

Application for incentives program deadline is Jan. 15

An application evaluation cut-off date of Jan. 15, for the Environmental Quality Incentives Programs (EQIP) and Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) under the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill) has been announced by Eric B. Banks, state conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Applications may be submitted anytime; however, applications will be gathered for ranking at that point.

Apply at local office
Landowners and/or operators with eligible cropland, rangeland, or forestland with any Environmental Quality Incentives Programs/Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program concerns listed below should apply at their local Natural Resources Conservation Service field office and work with them on a conservation plan. The office is located at your local U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center (listed in the telephone book under United States Government or on the Internet at offices.usda.gov).

Kansas Identifies Priority Natural Resource Concerns
Kansas Environmental Quality Incentives Programs eligible priority natural resource concerns are as follows:

- Air Quality – Objectionable Odors
- Domestic Animals – Inadequate Stock Water
- Fish and Wildlife – Threatened and Endangered Species, Declining Species, and Species of Concern
- Plant Condition – Noxious or Invasive Plants; Productivity,

Health, Vigor (Forestland, Rangeland, Pastureland, Hay Land)

- Soil Condition – Organic Matter Depletion
- Soil Erosion – Streambank
- Water Quality – Excessive Nutrients/Organics in Ground and/or Surface Water, Excessive Suspended Sediment and Turbidity in Surface Water, Harmful Levels of Pesticides in Ground and/or Surface Water
- Water Quantity – Aquifer Overdraft, Inefficient Water Use on Irrigated Land, Inefficient Water Use on Non-irrigated Land, and Insufficient Flows in Water Courses

Kansas Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program wildlife priorities

- Threatened and Endangered Species and Species in Need of Conservation
- Grassland Birds
- Natural Communities
- Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, and Beginning Farmers and Ranchers
- “Environmental Quality Incentives Programs/Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program are available to help address the unique circumstances and concerns of socially disadvantaged, limited resource, and beginning farmers and ranchers, who have natural resource concerns that need to be addressed on their land,” said Mr. Banks.
- “In Kansas socially disadvantaged, limited resource, and beginning farmers and ranchers will receive a higher payment rate through Environmental Quality Incentives Programs and Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program for structural and vegetative practices.”

Organic

Environmental Quality Incentives Programs is available for treating natural resource concerns on organic systems. Organic producers, or those transitioning to organic, may apply for Environmental Quality Incentives Programs to address their natural resource concerns during this period.

Information Available
As information becomes available, it will be placed on the Kansas Natural Resources Conservation Service Web site www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/ or be available at your local Department of Agriculture Service Center from the Natural Resources Conservation Service or conservation district staff.

Club Clip

McDonald Senior Citizens
Joan Tongish welcomed 25 senior citizens and nurse, Rose Whitehurst, to the Dec., 7 meeting of the McDonald Senior Citizens.

Phyllis Wingfield had decorated the tables in a holiday theme with beautiful little smiling angels at each place setting.

Birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. Pastor Mark gave a reading “One Solitary Life” and then gave the meal blessing.

A traditional Christmas dinner with turkey and all the trimmings was enjoyed by all. After the wonderful meal, bingo was played with Annie Antholz winning the black-out prize.

At the business meeting, Joan Tongish thanked everyone who had helped with the dinner, especially Jerry and Betty Knapp who assisted with the serving. All reports were accepted as presented.

January committees were announced as follows: Poem and Prayer: Owen Wingfield; Prizes: Joan Tongish; Bingo: Phyllis Wingfield; Kitchen Help: Phyllis Wilkinson, Betty Lewis and Emma Threlkel.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Marilyn Miller, Fort Worth, Texas; Robert Brubaker, Bird City; Becky Davison, Bird City; Ervin Peters, Bird City; Pastor Greg Hubbard, Smith Center; Harvey Black, McDonald.



DECORATION — Savannah Isely and Joseph Augusta put up Christmas wreaths at the St. Francis Good Samaritan Village.

4-H club decorates Village

The Bird City Go-Getters 4-H Club met with the St. Francis Plum Creek 4-H Club on Friday to go caroling at the St. Francis Good Samaritan Village and the Cheyenne County Hospital.

Before caroling, the Go-Getters met at the Good Samaritan Village to hang Christmas wreaths they made at the November meeting on every residents’ door. Afterwards they met at the Cheyenne Bowl for their December meeting and pizza.

The Bird City 2nd Beginnings Thrift Shop and St. Francis United Methodist Thrift Shop donated ornaments for the wreaths.

Ivan Kemp
Reporter

Program approval date set

A new approval date of Feb. 19, will be used for funding consideration on additional applications for the Wetlands Reserve Program. Earlier ones that had been determined eligible and had site visits and ranking worksheets completed were funded on Dec. 15.

According to Eric E. Banks, state conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, there are three types of enrollment options for the wetlands program. Landowners can apply for a restoration agreement, 30-year easement, or permanent easement.

Interested landowners should apply at their U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Service Center (listed in the telephone book under United States Government) or on the Internet at offices.usda.gov. For further information, contact Lynn Thurlow, Soil Conservationist, at 785-823-4548 or lynn.thurlow@ks.usda.gov.

Applying for Wetlands Reserve Program

The Natural Resources Conservation Service staff will provide landowners with materials for the application process. Beginning this year, landowners will be asked to complete a Wetlands Reserve Program application questionnaire as part of the application process. Landowners will

Public Notice

Notice of Sheriff sale to be held on Jan. 8

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS
CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Bank of America, National Association as successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Merrill Lynch First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-4

Plaintiff,

vs.

Jesse P. Jones, et al.

Defendants.

Case No. 09CV13

Court No.

