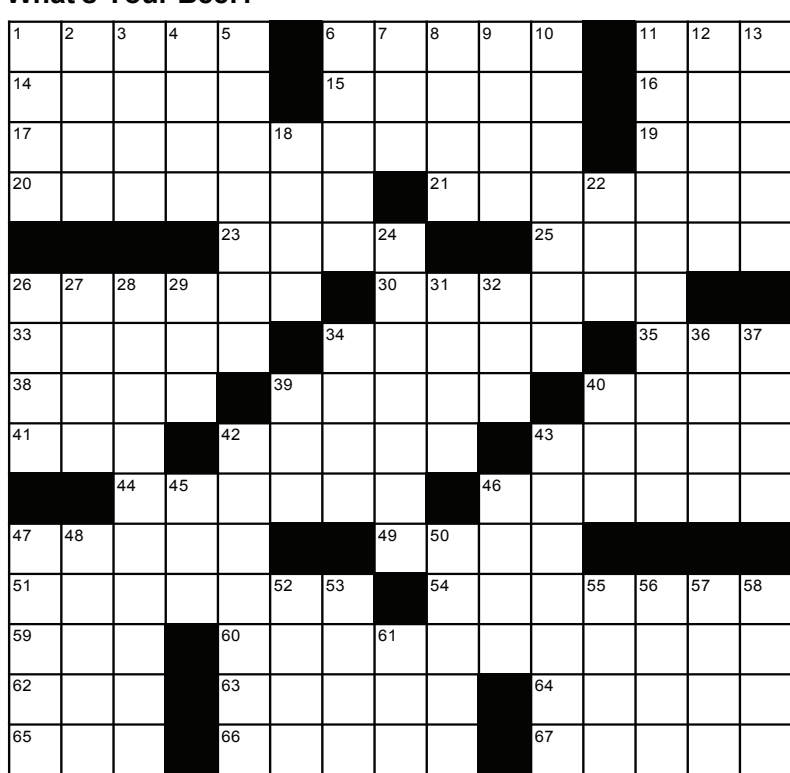


What's Your Beef?

- ACROSS**
- Diamond thefts
 - Commuters' towns, for short
 - Gentle ___ lamb
 - Dance partner for Fred
 - Dizzying display
 - Taker of vows
 - Friars Club host
 - Oater "Scram!"
 - Ritzzy homes
 - Piece of legislation
 - "I'm game!"
 - Combined, in a way
 - Short sock
 - Sylvester's would-be prey
 - Got on the ump
 - Fern leaf
 - Shale extract
 - Place for a stud
 - Sang the blues
 - Charlie of commercials
 - ___ out (barely make)
 - Meat and potatoes, e.g.
 - Molds and mildews
 - Goren's game
 - Hang around
 - Recordholder before Bonds
 - Source of roe
 - Airport porters
 - Do business
 - Glass of public radio
 - Hotel lobby's locale, often
 - Put on
 - ___ up (spoil)
 - Meriting a 10
 - Otoscope user, for short
 - Op-ed piece, e.g.
 - "My bad!"



American Profile Hometown Content

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DOWN

- Without a stitch
- Hubbubs
- Trousers part
- Supermodel Benitez
- Avoided court
- Blowhard's words
- DHL competitor
- Hamelin victims
- One of the baseball Boones
- Attacked from the air
- Knickers-clad AC/DC guitarist
- High-end hotel option
- Fed the kitty
- Partner of greet
- King discovered by Howard Carter
- Big steps
- Fit for duty
- Place for a dinette
- NBA star signed at age 17
- Jeans brand
- Sad sack's list
- Draw the curtain on
- Tadpole, eventually
- "Picnic" playwright
- Place of refuge
- New England catch
- Winery cask
- Get by trickery
- "Semper ___" (Marines motto)
- Fabulous flier
- "Dragnet" force, for short
- "All kidding ___ ..."
- Ohio rubber center
- Food that doesn't easily spoil
- "Aye" voters
- ___-chef (kitchen #2)
- Give a fresh look to
- State firmly
- Mad dash
- ___ May Clampett
- World Baseball Classic team

The Crossword Puzzle brought to you by:



