

New farm bill makes conservation program widely available

"The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) allocation for Kansas is \$11.6 million for farmland conservation," said Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) state conservationist Harold L. Klaege, Salina. The total allocation includes \$3.3 million for surface and ground water conservation on land overlying the High Plains Aquifer, and the initial Environmental Quality Incentives Program allocation made before the passage of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, also known as the 2002 Farm Bill. Also included in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program total are funds that will be made available to help producers apply conservation practices to address drought-impacted natural resource concerns.

The fiscal year 2002 Environmental Quality Incentives Program funds will provide cost-share dollars statewide to farmers, ranchers, and tribes. Producers had the opportunity to apply for Environmental Quality Incentives Program funds to address three statewide concerns: water quality, rangeland health, and wind erosion on eligible agricultural land, including livestock operations.

Producers who applied for these funds by the July 19 application evaluation cut-off date are being reviewed and ranked and funding decisions will be determined by Aug. 19. Eligible landowners can enter into contracts of up to 10 years to

obtain technical and financial assistance to undertake improved conservation measures.

President George W. Bush reauthorized Environmental Quality Incentives Program in the 2002 Farm Bill signed on May 13. It is a voluntary U.S. Department of Agriculture conservation program for farmers and ranchers to treat identified soil, water, and related natural resource concerns on eligible land.

"This 2002 Farm Bill is a historic piece of conservation legislation," said Conservationist Klaege, "because conservation funding in this farm bill increased by 80 percent nationwide. Farm bills typically are known for their price support programs.

"We recognize that many farmers or ranchers who have applied for Environmental Quality Incentives Program in the past may have become frustrated because they weren't located in the program's priority areas or because there wasn't enough money," said Conservationist Klaege. "While time and funds remain finite, I want farmers to know that funds are no longer limited to priority areas and the additional money should help us work through our backlog of conservation needs on private farms and ranchlands.

"With funding now available statewide, producers need to visit their local USDA Service Center to see what the 2002 Farm Bill may offer them. Environmental Quality Incentives Program provides for a continuous

signup and producers can apply anytime," said Conservationist Klaege. "So, I encourage producers to visit their local U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center, get a conservation plan developed, and be ready for the next round of funding."

Some of the other changes to Environmental Quality Incentives Program under the new 2002 Farm Bill include: 1) an increase to \$450,000 as the maximum amount allowed to one landowner in EQIP funds over the next six years; 2) the elimination of the cap on large confined livestock operations; 3) an elimination of the competitive bidding down process, allowing limited resource farmers more access to the program; 4) a decrease in the minimum contract length.

For more information about conservation planning and how the 2002 Farm Bill programs can help you accomplish your natural resource conservation goals, contact your local U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center and visit with the Natural Resources Conservation Service or local conservation district staff.

For additional information on Environmental Quality Incentives Program and the new 2002 Farm Bill see (HYPERLINK "http://www.usda.gov/farmbill" "http://www.usda.gov/farmbill"). For more information about Kansas Natural Resources Conservation Service activities see http://www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov.



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Club Clips

Senior Citizens News

Betty Lewis welcomed 36 friends to the McDonald Senior Center on Aug. 6 for a covered dish dinner, a time of visiting and playing bingo.

The August birthdays were acknowledged, with Helen Peters of St. Francis celebrating her 90th birthday that day.

Ray Johnson gave a reading titled "Things To Think About."

Clever, "Home is Where the Heart Is" favors were made by Phyllis Wingfield for each one attending.

Bingo was played, with several people having a winning card for the

blackout game.

At the business meeting it was decided to have the carpet cleaned later in the fall. Ray Johnson will get an estimate.

The secretary and treasurer reports were approved.

President Betty Lewis thanked the committee members for their help and appointed the following committees for the Sept. 2 meeting: Poem and prayer, Emma Threlkel; Bingo, Ray Johnson; Prizes, Hazel Hartman; Kitchen, Joan Tongish, Lavina Waters and Eleanor Swihart

American Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary met for their annual brunch at 9 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 9. Nineteen members and two guests, Mrs. Jeanette Burkhalter and daughter Jenna, who was one of the Girls State Representatives.

