



WITH THE START OF SCHOOL comes the fun of flag football. Saturdays. This year there have been three teams competing. Except for some winds, the weather has been warm for playing on. Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Friday cutoff date for farm program

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced Friday, Nov. 2, as the cutoff date for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) applications to be considered for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 funding.

New Self-Assessment Worksheets
When farmers or ranchers apply for 2008 the Environmental Quality Incentives Program funding, they will be required to fill out the Kansas Self-Assessment Worksheet.

Cutoff Date Set to Evaluate Applications
“After Nov. 2, Natural Resources Conservation Service staff will begin evaluating applications received in Kansas. All contracts will be signed and obligated with producers by Jan. 25,” Mr. Klaege, said.

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

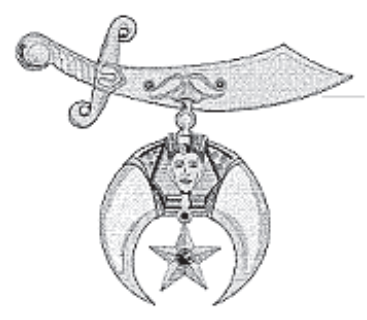
Review of 2007 Funding
Kansas received over \$23.9 million in FY 2007, and over 1,600 contracts were funded. More than 2,900 applications were received.

Limited Resource and
“The program 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,” Mr. Klaege said.

Apply at Local Office
Agricultural producers interested in participating in the program can apply at any time at their U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center at their local Natural Resources Conservation Service office located on West Highway 36 in St. Francis.

Kansas Identifies Priority Natural Resource Concerns
The fiscal year 2008 Kansas eligible priority natural resource concerns are as follows:
• Forestland Health—Productivity, Health, Vigor
• Grazing Lands Health—Productivity, Health, Vigor; Noxious or Invasive Plants; and Inadequate Stockwater
• Soil Condition—Organic Matter Depletion
• Livestock Waste—Water Quality

Information about 2008 program is available on the Web site at www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/2008 or at your local Service Center. This will include information about 2008 program — Kansas fact sheet; the Kansas Self-Assessment Worksheets; an application form; a list of eligible practices and payment rates; and specifics on Kansas’s ranking process, including criteria used to evaluate applications.



Club continues to work

By Karen Krien
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Members of the Cheyenne Shrine Club, St. Francis, are continually working in the community but, not every act and donation is always known. Recently, president Chris Bracelin sent out a note thanking the members for their help during the past year.

Among the things members helped with include:



CHEYENNE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB has been busy throughout the community by raising money for different organizations along with providing balloons during the Cheyenne County parade. Times staff photo by Karen Krien

- Sending a student to the Shrine Bowl Band Camp.
- Donating \$400 to the American Cancer Society.
- Providing balloons to the children at the Cheyenne County Fair Parade.

- Paying the transportation and meals to the Shrine Circus in Salina for the sixth graders in the St. Francis and Cheylin Schools.
- Continued to support county events through the use of the Shrine Candy Wagon.
- Contributed \$1,500 to the ISIS Temple’s travel fund. This fund is used to transport a child and a parent to a Shrine hospital.
- Recently, the organization made another donation of \$500 to the St. Francis Emergency Building project to help pay for the concrete approaches.

who we can help through the Shrine hospital, please contact me or any Shriner.”

Cheylin Cougars play Sharon Springs Wildcats

By Colleen Shrader

Last Thursday the Sharon high football team took on the Sharon Springs Wildcats on their home field. It resulted in two very tough losses.

“We forgot almost everything we had been trained to do and let our fears of old history losses come out and get the best of us,” said Coach Nick Ketzner.

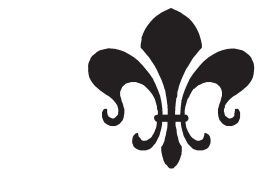
There were many penalties that cost the Cougars three touchdowns. “We haven’t had trouble on the last two games with penalties,” said Coach Ketzner. “We just have to convince ourselves that we can’t be stopped and then show it.”

The final score for the tackle game was 26-0.

Flag football
“The flag game played hard, but just came up a little short.”

“Overall I was proud of them,” said Coach Ketzner

Next action
The next games to look forward to are at Tribune on Thursday starting with volleyball at 4 p.m. Flag games will be played at 4:30 followed by tackle at 5:30. “As long as our Cougars forget about their fear of failure anything is possible.” Coach Ketzner said.



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TRACE DANIEL COLE

Sheldon Cole is excited to announce the birth of his little brother Trace Daniel Cole. Trace was born on September 5, 2007 at 4:29 p.m. at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE. He weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces and was 21.5 inches long. He is the son of Jeff and Misty Cole of Bellevue, NE.

Grandparents are Dave and Deb Flemming of Bird City, KS, Jeff Cole and Ed and Karen Gorham of Gering, NE. Great-grandparents are Wes Donohue of Benkelman, NE, Nadine Flemming, of Bird City, KS and Elmer and Betty Urwiler of Basin, WY.

PARA-EDUCATOR

The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center is advertising for Para-educators to serve the Oberlin School District or the Golden Plains School District for the 2007-2008 school year.

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