

# Babies born to teens at risk for school failure, illness

Babies born in the U.S. to teenage mothers are at risk for long-term problems in many major areas of life, including school failure, poverty and physical or mental illness. The teenage mothers themselves are also at risk for these problems. Teenage pregnancy is usually a crisis for the pregnant girl and her family.

Common reactions include anger, guilt and denial. If the father is young and involved, similar reactions can occur in his family. Adolescents who become pregnant may not seek proper medical care during their pregnancy, leading to an increased risk for medical



## crisis lovington

- prevention center

complications. Pregnant teenagers require special understanding, medical care and education — particularly about nutrition, infections, substance abuse and complications of pregnancy.

They also need to learn that using tobacco, alcohol and other drugs can damage the developing fetus.

All pregnant teenagers should have medical care beginning early in their pregnancy. Pregnant teens can have many different emotional reactions — some may not want their babies; some may want them for idealized and unrealistic reasons; others may view the creation of a child as an achievement and not recognize the serious responsibilities; some may keep a child to please another family member; and some

may want a baby to have someone to love but not recognize the amount of care the baby needs.

Depression is also common among pregnant teens. Many do not anticipate that their adorable baby can also be demanding and sometimes irritating. Some become overwhelmed by guilt, anxiety and fears about the future.

There may be times when the pregnant teen-ager's emotional reactions and mental state will require referral to a qualified mental health professional.

Babies born to teen-agers are at risk for neglect and abuse because their young mothers are uncertain

about their roles and may be frustrated by the constant demands of caretaking.

Parents of teen-agers can help prevent teenage pregnancy through open communication and by providing guidance to their children about sexuality, contraception and the risks and responsibilities of intimate relationships and pregnancy.

Some teenage girls drop out of school to have their babies and don't return. In this way, pregnant teens lose the opportunity to learn skills necessary for employment and self-survival as adults.

School classes in family life and sex education, as well as clinics pro-

viding reproductive information and birth control to young people, can also help to prevent an unwanted pregnancy.

If pregnancy occurs, teen-agers and their families deserve honest and sensitive counseling about options available to them, from abortion to adoption.

Special support systems, including consultation with a child and adolescent psychiatrist when needed, should be available to help the teen-ager throughout the pregnancy, the birth and the decision about whether to keep the infant or give it up for adoption.

## club news

The Goodland Federated Music Club met at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, at the home of Pat Schiefen.

President Eva Lou Selby called the meeting to order and led the club in singing the state and national theme songs. The club also sang the Hymn of the Month, "My Lord, What a Morning," a Negro spiritual.

Joanna Norris Grimshaw called the roll, and members answered with their favorite composer. Nine members were present: Birkley Barnes, Martha Gunderson, Linda Koons, Marlyn Mangus, Grimshaw, Schiefen, Selby, Nancy Shores and Isabelle Hellerud. Five members were absent: Carol Jolly, Linda Lucas, Jan Malpert, Sammie Mills and Sharon Palmquist.

The theme for the evening was "Ah, Florence." Schiefen an-

nounced the program.

The Goodland Recorder Ensemble played two pieces, "Ricerare on Four Subjects" by Girolamo Frescobaldi and "The Fairy Queen" by Henry Purcell. Ensemble members are Mangus, soprano recorder; Barnes, alto recorder; Gunderson, tenor recorder; and Schiefen, bass recorder.

Barnes and Gunderson played "Two Rigaudons" by Phillipe Chedeville on their recorders.

Grimshaw read the minutes of the past meeting, and they were approved. Officers were elected for the coming year: Selby, president; Palmquist, vice president; Grimshaw, secretary; and Jolly, treasurer.

Following the business meeting, Schiefen served an apple dessert

with tea and coffee.

For the next meeting, club members will carpool to the Colby High School auditorium for a performance of "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," a Western Plains Arts Association program, at 7:30 p.m. Central Time.

## kan classifieds

**Wanted to Buy**  
Looking For Old Paper Money. 1929 and Before. For my generous offer write to: James Christopher, P.O. Box 16471, Knoxville, TN 37996.

Pinball Machine or Baseball Machine (old) Wanted! 513-697-8147.

## NOTICE

### Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Cutoff Date Announced

"Producers interested in applying for EQIP should start the process very soon if they haven't done so already," said Harold L. Klaege, state conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

"EQIP, or the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, is a valuable tool to help our state's agricultural producers meet the significant environmental regulations they face while continuing to be good stewards of the land. EQIP helps them implement conservation practices that improve and protect our natural resources," said Klaege.

#### Cutoff Date Set to Evaluate EQIP Applications

"We have now set a date of March 12, 2004, as a cutoff date to begin evaluation of applications received by NRCS in Kansas. These applications will be considered for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2004 funding allocation we receive for Kansas," explained Klaege.

#### Kansas Identifies Priority Natural Resource Concerns to Address

"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.

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

- Air Quality-Objectionable Odors (Livestock Management)
- Soil Erosion-Wind
- Sedimentation of Federal Reservoirs (Soil Erosion-Streambank; Water Quality- Excessive
- Suspended Sediment and Turbidity in Surface Water)
- Grazing Lands Health (Plant Condition- Productivity, Health, Vigor; Plant Condition-Noxious, Invasive Weeds)
- Water Quality-Excessive Organics in Ground and Surface Water (Concentrated, Non-confined Animal Waste)
- Water Quality- Excessive Organics in Ground and Surface Water (Confined Animal Waste)
- Water Quality-Nutrients and/or Pesticides in Ground and Surface Water; Excessive Suspended Sediment and Turbidity in Surface Water
- Water Quantity-Inefficient Water Use on Irrigated Land; Aquifer Overdraft

#### EQIP Funds to Address Drought-Impacted Natural Resource Concern

Five percent of the FY 2004 Kansas EQIP regular allocation will be used to address the Grazing Lands Health resource concern in the drought-impacted area.

