

Funding available for water program

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Chief Dave White announced on Monday, April 5, the availability of \$61.2 million in financial assistance funding for Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) projects. This funding will help producers conserve surface and ground water and improve water

quality on agricultural land. "Working with our partners we will see more water conservation on working lands and more opportunities to improve water quality," said Mr. White. "Agricultural Water Enhancement Program projects are implemented by NRCS entering into partnership agreements with eligi-

ble entities," said Eric B. Banks, the service's State Conservationist for Kansas. "The conservation service works with these partners to help landowners plan and implement conservation practices in project areas established through the agreements." Of the \$61.2 million, approximately \$40.4 million will be made

available to Agricultural Water Enhancement Program partners whose projects were approved during last fiscal year and approximately \$20.7 million will be available for new project proposals. Several national priority areas have been designated, according to Mr. Banks, including the Ogallala Aquifer, which underlies a major portion of western Kansas.

The following partnership entities are eligible to submit proposals for funding: federally recognized Indian Tribes, states, units of local government, agricultural associations, and other groups of producers--such as irrigation associations, agricultural land trusts, or other nongovernmental organizations--that have experience working with agricultural producers. When an Agricultural Water Enhancement Program project area has been approved and announced, individual producers may apply for program benefits through their local conservation service office.

"Water quality and quantity are two resource concerns present in Kansas. Treatment of these concerns is important for Kansans' health and for food and fiber production," said Mr. Banks. "I certainly encourage any interested entity to submit a proposal for water enhancement activities or projects that can be accomplished by working with individual producers."

Deadline for partner organizations to submit a proposal is 3 p.m., May 17. The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Farm Bill) established Agricultural Water Enhancement Program information, or to apply visit: www.ksnrcs.usda.gov/programs/AWEP/.

For additional information about Natural Resources Conservation Service and conservation programs that may be available for you, visit: www.nrcs.usda.gov, or visit the nearest USDA Service Center in your area.



RESIDENT OF THE MONTH — Helen Love, right, shows Cathy Loop an earlier picture of herself.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Program recognizes student

Sheryl Miller, a 2006 St. Francis Community High School graduate, was one of 15 Kansas University students, staff, faculty and alumnae honored at the Women's Recognition Program for their outstanding contributions and achievements.

Graduating with a bachelor's in community health education, she was presented the Outstanding Woman Student in Partnership Award.

Sheryl is a community health major and made innumerable con-

tributions to the KU and Lawrence communities through her involvement and leadership in the area of health and wellness. She serves as a youth leader for "Strong Girls," and is a group fitness instructor and personal trainer at the Amble Student Recreation Fitness Center, and volunteers as a health educator for the Watkins Student Wellness Resource Center.

In the presentation, it was noted that Sheryl, in both a classroom setting and through community involvement, has demonstrated a

commitment to improving the lives of others. As a leader in "Strong Girls," an after school program aimed at providing physical activity and life-skills to third and fourth grade girls, she serves as a positive role model for these young girls, enhancing their fitness level, positive thinking and self-esteem. As a group fitness instructor and personal trainer at the Student Recreation Fitness Center, Sheryl is described as having a "a passion for helping students become committed to exercise" both for the physical improvement and healthful benefits. As an advocate for an active lifestyle, she volunteers as a peer health educator, helping with events such as world AIDS Day, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, flu clinics and alcohol and sexual talks.



Miller

Sheryl was described as warm, caring, kind and friendly, and has shown "dedication to her education and willingness to do what it takes to improve the success of the University of Kansas" as well as having a "passion for contribution to the campus and surrounding community" with enthusiasm and commitment to physical health and wellness.

Sheryl is the daughter of Terry and Mary Beth Miller, St. Francis.

Obituary

Tatum Dawn Bevans

Aug. 28, 1979 - April 7, 2010

Tatum Dawn Bevans was born Aug. 28, 1979, in Lexington, Neb., and died on April 7, 2010, at Kansas University Medical Center, Kansas City, Kan., after losing a long and courageous battle with systemic lupus.



Bevans

Tatum is the daughter of Connie Holzwarth, St. Francis, and Richard Tabor, Douglas, Wyo.