After enjoying the brunch, Jenna gave her Girls State report. The unit

voted to serve the Viola Wright sale on Saturday, Aug. 24. This was followed by the Farmer's Market which is always a crowd pleaser.

The September meeting will be a luncheon served by Karen Jones. Her window display will highlight her program.

Bird City News

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Riebel, Kate and Kierston Smith of Lubbock, Texas, were visitors at the Dean Smith home last week. They were joined for dinner Sunday evening with the families of Ned Smith and Scott Smith.

Jessie Smith was an overnight guest of her grandparents Dean and Joan Smith while her parents attended the Rockies baseball game Saturday in Denver.

Guests of Hope Bressler during the Thresher Show were Shryll Behn of Evergreen, Colo., Perri Bressler, Happy, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Bressler and family and Janda Bressler and son Jaden from Lubbock, Texas, Cora Lee Pettit and Kathryn Henry of

Hot Springs, Ark. Overnight guests on Wednesday were Mrs. Alice Felker, Sierra, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Johnson, Gresham, Ore.



Obituary

Rex LeRoy Dunn

Aug. 26, 1935 - Aug. 5, 2002
Rex LeRoy Dunn was born Aug. 26, 1935, in Bird City, Kan. Born as a twin with his sister, Ruby Joy, Rex was the only son of Roy and Ethel Dunn. He also had an older sister, Doris Lea. Rex lost his twin sister at almost 6 months of age from pneumonia.

Rex's father was a farmer and rancher and his mother a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse. As a farm boy of the "Dirty 30s", Rex spent a lot of his childhood with cows, pigs and horses. He was especially involved in 4-H and rodeo. Rex went to the school in Bird City where he ran track - the mile - and where he graduated high school in 1953. During his teen years, he and his friends joined the Methodist church.

After graduation, Rex joined the United States Army. He spent most of his military service as a military policeman in Fairbanks, Alaska. He was honorably discharged in 1957.

Rex came back to western Kansas where he helped his parents care for the motel they now owned in Bird City. Not long after Rex returned from the military, his father, Roy James died.

Rex loved to rodeo, but his rodeo career was cut short when his eye was severely damaged by a bull's horn. He met Verna Walz, a St. Francis girl, and they were married in 1958. Rex farmed with Verna's father,

Albert and Rex and Verna were blessed with their first child, James Lee. In 1960 the couple was given a second son, Dave LeRoy.

From 1961 to 1974, Rex and his family lived on ranches in Haigler, Neb., Laird, Neb., Peyton, Colo., and Limon, Colo. It was in Limon that a terrible tragedy broke the hearts of Rex and Verna. Their second son, Dave, was accidentally killed and things were never the same. Rex quit farming and ranching, and began driving truck for a living, first a freight truck and then a gas truck for D.J. Petroleum.

In 1975, Rex and Verna were given a daughter by our Lord. They named her Tana Lyn.

In 1980, Rex and Verna divorced, dissolving a marriage of 22 years. Rex continued living in Limon and this is where he met LaNell Dykstra in July, 1981. Three months later, Rex and LaNell married. They moved to Siebert, Colo., and then it was on to Exeter, Mo., where Rex farmed, ranched and sold cars.

Rex and LaNell moved to St. Francis in 1987. Rex worked for Bob Yost and then it was onto the Cheyenne County Feedlot where he worked for 11 years and retired from there in 1998.

On July 9 of 2002, Rex was involved in a traffic accident. He suffered injuries from which he could not recover. Rex died on Monday,

Aug. 5, 2002, at Swedish Medical Center in Englewood, Colo.

Throughout his life, it was more natural for Rex to be out riding a horse, fixing fence or at home watching a rodeo than to be with a lot of people. As a father, he was strict, but fair. He taught his children to respect other people's property. Rex was a good grandpa.

Rex was preceded in death by his sisters Ruby Joy and Doris Lea; father Roy James; son, Dave LeRoy.

