

First Contribution Agreement signed for service providers

The first contribution agreement for Technical Service Providers was signed on Tuesday, Aug. 12, by Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Conservationist Harold L. Klaege with Secretary of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) Mike Hayden. Through this contribution agreement, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks biologists will provide technical assistance to landowners who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat on private lands.

"This is the first contribution agreement signed in Kansas," said Conservationist Klaege. "This partnership will provide a much needed assistance for landowners who need technical assistance to meet their wildlife habitat goals.

"With the contribution agreement, we join forces in meeting common goals: providing benefits for wildlife and/or improving wildlife habitat and assisting more landowners."

"In a state where over 97-percent of the land is in private ownership, quality technical assistance to landowners is truly essential," says Secretary Hayden. "Our biologists are looking forward to building new relationships with landowners for the long-term benefit of our state's diverse natural resources."

Through this arrangement, 12 biologists will be made available to assist in developing and implementing wildlife conservation plans on their lands.

Conservationist Klaege explained that producers wanting to

improve or develop wildlife habitat would make application for the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) at their local Natural Resources Conservation Service or conservation district office. The Natural Resources Conservation Service then provides the application to a Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks biologist who would then work with the landowner in developing a conservation plan as a Technical Service Provider. Technical assistance includes conservation planning, and/or design, layout, installation, and checkout of approved conservation practices.

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program is a voluntary program for people who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat primarily on private land. Through Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, Natural Resources Conservation Service provides both technical assistance and up to 75 percent cost-share assistance to establish and improve fish and wildlife habitat. Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program agreements between Natural Resources Conservation Service and the participant generally last from 5 to 10 years from the date the agreement is signed.

Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program has proven to be a highly effective and widely accepted program across the state. By targeting wildlife habitat projects on all lands and aquatic areas, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program provides assistance to conservation minded landowners who are unable to meet the specific eligibility requirements of other United States Department Agriculture conservation programs.

Additional information on technical service provider assistance is available at <http://techreg.usda.gov>. Information on the 2002 Farm Bill can be found at <http://www.usda.gov/farmbill/>

Crop Management to host field tour Aug. 26

The local Crop Residue Management Alliance will be hosting a no-till field tour on Tuesday, Aug. 26 in Cheyenne County. Those interested in attending are asked to meet at the Department of Agriculture Service Center office on West Highway 36 in St. Francis at 9 a.m.

This will be an informal tour of local farmers' no-till fields. Dr. Merle Vigil, project leader at the Agriculture Research Service in Akron, Colo., will accompany group and add to the discussion.

For information, call the Conservation Office in the Service Center at (785) 332-2341 extension 3.

Several students pass hunter safety course

Instructors Chet Gardner, Bob Burr, Dick Rohweder, Tim Stimbert and guest Dave Nicklos conducted a hunters safety class in St. Francis on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Students involved were given the opportunity to learn hunting regulations and safety tips.

"This was a good class," Mr. Gardner said "The students were very attentive."

All 19 students passed the course and those attending include Chaylene Kriegh, Mitchel Jensen, Troy Zwegardt, Craig Zwegardt, Kelly Zwegardt, Shawn Warren, Scott Ford, Nathan Morris, Jeffery Meyer, Ross Nicklos, Dalton Magnani, Ramon Pacheco, Alejandro Pacheco, Christopher Walden, Adriel Alstrom, Matt Raile, Nestor Pacheco, Hugo Estrada and David Stephens.



COACH MARTOGLIO takes time during the junior high football team's first practice to discuss plays. Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

Death Notice
Harvey Black died on Sunday, Aug. 17 at his home. Funeral services will be Thursday, Aug. 21 at St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City.

McDonald Garden Club
The McDonald Garden Club held a workshop at the home of Helen Frisbie last Tuesday to make candies to be used for the Sept. 20 District meeting. Members who participated were Eunice Officer, Vivian Curry, Kay Miller, Joan Tongish, Vera Kacirek, Agnes Burk and Helen Frisbie.

August birthdays
August birthdays were celebrated with lunch and a card shower at the Frosty Mug. Birthdays being acknowledge were Mac Olson, Diane Simmonds, Connie Sabatka and Jan Curtin, who was not present as she was attending a funeral.