Tatum spent most of her younger life in Colorado. She graduated with honors from Doherty High School, Colorado Springs, Colo., in the spring of 1997.

After high school Tatum moved to Colby, where she attended Colby Community College for two years, majoring in pre-vet. She then moved to Manhattan, where she attended Kansas State University, graduating in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in life science.

While attending Colby Community College, Tatum met the love of her life, Trevor Bevans. They were married June 8, 2002. Tatum and Trevor were blessed with three beautiful daughters; Corinne, age 8 years, Ayla, age 5 years, and Sophie, age 10 months.

Tatum was always a happy little girl. Her sisters were her closest playmates when little and that bond continued into their adulthood. One of her greatest joys came from dancing. She began dancing at the age of 3, and continued dancing until graduating from college. The highlight of Tatum's dancing career was auditioning and being accepted to attend an intense summer program in New York City at the Alvin Ailey School of Dance between her junior and senior years at Kansas State University. Tatum became certified to teach Bradley Method Childbirth Classes and made a huge impact on many people's lives through these lessons. Ask anyone who ever took a class from her and they will tell you that Tatum had a special gift for sensing the needs of her students. She comforted them and gave them the tools they needed to bring a new life into this world.

Tatum's children and family were her main focus in life. She was a wonderful cook and loved doing crafts with her girls. Tat-

um loved the outdoors. Trevor and Tatum moved to Maine approximately three years ago, where they fell in love with the people and the country. She loved going to the beach searching for sea glass and even made jewelry out of some of her collection. She also loved picking wild Maine blueberries and going to the apple orchard to pick apples.

Tatum will always remain a shining light, guiding the people she's touched in their daily lives. She lives on in our memories, in her children, and in every molecule that surrounds us, her energy and loving spirit resides lifting us up.

Tatum leaves to mourn her husband, Trevor; daughters, Corinne, Ayla, and Sophie; her mother, Connie Holzwarth and husband, Bob; sister, Camille Henninger and husband, Chris, sister, Melissa Tabor, sister, Shawna Crowder and husband, Wayne, father, Richard Tabor and wife, Charlotte, mother-in-law and father-in-law, Gay Bevans and David Bevans, brother-in-law, Torrey Bevans and wife, Lindsey, two nieces, three nephews, and numerous other relatives and friends.

Student becomes a member

Jandy Dunn, St. Francis, is a new junior member of the American Angus Association®, said Bryce Schumann, Chief Executive Officer of the national organization with headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo.



Dunn

Junior members of the Association are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association, participate in programs conducted by the National Junior Angus Association and take part in Association-sponsored shows and other national and regional events.

Special meetings set

The Rawlins County Health Center has plans for eight special sessions of the Bereavement Support Group.

The open grief support group is planning the sessions for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one with the meetings being held at the Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, 808 South First Street Highway 25 in Atwood. Enter the east door at the church.

The events are planned for 2 to 3:30 p.m. on the third Monday of the month beginning on April 19 and running through Nov. 15.

Please call Tara Bowles at (785) 626-3211 or Maralyne Cooper at 1-800-315-5122 to register.

The sessions include the following topics:

- April 19: Introduction to the process of grief.
- May 17: The universality of the grief process.
- June 21: Understanding the stages of grief.
- July 19: Give yourself permission to feel the way you feel.
- Aug. 16: Share your thoughts, what helps.
- Sept. 20: Recognizing our unique personality styles.
- Oct. 18: Is my grief work completed?
- Nov. 15: A Holiday memorial "Hope for the Holidays."



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Thank You!

We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to the kind and caring citizens of St. Francis that helped make this town such a special home for our late grandmother, Marge Fosssett. For over 24 years, her life was truly blessed with great friends from St. Francis. We would also like to thank the great staff at Cheyenne County Hospital for caring for her over the years.

Lastly, we want to thank the following people & organizations that assisted in making her services most memorable:

St. Francis Catholic Church & Altar Society, Goodell Greenhouse, Knodel Funeral Home, Cheyenne County Bowl, Myra Douthitt and Joan Gienger, Jett Fromholtz.

~ Sincerely Mike Fosssett & the entire Fosssett family

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