He is survived by his mother, Ethel; two children, James and wife Jeannie of St. Francis, Tana and husband, Keith Karr of Beaverton, Ore.; three grandchildren, Jessica, Jamie and Jandy Dunn; a brother-in-law, Keith Headrick; nephews and niece, Steve, Brent and Cheryl Headrick; his wife, LaNell; five stepchildren and their families, Rick, Kathy, Carmen, LaVon and Rob.

Funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 8 at Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis, with Pastor Bob Strauch officiating. *I Saw The Light* was sung by Darrel and Jacque Zwegardt, accompanied by Robert and Gertrude Zwegardt. The congregation sang *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* with Robert and Gertrude at the keyboard and guitar.

Casket bearers were Steve Headrick, Darrel Zwegardt, Bob Holzwarth, Gary Moore, Gale Yonkey and John Lampe.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery, St. Francis.

Book Review

The Cat Who Smelled a Rat

By Lilian Jackson Braun

The Big One is on its way, and more too soon for the residents of an unusually arid Mosse County, who are becoming increasingly anxious about wildfires as they await the first snowstorm of the season. A Citizens' Fire Watch is formed, and volunteers go out on shifts to patrol areas of concern, particularly the old minesites, which have been rumored to contain subterranean fires deep within.

When a volunteer is murdered near the Big B minesite, which had been

set ablaze, the people of Pickax realize they are dealing with both an arsonist and a killer. And Koko, Siamese cat extraordinaire and owner of journalist James Qwilleran, knows even more than that, as evidenced by his suspicious scrutiny of an antique pitcher, a batik of robins, and an old-fashioned glove box.

The string of catastrophes continues as a local builder dies in an apparent accident, and it's up to Qwilleran & Co. to trap the rat who's behind it all.

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FUND	BALANCE
GENERAL	508,744.13
ROAD & BRIDGE	316,138.24
SPECIAL MACHINERY	58,128.00
BRIDGE BUILDING	41,438.29
NOXIOUS WEED	36,856.12
NOXIOUS WEED SPECIAL FUND	13,841.70
SOLID WASTE	4,670.90
CAFETERIA PLAN	382.67
RURAL FIRE	22,511.62
HOSPITAL	20,806.77
DIVERSION FUND	7,693.39
CO ATTN'Y BAD CHECK FUND	140.00
REG OF DEBTS TECH FUND	412.00
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE TAX	1,026.81
16/20 M TRUCKS	354.53
SPECIAL ALCOHOL & DRUG	1,399.40
SPECIAL PARKS & REC	3,685.76
911	71,494.94
UNCLAIMED FUNDS	333.29
AMBULANCE MEMORIAL FUND	6,487.84
ADVANCED TAX-NON BUDGETED	100.81
SPECIAL AMBULANCE	10,882.00
DRIVERS LICENSE	50.00
SPECIAL FIRE EQUIPMENT	37,368.78
MOTOR VEHICLE TAX	22,760.69
TREASURER'S SPECIAL	11,324.73
STATE SALES TAX	12,623.24
CURRENT TAX	42,807.61
COUNTY REDEMPTION	2,462.32
DELINQUENT PF TAX	2,775.59
LAVTR	37,438.98
PAYROLL WITHHOLDING	1,573.52
ATTORNEY FUND	3,275.33
FISH & GAME	30.50
ARCHERY	233.00
PARK PERMITS	167.50
MORTGAGE REGISTRATION	85.37
MAPS	834.50
BENKELMAN TOWNSHIP	620.45
CALHOUN TOWNSHIP	6,802.02
CLEVELAND TOWNSHIP	763.48
JAUQUA TOWNSHIP	7,307.57
HANDICAP EQUIPMENT	60.00
EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND	219,921.25
CCH/COUNTY HEALTH	8,230.08
PRAIRIE DOG	6,396.03
GIFT ANNUITY	20,413.12
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	1,564,391.31

I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS COMPLETE, TRUE, AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, SO HELP ME GOD.

Dolores Janik
COUNTY TREASURER

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 6 DAY OF August

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County Clerk/Notary Public

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