

2002 Farm Bill helps conservation program

"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 sign-up 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 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>.



CELEBRANT SINGERS performed last Friday night at the band shell. Earlier in the evening the singers were guests at a potluck picnic. The group recently finished a recent tour of the Ukraine. *Herald staff photo by Sandy Barnhart*

Cattle, drought and economics meeting set

Cattle, drought, and economics focus of Aug. 20-21 meetings

Economic and management considerations for cows and calves in response to drought conditions will be the topic of a meeting to be held at

four sites in northwest Kansas Aug. 20 and 21st.

"Producers are being forced to make many tough decisions given our extreme drought conditions," Sandy Johnson, Livestock Specialist

for Kansas State Research and Extension in Colby, said. "We hope this meeting will help producers to be more informed when making plans to keep or sell calves and/or cows."

Rodney Jones, Kansas State Research and Extension Livestock Production Economist, will address the implications of the current economic and environmental conditions on management strategies for individual producers.

Economist Johnson will discuss management options to deal with the lack of pasture and typical winter feedstuffs along with problems associated with high nitrates and prussic acid in what feed is available.

Economist Johnson encouraged producers to bring questions as ample time for discussion will be

built into the program.

One of the meetings will be at the American Legion Hall in Bird City. It will begin at 12:30 p.m. on Aug. 20.

Also on Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. Norton will host one of the meetings.

On Aug. 21 a meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. at the Circle S Restaurant in Osborne and at 6:30 p.m. at the Western Cooperative Association Building in WaKeeney.

Please RSVP your attendance to Bird City to the Cheyenne County office at (785) 332-3171. A meal is planned at the American Legion Hall.

Contact Norton (785) 877-5755, Osborne (785) 346-2521 or Trego (785) 743-6361 county offices for more details and to RSVP your attendance.

County hospital golf tournament to be held Sunday, Aug. 25

The "Swing Fore Your Health" golf tournament, sponsored by the Cheyenne County Hospital, has been set to start at 11 a.m. with tee-off at noon on Aug. 25 at Riverside Recreation, west of St. Francis on U.S. 36. This is the second charity golf tournament held by the hospital.

The tournament is a three-person scramble. Proceeds will be used to purchase a new defibrillator for the emergency room. The defibrillator is used to access the heart's abnormal rhythms and shocks it back to its normal rhythm. In other words, the machine saves lives.

"We plan for people who will see a golf ball for the first time and plan to invite Tiger Woods (although we doubt that he'll show up because we can't pay him)," said Les Lacy, hos-

pital administrator.

After the tournament, there will be an evening dinner at 6 p.m. which is open to the public at Riverside Recreation. Tickets can be purchased from several businesses, the hospital and clinic.

For more information, contact the hospital at 785-332-2104.

"See you there!" said Administrator Lacy. "I'll be the one with the camouflage tape on his 7 iron."



Great Ideas

GREAT IDEAS — SOME TIPS THAT WORK 1) To get rid of itch from mosquito bites, try applying soap on the area and you will experience instant relief.

2) Ants, ants, ants everywhere ... Well, they are said to never cross a chalk line. So get your chalk out and draw a line on the floor or wherever ants tend to march. See for yourself.

3) Use air-freshener to clean mirrors. It does a good job and better still, leaves a lovely smell to the shine.

4) When you get a splinter, reach for the scotch tape before resorting to tweezers or a needle. Simply put the scotch tape over the splinter, then pull it off. Scotch tape removes most splinters painlessly and easily.

5) Now look what you can do with

Alka Seltzer.....Clean a toilet: Drop in two Alka Seltzer tablets, wait twenty minutes, brush and flush. The citric acid and effervescent action clean vitreous China. Clean a vase: To remove a stain from the bottom of a glass vase or cruet, fill with water and drop in two Alka Seltzer tablets. Polish jewelry: Drop two Alka Seltzer tablets into a glass of water and immerse the jewelry for two minutes. Clean a thermos bottle: Fill the bottle with water, drop in four Alka Seltzer tablets, and let soak for an hour (or longer, if necessary). Unclog a drain: Clear the sink drain by dropping three Alka Seltzer tablets down the drain followed by a cup of Heinz White Vinegar. Wait a few minutes, then run the hot water.