The Saint Francis Herald

Conservationist announces cutoff date of March 12

State Conservationist Eric Banks for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced a cutoff date of March 12 for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Organic Initiative. Kansas producers who are transitioning to organic agriculture or who are currently certified organic may receive special assistance to meet their conservation goals with the provisions of the 2008 Farm Bill. Producers may apply for financial assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program. If approved, they can receive up to \$20,000 per year or \$80,000 over six years to implement conservation practices. The U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service in Kansas, which administers the program, has set aside \$1.4 million in Environmental Quality Incentives Program funds to help Kansas organic producers

and those who are transitioning to organic production. "Environmental Quality Incentives Program has always been available for organic producers to treat resource concerns on their land," said Banks, "but the 2008 Farm Bill encouraged dedicated funds to be set aside to assist organic producers. Applications for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program Organic Initiative are taken continuously throughout the year, but to be considered for fiscal year 2010 funding, producers need to have an application signed and returned to their local Natural Resources Conservation Service office by March 12. Eric Banks, State Conservationist in Kansas, says program applicants who are certified organic will need to bring a copy of their organic system plan and name and address of their Department of Agriculture accredited certifying agent when applying

for financial assistance. Applicants who are transitioning to organic, will certify their intentions to transition to organic and must provide the name of the Department of Agriculture accredited certifying agent they have contacted. "Producers with an organic system plan have typically accomplished much or all of the work needed to develop an Natural Resources Conservation Service conservation plan," says Banks. A number of conservation practices may be funded through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program organic ranking category, including cover crops, crop rotations, fencing and watering for rotational grazing, high tunnels for seasonal crops, and field borders. A fact sheet on Environmental Quality Incentives Program Organic is available at www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs.

Deadline for crop disaster assistance is March 15

The deadline for the US Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA) to accept applications under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) is March 15 for coverage for 2010 coarse grains such as feed. Crops eligible for these ben-

efits are limited to those not insurable in the county and are produced for food or fiber. Included as eligible crops are forage crops for livestock such as cane, feed, silage, sudan, millet and peas (mechanically harvested or grazed). Interested producers who may wish to participate in the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance program must visit their local Farm Service Agency office to complete an Application for Coverage and pay the service fee by March 15. Administrative service fees are collected in order to help offset the cost of implementing the program and range from \$250 per crop per administrative county not to exceed \$750 per producer per administrative county with an \$1875 maximum fee for multi-county producers.

didn't pay for Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program or crop insurance coverage. h After the crop has been harvested, it is very important to turn in your production, much like you do with regular crop insurance. This helps to prove your yield and could increase benefits in the future. In the unfortunate event that a producer does suffer a loss on their particular crop, a Notice of Loss must be filed with the local Farm Service Agency office within 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence, or the date the loss becomes apparent to the producer. Producers are responsible for providing accurate and complete loss and production information. This includes timely certifying the unit's planted acreage and production with the Farm Service Agency. In general, acreage reporting deadlines are June 1 for small grain crops, and the earlier of Aug. 1 or 15 days prior to the onset of harvest or grazing for all other crops. This coverage entitles eligible producers to a payment of 55 percent of an average market price for the commodity if a natural disaster caused a 50 percent production loss or greater of an eligible crop. Contact the Farm Service Agency Office at (785) 332-2183 before March 15 for more information.

Public Notices

Petition filed in court for the Orth Estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

BETTY J. ORTH, Deceased

Case No. 09-PR-29

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on February 17, 2010, a petition was filed in this Court by Roger Orth, an heir, devisee and legatee, and executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Betty J. Orth," deceased, dated October 13, 2004, praying the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; petitioner be appointed as executor, without bond; and petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 22, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court, St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Roger Orth, Petitioner

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Notice published to control noxious weeds

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GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

The Kansas Noxious Weed Law K.S.A. 2-1314 et seq requires all persons who own or supervise land in Kansas to control and eradicate all weeds declared noxious by legislative action. The weeds declared noxious are: field bindweed, musk thistle, johnson grass, bur ragweed, Canada thistle, sericea lespedeza, leafy spurge, hoary cress, quack grass, Russian knapweed, kudzu and pignut. Bull Thistle is a County Option Noxious Weed declared noxious by the Board of County Commissioners of Cheyenne County. Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to every person who owns or supervises land in Cheyenne County that noxious weeds growing or found on such land shall be controlled and eradicated. Control is defined as preventing the production of viable seed and the vegetative spread of the plant.