Hospitalized
Gary Loker is a patient at the Hays Medical Center. He came out of a coma on Sunday and seems to be doing better.

Vance and Betty Lewis attended a Bretz family reunion in Dodge City over the weekend. Enroute home they visited Lenora Spicka who is a patient at the Hays Hospital.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were last Monday visitors of Lenora Spicka at the Rawlins County Hospital and also visited Agnes Reeh.

J.J. and Lori Denny were Saturday overnight guests of her parents, Greg and Cheryl Wilkinson.

Chanda Sabatka of Manhattan was a weekend guest of her parents, R.J. and Susie Sabatka. She and Gracie Sabatka were Saturday lunch guests of Laddie and Vera Kacirek.

Couple to celebrate anniversary

The family of David and Teresa Sowers is holding a card shower to help them celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

Mail greetings to RR 1 Box 440, St. Francis, KS 67756.



Mr. and Mrs. David Sowers

Occasion

90th birthday dinner
Vickie Thomas, Cheyenne, Wyo., and Janice Phipps, Goodland, hosted a 90th birthday in honor of their mother Ruby Mueller Saturday, Aug. 9.

In attendance were Vickie's husband, Gary; Ruby's grandchildren Sloan Phipps, Kearney, Neb.; Torri

Myers and husband, Bart, Wichita; and Mariah Phipps, McPherson; nieces Joyce Elliott, Wray, Colo.; Kathy Olson, Holcomb; Kay McFee and children Ray and Megan, Holcomb; Lori Reitcheck and husband, David and son Kayler, Goodland and Kayler's cousin Kody.

Years Ago

15 years ago - 1988
Blanche McDowell was named the new Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show Queen. Vivian Lanhan was the outgoing queen.

The Cheylin C-Team boys took first place at the baseball tournament held in Benkelman. Cheylin players include Steven Voorhies, Travis Antholz, Kasey Sabatka, Brandon Sabatka, Terry Howland, Dennis Wright, David Burr, Aaron Powell and Derek Ketter. Coaches were Ed Dorsch and Danny Penner.

Girl's State delegates Dawnn Coleman, Dina Balik and Becky Frisbee presented an overview of their activities to members of the

American Legion Auxiliary.

Brock Ketzner had the Grand Champion Sheep at the Cheyenne County Fair and Jill Partch had the Reserve Grand Champion.

Dr. Loyal Vincent is the new superintendent of the Cheylin District 103. Prior to reporting to Cheylin, Dr. Vincent was the principal of the Tonganoxie Elementary School.

PRIDE purchased a riding mower to help keep the park well manicured.

Approximately 5,000 people went through the gates at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher show this year. One of the highlights was the appearance of Governor Mike Hayden on Saturday.

Book Review

Britney and Lynne Spears A Mother's Gift

Holly Faye Lovell sure can sing. Everyone in Biscay, Miss., knows that. And when at 14 she becomes the youngest ever to win a full scholarship to the prestigious Haverly School of Music, her dream of pursuing a singing career is on its way.

But for the first time in her life, Holly must leave behind her mother Wanda. Although they don't have much in the way of money, there's always been Wanda's birthmark, an ugly red scar on the side of her face that makes people who don't know her turn away.

Now that Holly's off with her posh new friends and new life, she's ashamed to find herself embarrassed by her mom and their humble background.

And Wanda finds herself wanting to reveal a long-hidden secret...a secret that could destroy their bond forever



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Club Clip

Go-Getters 4-H
The June meeting of the Go-Getters 4-H Club was called to order by president Craig Busse. Roll call was taken and answered by six members. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved or corrected.

The checking account shows a balance of \$974.79. Committee reports were given for Committee, 4-H leader and 4-H Council.

Unfinished business included a sign up for working in the flower bed. New business will be a club tour, July 27, booth/banner idea and food stand sign up.

Tia Sager gave a demonstration by playing *Fur Elise* on the piano. Refreshments were served by the Sagers. The club tour is scheduled for July 27.

Tia Sager
Secretary/Reporter/Historian

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