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The holiday season came to life on Colby streets when city employee Robert Taylor decorated light poles with garland Tuesday along Franklin Avenue. Taylor, who is with the parks department and has been employed with the city for almost 30 years, has spent almost all that time assisting with holiday preparations.

# Environmental Quality Incentive application due Dec. 15

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced Friday, Dec. 15, as the cutoff date for Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) applications to be considered for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 funding.

EQIP, one of the largest programs in the 2002 Farm Bill, is a voluntary conservation program that promotes environmental quality and assists producers to meet local, state, and federal regulations.

In addition to the regular EQIP, producers across the state may apply for financial assistance through the Ground and Surface Water Conservation (GSWC) provisions of EQIP. Assistance to a producer will be provided only to facilitate a conservation practice that results in a net savings in ground and/or surface water resources.

"We introduced the Quick Response Areas for EQIP funding last year and that will be available again this year," said Harold L. Klaege, NRCS State Conservationist. "The purpose of the QRAs is to improve the effectiveness of EQIP Ground and Surface Water Conservation funds. The QRAs have been designated in the High Plains Aquifer region for reducing water use. These designated areas have changed a little from those established last year. The four western Kansas Groundwater Management Districts and the Kansas Division of Water Resources identified the areas."

NRCS will provide EQIP financial assistance for eligible applications located within QRAs where producers convert irrigated cropland to nonirrigated cropland or

grassland.

When farmers or ranchers apply for 2007 EQIP funding, they will be required to fill out a Kansas EQIP Self-Assessment Worksheet.

"If they plan to apply, they should start the process of completing the self-assessment worksheet very soon if they haven't done so already," said Klaege.

"The self-assessment worksheet is an educational tool," he explained, "providing landowners with a clear indication of what natural resource concerns they have, what they can accomplish, and what they need to do to qualify for the program."

"We see the worksheets as a time-saving and money-saving tool," said Klaege. "We envision that they will cut down on the time it takes NRCS to process applications for EQIP and that it will also reduce the federal dollars required to administer the program and make more dollars available for producers."

EQIP is available to help address the unique circumstances and concerns of limited resource and beginning farmers and ranchers, who have natural resource concerns that need to be addressed on their land said Klaege.

"In Kansas limited resource and beginning framers and ranchers may receive cost-share assistance at 20 percent above the established rates through EQIP."

After Dec. 15, NRCS staff will begin evaluating applications received in Kansas. Producers who submitted an application should know by March 2, 2007, if their application has been accepted and

funds allocated for their contract.

The NRCS will evaluate each application and give higher priority to those applications that use cost-effective conservation practices; treat multiple resource concerns; address national, state, or local priorities; and provide the most environmental benefits.

Kansas received over \$23.8 million in FY 2006, and 1,666 contracts were funded. More than 2,760 applications were received that totaled over \$47.4 million.

In Kansas, EQIP funds will help farmers and ranchers install conservation practices that improve and protect Kansas' priority natural resource concerns.

"The objective of EQIP is to address natural resource concerns through the application of improved conservation systems. EQIP is an environmental enhancement program," said Klaege.

Farmers interested in participating in EQIP can apply at their United States Department of Agriculture Service Center at their local NRCS office. Information about 2007 EQIP is available on the Web site at [www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/2007](http://www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/2007) or is available at USDA Service Center from the NRCS or conservation district staff.

This will include information about 2007 EQIP; EQIP fact sheets explaining Kansas EQIP, GSWC, and QRA; map of QRA; the Kansas EQIP: Self-Assessment Worksheet; an application form; a list of eligible practices and average costs; and specifics on Kansas' ranking process, including criteria used to evaluate applications.

# Olive oil bottler celebrates harvest

PETALUMA, Calif. (AP) — Seated at a small table, listening to her grandson's high school classmates on stage, Nan Tucker McEvoy looks more like a proud matriarch than a groundbreaking agricultural entrepreneur.

But it's McEvoy's olives, not the jazz, that drew nearly 600 friends and visitors to her annual harvest party last weekend at McEvoy Ranch — 550 acres of rolling hills covered with neat rows of mint-colored olive trees.

The annual bash — featuring music, wine and a sit-down dinner of organic, locally produced delicacies — is McEvoy's way of showing the neighbors what's going on at the ranch. She enjoys sharing "the beauty of the place and the pleasure we can bring with the olive oil," said McEvoy, a plainspoken and down-to-earth 87-year-old.

But McEvoy's roots are far from humble. Her grandfather, Michel H. deYoung, founded the San Francisco Chronicle. McEvoy herself served as chairman of the newspaper's board until she was ousted in 1995 over a disagreement about whether to sell the Chronicle to Hearst Corp.

