (5), Range Thirty-Eight (38) in Cheyenne County, Kansas. Currently in milo stalks. Boundaries to be determined with findings of a survey, if needed.

BASE/YIELD INFORMATION

FSA Acres	Wheat	G.S.	Corn	Sunflower Soybean	2007 TAXES
75.5	15.9/35	1.8/89	44.9/116	---	4/34 \$222.31

TRACT 3 - A tract of land in the South Half (S 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Four (4), Township Five (5), Range Thirty-Eight (38) in Cheyenne County, Kansas.

Known as 610 Road 25, Bird City, Kansas 67731. Approx 4.4 acres, more or less, as estimated by Cheyenne County Assessor. This tract features a nice home with near 2,100 total square, 5 spacious bedrooms with 2 baths, hot water heat system, outbuildings, a 40' x 80' Quonset with a 16' x 16' overhead door, 2-8000 bu. Grain Bins, and another that needs work. Boundaries to be determined with findings of a survey, if needed.

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