This assistance will be offered in 31 western Kansas counties determined to be affected by moderate-to-extreme drought according to the US Drought Monitor Index. Counties where this targeted assistance is available are: Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Norton, Phillips, Smith, Jewell, Republic, Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan, Graham, Rooks, Osborne, Mitchell, Wallace, Logan, Gove, Trego, Ellis, Greeley, Wichita, Scott, Lane, Ness, Hamilton, Kearny, Finney, Stanton, Grant, and Morton.

Applicants in the drought-impacted counties will be offered 70 percent cost share to treat the Grazing Lands Health resource concerns by implementing conservation systems that may include: deferred grazing, planned grazing system, livestock water development, prescribed grazing, use exclusion, and fencing.

#### Ground and Surface Water Conservation Available Statewide

Producers across the state may apply for assistance through the ground and surface water conservation provisions of EQIP. Assistance to a producer will be provided only to facilitate a conservation measure that results in net savings in ground or surface water resources in the agricultural operation of the producer.

Conservation systems will be installed to promote ground and surface water conservation by improving irrigation systems, enhancing irrigation efficiencies, converting to the production of less water intensive cropping systems, or improving water storage.

#### Apply at Local NRCS Office

Agricultural producers interested in participating in EQIP can apply at any time at their local NRCS office or USDA Service Center. 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.

Natural Resources Conservation Service  
210 West 10th Street  
Goodland, KS 67735  
(785) 899-3070 ext. 35  
Sandy Rodgers, Fred Wedel, Dan Farmer



Information about EQIP is available on the Web site [www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs](http://www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs), scroll to EQIP or available at your local USDA Service Center from the NRCS or conservation district staff. Information is also available at NRCS national Web site at [www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip).

By mid-January, FY 2004 application information for each state will be available by going to the above web sites. This will include an application form, a list of eligible practices and average costs, and specifics on Kansas's ranking process, including criteria used to evaluate applications.

## SHERMAN COUNTY KANSAS TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

January 31, 2004

Total Cash in the Treasury as at the above date \$4,512,045.72

FUND	FUND BALANCE
APPRAISER'S COST	\$85,806.67
AUTO MOTOR SPECIAL	\$17,427.96
BOND & INTEREST	\$129,198.44
NO FUND WARRANTS	\$9,721.61
COUNTY HEALTH	\$58,265.81
DIRECT ELECTION	\$34,883.87
TRASH HAULING	\$41,178.84
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$519,122.07
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS HEALTH RESERVE	\$57,056.91
GENERAL FUND	\$647,201.76
HOME MAINTENANCE	\$25,445.49
SH CO WASTE WATER DISTRICT #1	\$115,147.07
LOGAN CO FIRE #1	\$13.63
LANDFILL EXCAVATION FUND	\$100,000.00
NOXIOUS WEED	\$61,663.79
REGISTER OF DEEDS TECHNOL	\$15,555.69
OUT-DISTRICT TUITION	\$25,704.62
OVER & UNDER	-\$10.09
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY	-\$124.40
PROS ATTY (DIVERSION)	\$6,461.17
ROAD AND BRIDGE	\$721,173.39
SALES TAX	\$17,860.51
SC RURAL FIRE DIST #1	\$266,425.33
SHERMAN CO SPILL CONTROL	\$304.70
SOLDIERS MEMORIAL PARK	\$13,623.46
SOLID WASTE FUND	\$819,454.13
LANDFILL SITE G O BONDS	\$49,996.68
SPEC MACHINERY FUND	\$139,480.36
TORT LIABILITY	-\$547.48
JAIL COMMISSARY	\$4,249.56
DRIVER'S LICENSE	\$396.50
GAME LICENSES	\$39.50
COUNTY ATTORNEY DRUG SEIZURE	\$1,564.77
SECRETARY OF STATE	\$2,368.80
NOXIOUS WEED CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$33,601.00
SPECIAL PRAIRIE DOG	\$10,168.30
SC RFD #1 EQUIP RESERVE	\$22,491.80
GOOD SAM CENTER-HEALTH CARE	\$4,651.80
HERITAGE TRUST FUND	\$134.40
SHERIFF DRUG SEIZURE FUND	\$18,021.27
COUNTY HEALTH CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$29,724.53
ADVANCE TAX	\$221.63
AUTO MTR STATE/GENERAL	\$2,655.23
HEALTH CARE SERVICES	\$79,974.28
COUNTY REDEMPTION	\$48,036.66
CURRENT TAX	\$82,818.44
DELINQUENT PERSONAL TAX	\$5,043.99
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE TAX	\$28.63
MOTOR VEHICLE TAX	\$13,949.78
SEVERANCE TAX-183	\$344.86
MICRO LOANS	\$5,375.32
FEDERAL DRUG SEIZURE	\$2.25
SHERIFF REWARD DONATION FUND	\$34.92
SCRFD #1 SPECIAL FUND	\$2,862.02
911 TELEPHONE SERVICE	\$79,907.48
SUSPENSE FUND	\$24,634.34
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$61,160.45

### TOWNSHIPS

GRANT/GENERAL	\$0.74
SHERMANVILLE GENERAL	\$90.87
SHERMANVILLE PRAIRIE DOG	-\$0.39
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$4,512,045.72

STATE OF KANSAS  
SHERMAN COUNTY ss.

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.

County Treasurer, Sherman County, Kansas

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of February, 2004



County Clerk - Notary Public

My commission expires Jan. 10, 2005