She also was an early member of the Peace Corps, serving as special assistant to Sargent Shriver, brother-in-law of former President John F. Kennedy. She married Dennis McEvoy, a senior editor at

Reader's Digest, in 1948 and the couple had a son before divorcing.

In 1991, she bought the former cattle ranch — sight unseen — to give her three grandchildren "a place where they can run free," she explained.

The property just west of Petaluma is an Eden of duck ponds and flower gardens.

The land was zoned for agricultural use, but McEvoy didn't want livestock or fruit orchards. So she settled on olives.

On trips to Italy, she'd fallen in love with the olives and thought the trees were pretty. When county agriculture officials told McEvoy they didn't grow well here, it only strengthened her resolve to make it work. They've since apologized.

"I didn't know anything about olives or making olive oil," a laughing McEvoy said in an interview in her kitchen a few days before the harvest party.

Her son, Nion, who runs Chronicle Books, encouraged her to read "Feast of the Olive," by Maggie Klein, which featured an Italian olive oil expert named Maurizio Castelli.

McEvoy flew to Radda, a small village in Chianti, to meet Castelli personally. She brought along soil samples, weather data and asked him whether she could grow olives in northern Marin County.

"I said, 'In my opinion, yes, you

can plant olives,'" said Castelli, who attended the harvest party.

Castelli selected the first 1,000 trees — five Tuscan varieties — and traveled to California to plant them for McEvoy.

"Mercifully, he turned out to be correct," McEvoy said. "That was the beginning of it."

The 18,000 trees now growing at the ranch were propagated from those first 1,000.

McEvoy's frantoio, or olive mill, is the only one of its kind in the U.S. Partygoers get to see the massive stones in action, crushing the green and black olives, pits and all. In the mill, the sharp, fresh scent is pleasantly overwhelming.

Outside, giant, plastic bins hold thousands of olives with stems and leaves still attached. The fruit is picked by hand and with motorized rakes that gently shake the olives from the trees onto black tarps.

Last year, 150 tons of olives were pressed, yielding 4,500 gallons of oil. In 2006, halfway through harvest, ranch officials estimated the crop at 120 tons, likely producing about 4,200 gallons of oil.

McEvoy ranch is now the largest private-estate bottler of olive oil in the U.S.

Castelli still visits several times a year to monitor production and attend the harvest party.

"Harvest is nice because it's the finishing of the job," he said.

# TV LISTINGS

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## WEEKDAYS NOVEMBER 14 - NOVEMBER 20

	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLBY/ABC 4 (6)	Good Morning Kansas	Good Morning America				Martha		The View		Millionaire	News	
KSNK/NBC 3 (8)	News Cont'd	Today				Live With Regis and Kelly		The Megan Mullally Show		The Young and the Restless		
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	News Cont'd	News		The Early Show		The 700 Club		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless		
K15CG 2	Business	Body Electric	Curious George	Clifford-Red	Dragon Tales	Big Big World	Beren Bears	Lions	Sesame Street	Teletubbies	Barney-Friends	
ESPN 28	Sports-Center	Varied	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Sports-Center	Varied	SportsCenter	Sports-Center	Varied	
USA 37	JAG	JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		Texas Ranger	Varied	Movie		
TBS 38	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	The Megan Mullally Show		Dawson's Creek		Movie		Home Improve.		Home Improve.	
WGN 39	Changing	Believer Voice	Hillbilies	Hillbilies	Rockford Files		Magnum, P.I.		Homicide: Life on the Street		Da Vinci's Inquest	
TNT 40	Angel	Charmed		Charmed		ER		ER		Judging Amy		
DSC 42	Copeland	Paid Program	Joyce Meyer	Paid Program	Varied Programs		American Chopper		American Chopper		Varied Programs	
A&E 47	The District	24		City Confidential		American Justice		Cold Case Files		Crossing Jordan		
HIST 48	Varied Programs							Decoding the Past		Conspiracy?		
NICK 55	Danny Phantom	OddParents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Dora the Explorer	Go Diego	Blue's Clues	Backyardigans	Wonder Pets	Wonder Pets	Dora the Explorer	Go Diego
DISN 56	The Wiggles	Higglytown	Einstein	Mickey Mouse	Handy Manny	Doodle-bops	Charlie & Lola	Koala Brothers	The Wiggles	Higglytown	Lilo & Stitch	Little Mermaid
FAM 58	Family Matters	Family Matters	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	The 700 Club		Living the Life		Home Videos		Full House	
HALL 60	New Morning	The Waltons		The Waltons		Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		Touched by an Angel		

