Extension Notes

The Kansas Forest Service offers low-cost tree and shrub seedlings for use in conservation plantings. Plants are one to two years old and sizes vary from 5 to 18 inches, depending on species. Orders are accepted from now through the first full week in May each year, but order early to insure getting the items wanted.

Orders are shipped from the second week of March through

the first week of May.

used for landscape (ornamental) plantings or grown for resale.

Though a single species can be purchased, four special bundles are also available including songbird, pheas- the Cheyenne County Extension ofant (western Kansas), quail (eastern fice.

Kansas) and wildlife mast bundles. Approved uses for these plants in- All items are sold in units. Each unit clude windbreaks, wood lots, ripar- consists of a number of plants; usuian plantings, wildlife habitat and ally 30 or 50. For example, a unit of Christmas trees. They may not be Eastern red cedar has 50 trees per unit.

For details and an order form, go to www.kansasforests.org/conservation/index.shtml

Order forms are also available at

Meals for elderly on tax check-off

When filing their income taxes, meals, 72 percent were 75 years or support. Funds collected through Kansas taxpayers have the opportunity to help provide meals for elderly Kansans served by nutrition programs across the state. The Kansas Legislature passed the Senior Citizens Meals on Wheels Contribution Program in 2002. The first Americans Act as well as voluntary on line 37 of Form K-40. year, the Meals on Wheels checkoff produced nearly \$170,000 for congregate and home-delivered meals around the state. For 2006, donations totaled more than

The checkoff is available again this year. It's the "Senior Citizens Meals on Wheels Contribution Program" on line 37 of Form K-40.

• If you are getting a refund, you can designate all or part of that refund to be contributed to the Meals on Wheels Contribution Program.

• If you have a balance due, you can indicate an additional amount you want to add to your payments to go to Meals on Wheels.

• If your tax overpayment is less than \$5, you can designate this for Meals on Wheels, since this will not be refunded.

Last year, about 3.4 million meals were provided to eligible participants in their homes and at congregate meal sites throughout the state. Of those receiving home-delivered older, 68 percent were women, and the checkoff are distributed to the 54 percent lived alone.

ment client donations and local, served. state and private funds that are leveraged by the federal Older on Wheels Contribiton Program"

local meal sites according to a for-The checkoff funds help supple- mula based on the number of meals

Look for "Senior Citizens Meals

Club Clip

Plum Creek 4-H Club

the Plum Creek 4-H Club was held on Sunday, Feb.4, at 1 p.m. President Alecia Zimbelman called the meeting to order. The meeting was talk by Kyla Bandel. She reported held in the Equity meeting room. on her self-determined project, Roll call was answered by responding to the question, "Which would you rather have for Valentine's Day: chocolates or flowers?" Sev- ting boundaries in your life. enteen members and two leaders answered roll call.

Members planned for the model meeting contest to be held on March 6. Crissy Cooks presented information for the 4-H Day skit. Members volunteered for parts in drinks were served by the Bandel the skit. The 4-H Council representative, Alecia Zimbelman, remembers recited the 4-h Pledge, ported on the January Council and the meeting was adjourned. Leaders,

The regular monthly meeting of Zimbelman and Mila Bandel, reported on the dates that have been set for future events.

> The program began with a project golf. Shakotah Blanka gave a project talk on his goat. Kaycee Williams gave a special talk on set-

Recreation was led by the Williams family. The club played the telephone game. The song was led by Kyla and karly Bandel. They chose the song, "We're All In This Together."

Refreshments of cupcakes and family and the Blanka family. Club

Mikaela Grace, reporter

Book Review

Book review from

St. Francis Public Library By John J. Nance

The year is 2009. For Kip Dawson, winning a passenger seat on one of American Space Adventure's commercial spaceflights is a dream come true. One grand shot of insanity and he can return to earth fulfilled.

It's a bittersweet moment of triumph, however, muted by his wife's terror over his accepting Dawson is truly alone and has no best chance of survival.

the prize. The day of the launch, way of navigating the ship home. Kip tries to reconcile his wife's With nothing to do but wait for and daughters' fears and even death, Kip writes his epitaph on tries calling his estranged son, to the ship's laptop computer, unno avail. He sets off, vowing to aware that an audience of millions make amends upon his return. But has discovered it and is tracking a successful launch quickly mor- his every word on the Internet. phs into chaos when a micrometeor punches through the der way to rescue him, Kip has no wall of the spacecraft, leaving the idea that the world can hear his radios as dead as the pilot.

As a massive struggle gets uncries - or that his heroism in the In the blink of an eye, Kip face of death may sabotage his

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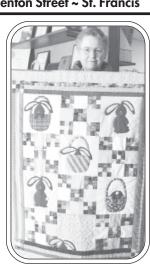
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