Title to Real Estate Involved

Pursuant to K.S.A. §60

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Cheyenne County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Cheyenne County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand in the lobby of the Cheyenne County Courthouse, Kansas, on January 8, 2010 at the time of 10:00 AM, the following real estate:

UNPLATTED LOT TWELVE (12), IN BLOCK FORTY-ONE (41), DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS; ALL THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW1/4) OF SECTION TWENTY-TWO (22), IN TOWNSHIP THREE (3) SOUTH, RANGE FORTY (40) WEST OF THE 6TH P.M. LYING WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS, BUT NOT PLATTED, WHICH LIES IMMEDIATELY SOUTH AND ADJOINING LOT ONE (1), IN BLOCK FORTY-ONE (41), OF SAID CITY, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1, BLOCK 41, CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, THENCE RUNNING SOUTH IN CONTINUATION OF THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 1, TO THE SECTION LINE ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF SAID SECTION 22, THENCE RUNNING WEST A DISTANCE OF 50 FEET ALONG SAID SECTION LINE, THENCE RUNNING NORTH TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1, THENCE RUNNING EAST TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, EXCLUSIVE OF STREETS, HIGHWAYS AND ALLEY, ALSO KNOWN AS 220 EAST FIRST STREET CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS. Tax ID No. 1652203043010000000, Commonly known as 220 E. 1st St., Saint Francis, KS 67756 (“the Property”) MS#95064

to satisfy the judgment in the above entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court.

Cheyenne County Sheriff

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MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC AS ATTORNEYS FOR BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-4 IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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P.O. Box 220 * Bird City, Kan.

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CORRECTED 2009 TAX LEVIES FOR CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS USED TO FUND THE 2010 BUDGET				CORRECTED 2009 TAX LEVIES FOR CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS USED TO FUND THE 2010 BUDGET			
Prepared by Cheyenne County Clerk				Prepared by Cheyenne County Clerk			
Taxable Valuation of Cheyenne County is \$44,824,318 (Levies shown are taxes per \$1,000.00 valuation)				Taxable Valuation of Cheyenne County is \$44,824,318 (Levies shown are taxes per \$1,000.00 valuation)			
Comparison of 2008 and 2009 levies and valuations:				001 City of Bird City			
2008	2008	2009	Difference	Valuation	2009	Valuation	2009
Valuation	Levy	Valuation	Levy	Valuation	Levy	Valuation	Levy
\$40,954,887	1.500	\$44,824,318	1.500	\$2,289,985	1.500	\$6,532,217	1.500
27,162	General	26,783	-0.379	State	1.500	State	1.500
20,146	Road & Bridge	17,568	-2.578	County	50.857	County	50.857
1,009	Bridge Building	1,055	0.046	USD 103	42.333	USD 103	42.333
0.794	Noxious Weed	0.248	-0.546	City	41.751	City	41.751
0.657	Hospital	5.203	4.546	USD 297	35.026	USD 297	35.026
49.768	Total	60.857	1.089	Recreation 103	1.000	Recreation 103	1.000
				Cemetery 1	1.024	Cemetery 1	1.024
				Rural Fire 1	0.879	Rural Fire 1	0.879
				NWKS Library	1.148	NWKS Library	1.148
				SFD #6	2.141	SFD #6	2.141
				Total	162.310	Total	132.928
				017 Calhoun Township		018 Calhoun Township	
				Valuation	\$137,294	Valuation	\$558,451
				State	1.500	State	1.500
				County	50.857	County	50.857
				USD 103	42.333	USD 103	42.333
				Recreation 103	1.000	Recreation 297	1.000
				Cemetery 1	1.024	Cemetery 1	1.024
				Rural Fire 1	0.879	Rural Fire 1	0.879
				NWKS Library	1.148	NWKS Library	1.148
				SFD #6	2.141	SFD #6	2.141
				Total	101.382	Total	93.204
				033 Wano Township		034 Wano Township	
				Valuation	\$139,990	Valuation	\$22,860,966
				State	1.500	State	1.500
				County	50.857	County	50.857
				USD 297	35.026	USD 297	35.026
				Recreation 297	1.000	Recreation 297	1.000
				Cemetery 1	1.024	Cemetery 2	0.653
				Rural Fire 1	0.879	Rural Fire 1	0.879
				NWKS Library	1.148	NWKS Library	1.148
				SFD #6	2.141	SFD #6	2.141
				Total	101.382	Total	93.204
				048 Orlando Township		050 Orlando Township	
				Valuation	\$192,102	Valuation	\$136,246
				State	1.500	State	1.500
				County	50.857	County	50.857
				USD 103	42.333	USD 103	42.333
				Recreation 297	1.000	Recreation 103	1.000
				Cemetery 1	1.024	Cemetery 1	1.024
				Rural Fire 1	0.879	Rural Fire 1	0.879
				NWKS Library	1.148	NWKS Library	1.148
				SFD #6	2.141	SFD #6	2.141
				Total	93.576	Total	101.382
				056 Benksman Township		062 Jaqua Township	
				Valuation	\$2,778,500	Valuation	\$975,347
				State	1.500	State	1.500
				County	50.857	County	50.857
				USD 297	35.026	USD 297	35.026
				Recreation 297	1.000	Recreation 297	1.000
				Cemetery 2	0.653	Cemetery 2	0.653
				Rural Fire 1	0.879	Rural Fire 1	0.879
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				Total	93.204	Total	93.204
				068 Orlando Township		068 Orlando Township	
				Valuation	\$192,102	Valuation	\$192,102
				State	1.500	State	1.500
				County	50.857	County	50.857
				USD 103	42.333	USD 103	42.333
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