Failure to observe this notice may result in the County:

- Serving a legal notice requiring control of the noxious weeds within a minimum of five days. Failure to control the noxious weeds within the time period allowed may result in the county treating the noxious weeds at the landowners expense and placing a lien on the property if the bill is not paid within 30 days or,
- Filing criminal charges for non compliance. Conviction for non compliance may result in a fine of \$100 per day of non-compliance with a maximum fine of \$1500.

The public is also hereby notified that it is a violation of the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to barter, sell or give away infested nursery stock or livestock feed unless the feed is fed on the farm where grown or sold to a commercial processor that will destroy the viability of the noxious weed seed. Custom harvesting machines must be labeled with a label provided by the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture and must be free of all weed seed and litter when entering the State and when leaving a field infested with noxious weeds. Additional information may be obtained from the Cheyenne County Noxious Weed Department or by contacting the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture, 109 S.W. 9th, Topeka, KS 66612.

Petition filed in court for the Wilkens Estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of
DUANE P. WILKENS, Deceased
Case No. 2010-PR-

NOTICE OF CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition dated February 10, 2010, has been filed in this court by Ashley Wilkens, as a surviving daughter and as the executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Duane P. Wilkens, deceased, praying for probate of the will, and for the appointment of Ashley Wilkens as Executor of the estate.

You are further advised that the petitioner in this matter has requested administration pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estate Act, and if such request is granted the court may not supervise administration of the estate and no further notice of any action of the Personal Representative or other proceedings in the estate will be given except for notice of final settlement of the decedent's estate. Should written objections to simplified administration be filed with the court, the court may order supervised administration to ensue. All creditors are notified to exhibit their demand against the estate within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited they shall be forever barred.

Ashley Wilkens, Petitioner

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Petition filed in court for the Hoyt Estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
WILLIAM FRANCIS HOYT,
a/k/a FRANCIE HOYT.

CASE NO.08-P-17

PURSUANT TO K.S.A. CHAPTER 59

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition was filed in this Court by Lenna Weisenhorn, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of William Francis Hoyt a/k/a Francie Hoyt, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorney's fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executor of the Estate of William Francis Hoyt a/k/a Francie Hoyt, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 17, 2010, at 3:00 P.M. in the District Court, St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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Idalia News

Prairie Vista Blood Visit

Marlene Miller and Denice will be in Idalia from 9 to 11 a.m. on March 9 at the Prairie Vista Cafe for the monthly visit. There will be the usual free blood pressure checks and Marlene can visit with folks about any programs available for seniors.

St. John's news

Men's Bible study is weekly on Thursday mornings from 7 to 7:30 at St. John's Church. All

men are welcome.

On Wednesday, March 3 there will be a soup supper for everyone at 6 p.m. There will be a children's time at the beginning of the meal. The adult Bible study will follow at 7 p.m. The theme will be "Tough Faith For Tough Times: Building-Endurance" Romans 5: 1-5.

School news

Spring break for Idalia School will begin Monday March 15 and run through Friday, March 19.

Beecher Island News

No Sunday school due to the icy roads. Bible study is the second and fourth Wednesday at 9 a.m.

The Beecher Island Helping Hand Club met for a potluck diner Wednesday. Kristy Hurlburt will be the hostess on March 3.

Mr. and Mrs. John Osmus, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Beverlin, Nettie Sheldon and girls went to Denver Saturday to help Gracie Trast celebrate her 70th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons and Spencer Perila met Mr. and Mrs. Randy Perila and family in Brush Saturday for Spencer to go home after spending a few days with his grandparents.

Friday LaNeta Carlock hosted a coffee for Galena Webster, Myrna Mulligan, Sophia Zuege, Laura Pearl Wall, MerryLu Simmons and Spencer Perila.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harms visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen spent last week at Blue River, Colo. Joining them for the weekend were Mr.

and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Allen and family, Ryan Allen, Justin Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Frank and Ratie Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Allen and Candence, Mr. and Mrs. Rod Bassett and family.

Monte Mansfield, Gary Mansfield, Joyce and Riley Brown and Bessie Dent were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield this past week.

Violet Brown visited Geneva North Sunday.

Kay Knaub visited Nettie May Welton Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Simmons and Taya were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons.

Rose Wagner and June Yost visited Bessie Dent Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons visited Laura Pearl Wall Sunday.

Judy Shively was a Thursday caller of Bessie Dent.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and Chyanne attended the Richard's benefit Sunday afternoon.