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KLBY/ABC 4 (6)	All My Children	One Life to Live		General Hospital		Dr. Keith Ablow		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC Wild News	
KSNK/NBC 3 (8)	News	Extra	Days of our Lives		Passions		The Ellen DeGeneres Show		The Insider	Jeopardy!	News	Nightly News
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	News	Bold, Beautiful	As the World Turns		Guiding Light		Dr. Phil		Oprah Winfrey	News	Evening News	
K15CG 2	Reading Rainbow	Caillou	Varied Programs		Curious George		Cyber-chase	Arthur	Maya & Miguel	Post-cards	Cliff Pup	Business
ESPN 28	Contender	Varied	The Contender		1st and 10	Outsides-Lines	NFL Live	Rome-Burning	Around the Horn	Interruption	SportsCenter	
USA 37	Movie Cont'd	Varied	Movie		Varied		Movie		Law & Order: Criminal Intent			
TBS 38	News-Radio	Cosby Show	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	King of Queens	King of Queens	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
WGN 39	News	The Greg Behrendt Show		America's Funniest Home Videos		Moesha		Cosby Show	Even Stevens	Lizzie McGuire	Home Improve.	Home Improve.
TNT 40	Judging Amy	Law & Order		Law & Order		Charmed		Charmed		Law & Order		
DSC 42	Varied Programs	The New Detectives		The FBI Files		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		Cash Cab	Cash Cab	It Takes a Thief		
A&E 47	CSI: Miami	24		City Confidential		American Justice		Cold Case Files		Crossing Jordan		
HIST 48	Modern Marvels	Varied Programs							Decoding the Past		Conspiracy?	
NICK 55	Blue's Clues	Backyardigans	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Jimmy Neutron	Jimmy Neutron	OddParents	OddParents	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Ned's School	Avatar-Last Air
DISN 56	Timon & Pumbaa	Buzz Light	Whiskers	Proud Family	American Drgn	Kim Possible	Varied Programs		Zack & Cody			
FAM 58	Family Matters	Family Matters	Step by Step	Step by Step	Full House	Full House	Sabrina-Witch	Sabrina-Witch	7th Heaven		Everwood	
HALL 60	Matlock	Matlock		Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H

## THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLBY/ABC 4 (6)	News (CC)	Entertainment	Ugly Betty (N) (CC)		Grey's Anatomy Staring at the Sun		Barbara Walters Special		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	
KSNK/NBC 3 (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Name Is Earl	The Office Merger (N) (CC)	30 Rock Jack-Tor		ER Reason to Believe (N) (CC)		News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Night	
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	News (CC)	Inside Edition	Survivor: Cook Islands (N) (CC)		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N)		Shark Love Triangle (N) (CC)		News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late	
K15CG 2	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Sun-flower	Sun-flower	The This Old House Hour (CC)		Antiques Roadshow (CC)		BBC World		Keeping Up	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)	
ESPN 28	Sports-Center	College Football: West Virginia at Pittsburgh. (Live) (CC)				SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		NFL Live (CC)		Interruption		
USA 37	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		
TBS 38	Raymond	Raymond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Movie: Austin Powers in Goldmember **½ (2002, Comedy) Mike Myers. (CC)		Movie: Lucky Numbers (2000)			
WGN 39	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	Movie: Con Air **½ (1997) Vicious convicts hijack their flight. Nicolas Cage. (CC)		The First 48 (N) (CC)		Kansas City SWAT (N) (CC)		WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City (CC)	Scrubs (CC)	Scrubs (CC)
TNT 40	Without a Trace The Friendly Skies	NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Houston Rockets. (Live) (CC)		NBA Basketball: Sacramento Kings at Golden State Warriors. The Arena in Oakland. (Live) (CC)		NFL Live (Live) (CC)		Interruption				
DSC 42	48 Hours Defending Your Life	RFK Assassination (CC)		A Haunting The Wheatseal Horror		Last Seen Alive Missing persons. (N)		Most Evil Science of Murder (CC)		RFK Assassination (CC)		
A&E 47	CSI: Miami Forced Entry (CC)	CSI: Miami Dead Woman Walking		The First 48 (N) (CC)		Kansas City SWAT (N) (CC)		Cold Case Files (CC)		CSI: Miami Dead Woman Walking		
HIST 48	Modern Marvels Paving America	Engineering an Empire Carthage		Decoding the Past (N) (CC)		Modern Marvels Metal (CC)		Modern Marvels Famous barbecues.		Engineering an Empire Carthage		
NICK 55	OddParents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Unfabulous	Full House	Full House	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Rose-anne	Rose-anne	Design. Women	Fresh Prince
DISN 56	Phil of Future	That's-Raven	Movie: Stuck in the Suburbs (2004) Danielle Panabaker. (CC)		Phil of Future	Phil of Future	Life With Derek	Phil of Future	Zack & Cody	That's-Raven	Phil of Future	Kim Possible
FAM 58	Gilmore Girls (CC)	Movie: Dr. Dolittle 3 (2006, Comedy) John Amos, Kyla Pratt. (CC)				Whose Line? (CC)		Whose Line? (CC)		The 700 Club (CC)		Home Videos
HALL 60	Walker, Texas Ranger 6 Hours	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)		Movie: A Cooler Climate **½ (1999, Drama) Sally Field, Judy Davis. (CC)		M*A*S*H (CC)		M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	

## FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLBY/ABC 4 (6)	News (CC)	Entertainment	Grey's Anatomy Staring at the Sun		Men in Trees New York Fiction (N) (CC)		Barbara Walters Special		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	
KSNK/NBC 3 (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Deal or No Deal (TV) (N) (CC)		Las Vegas A History of Violins (N) (CC)		Law & Order Deadlock (N) (CC)		News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Night	
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	News (CC)	Inside Edition	Ghost Whisperer (N) (CC)		Close to Home Shoot to Kill (CC)		NUMB3RS Waste Not (N) (CC)		News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late	
K15CG 2	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Wash. Week	Kansas Week	Market-Now (N) (CC)	Ballykissangel in the Can (CC)		BBC World		Baxter Black	Red Green	Roadtrip Nation	
ESPN 28	Sports-Center	NBA Basketball: Washington Wizards at Detroit Pistons. Palace of Auburn Hills. (Live) (CC)				NBA Basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Phoenix Suns. US Airways Center. (Live) (CC)		Interruption				
USA 37	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Movie: Elf *** (2003) A man leaves Santa's workshop to search for his family. (CC)		Monk Mr. Monk Meets His Dad (CC)		House Que Sera Sera (CC)		Law & Order: SVU				
TBS 38	Raymond	Raymond	King of Queens	King of Queens	World's Funniest Commercials		Comedy Challenge		Movie: Something's Gotta Give *** (2003, Romance-Comedy) Jack Nicholson. (CC)			
WGN 39	Home Videos	Movie: Batman & Robin **½ (1997, Action) The dynamic duo returns to take on an icy villain. (CC)		WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City (CC)		Scrubs (CC)	Scrubs (CC)	Scrubs (CC)	Becker (CC)	
TNT 40	Without a Trace Lone Star (CC)	Law & Order Dining Out (CC) (DVS)		Movie: Walking Tall ** (2004, Action) The Rock. (CC)		Movie: Walking Tall ** (2004, Action) The Rock. (CC)		Movie: From Dusk Till Dawn ** (1996)		Interruption		
DSC 42	Dirty Jobs Training monkeys. (CC)	Everest: Beyond the Limit		Man vs. Wild Costa Rica Rain forest. (N)		I Shouldn't Be Alive (N)		Stunt Junkies		Everest: Beyond the Limit		
A&E 47	CSI: Miami (CC)	CSI: Miami Simple Man (CC)		CSI: Miami Dispo Day (CC)		CSI: Miami Double Cap (CC)		CSI: Miami Grave Young Men (CC)		CSI: Miami Simple Man (CC)		
HIST 48	Generat-	Mail Call (CC)	Shootout! Terrorist training facilities. (N)		The Lost Evidence Alamein (N) (CC)		Dogfights Flying Tigers (N) (CC)		Modern Marvels Private Jets (CC)		Shootout! Terrorist training facilities.	
NICK 55	OddParents	Jimmy Neutron	Avatar-Last Air	SpongeBob	Unfabulous The Perfect Moment	Full House	Fresh Prince	Rose-anne	Rose-anne	Design. Women	Fresh Prince	
DISN 56	Hannah Montana	That's-Raven	That's-Raven	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	Movie: Kim Possible: A Sitch in Time (2003, Adventure) (CC)	Zack & Cody	That's-Raven	Hannah Montana	Kim Possible		
FAM 58	Gilmore Girls The Breakup, Part 2 (CC)	Movie: The Count of Monte Cristo **½ (2002) A wrongly imprisoned man plots revenge on his betrayers. Jim Caviezel. (CC)				The 700 Club (CC)		Home Videos		Home Videos		
HALL 60	Walker, Texas Ranger Legends	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)		Movie: Dave *** (1993, Comedy) A presidential look-alike takes over for the ailing leader. Kevin Kline. (CC)		M*A*S*H (CC)		M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	