SIZZLING SUMMER

CARD OF THANKS

To all my friends and supporters in the recent election, Thank You, for your hard work and encouragement. It has been both a privilege and joy over the past few months to meet many of the good citizens of the 120th District in my visits during the campaign. I feel truly blessed to have had the opportunity to be considered for the Republican nomination to become your state representative. With every best wish, I remain, truly yours.

Doug Sebelius



Youth Group of the Messiah New Hope Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, S.D.
Karissa, Cassie, Jon, Dane, Reuben, Anna, Amy, Katie O., Ashley C., Brian, Ashley S., Doug, Carol, Katie P., Pastor Eric

The youth group of the Messiah New Hope Lutheran Church of Sioux Falls, S.D., want to thank all the people who worked to make our stay in St. Francis so inviting & memorable.

Thank you to Traci Neitzel for being open to the idea and planning for it even though she was out of town while we were there. Thank you to Carla Lampe for her wonderful smile, her warmth and hospitality and making us all feel so welcome. Thank you to Sharon Feikert for all her help and enthusiasm and for bringing in all those pizzas and for getting us in and out of the school. Thank you to Robin Raile for letting us in the school. Special thanks to Pastor David Rossbach for welcoming us and letting us use the church and also being a part of the worship service. Thanks to Mike, Jo, Rueb and Chubbs for visiting with Katie while we swam. And thank you to the congregation of Peace Lutheran Church for your friendliness and encouragement before our trip to Denver. St. Francis is a great town! God's blessings to you all!
P.S. - A Good Time Was Had By All!!!

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ENROLLMENT: Tues., Aug. 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m., St. Francis Grade School Lunchroom (use back door), Carol Wolters, 785-332-2580 (home) or 785-332-2928 (church). Classes not listed may be offered if sufficient interest exists.

NO.	COURSE	CR.	INSTR.	PLACE	TIME/DAY
CS105	Computer Literacy	1	K. O'Brien	Hi Sc	4:00p/MTWR 3
SP176	Speech I	3	Staff	Hi Sc	TBA/TBA 1
SP106	Interpersonal Communications	3	Staff	Hi Sc	TBA/TBA 1
EN219	Introduction to Literature	3	Staff	Hi Sc	TBA/TBA 1
RE104	World Religions	3	Staff	Hi Sc	TBA/TBA 1
BI276	Anatomy & Physiology I	4	Staff	TBA	TBA/TBA 1
BI276L	Anatomy & Physiology I Lab	0	Staff	TBA	TBA/TBA 1
CJ260	Special Topics in Criminal Justice - Spanish for Public Safety Personnel	1*	J. Wilson	Hospital	6:30p/Thr 2
PS276	Human Growth & Development	3*	R. Stark	Hospital	6:30p/Wed 4
EN110	Medical Terminology	1	C. Hetrick	Hospital	TBA/TBA 5
EN176	English Composition I	3	Staff	Hi Sc	TBA/TBA 1
PO176	American Government	3	Staff	Hi Sc	TBA/TBA 1
PS176	General Psychology	3	Staff	Hi Sc	TBA/TBA 1
CO129	Desktop Publishing	3	Staff	Hi Sc	TBA/TBA 1
MA178	College Algebra	3	Staff	Hi Sc	TBA/TBA 1
HI176	American History to 1865	3	Staff	Hi Sc	TBA/TBA 1

1 Night & starting date will be determined by the enrollment.
2 Class will meet at the Cheyenne Co. Hospital Conference Room & meet 6:30-9:30 p.m. for five Thursdays. This class will begin on Sept. 5.
3 Class will meet at 4-8 p.m. on Mon., Tues., Wed. & Thurs., on Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 in the high school computer room.
4 Class will meet 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wed. at the Cheyenne Co. Hospital Conference Room & begin on Sept. 4.
5 Class will meet in the Cheyenne Co. Hospital Conference Room with starting date to be determined.
*Interactive television classes have an additional \$5 per credit hour course fee. Contact the coordinator at the site you will attend the ITV class to pre-register. Refer to the ITV schedules for additional information.
If you can't make enrollment on the 20th please make arrangements prior to that or no later than the 22nd with Carol to enroll. Call Days • 785-332-2928 or Evenings • 785-332-2580. You must be enrolled before the class starts.

John Faber
State Representative
120th District

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