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Incentive program has cutoff date

The Environmental Quality Incentives Programs (EQIP) under the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill) has a signup cutoff date of Jan. 9. The announcement came from Eric B. Banks, state conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Although applications may be submitted anytime, applications will be gathered for ranking at that point.

Apply at Local Office

Producers with agricultural land, rangeland, or forestland with any concerns listed below should apply at their local field office and work with them on a conservation plan. Those interested should apply at their local Natural Resources Conservation Service office. The office is located at your local U.S. Department of Agricultural 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

The Fiscal Year 2009 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, Hayland)
- 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.

Program Self-Assessment Worksheets

"Self-assessment worksheets are required again this year if farmers or ranchers apply for 2009 Environmental Quality Incentives Programs funding. They will be required to fill out the Kansas incentive Self-Assessment Worksheet, " said Mr. Banks. "If a producer or rancher has already completed a worksheet, a new one will not need to be submitted.

"When producers or ranchers fill out the self-assessment worksheet, it helps provide them with an indication of the natural resource concerns they have, what they can accomplish, and what they need to do to qualify for the program."

"The worksheets take some time and thought, so if a landowner plans to apply, that process should begin very soon," said Mr. Banks.

"In the long run, the worksheet is a time-saving and money-saving tool, It reduces the time it takes conservation service to process applications for this program. By reducing the federal dollars required to administer the program, more dollars should be available for producers."

Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, and Beginning Farmers/Ranchers

This environmental program is 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 may receive a higher payment rate through this program for structural and vegetative practices."

Application Evaluation

Ranking categories and allocation distribution will be determined at a later date. This will not affect the application process.

The conservation service 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.

Review of the programs 2008 Funding

Kansas received over $28.2 million in 2008, and over 1,700 contracts were funded. More than 2,560 applications were received.

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

"The objective of the program is to address natural resource concerns through the application of improved conservation systems. Environmental Quality Incentives is an environmental enhancement program," said Mr. Banks.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Programs — the highest-funded of the conservation programs in the 2008 Farm Bill — is a voluntary conservation program that promotes environmental quality and assists producers to meet local, state, and federal regulations.

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/2009 or be available at your local U.S. Department of Agricultural Service Center from the conservation service or conservation district staff.

Moments With Mila

By Mila Bandel
County Health Nurse

The HPV Vaccine

The Food and Drug Administration developed and licensed the first vaccine in 2006 to prevent cervical cancer and other diseases in females caused by certain types of genital human papillomavirus (HPV). The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices voted to recommend use of this vaccine in females, ages 9 to 26. The vaccine is recommended for 11-12 year-old girls, but can be administered to girls as young as 9 years of age. The vaccine also is recommended for 13-26 year-old females who have not yet received or completed the vaccine series.

This vaccine is given as a three-dose series. The first dose is given with the second dose administered two months after the first dose. The third dose is administered six months after the first dose. Additional booster doses are not recommended. The HPV can also be administered at the same time as other vaccines. Studies from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) found that the HPV vaccine was safe and caused no serious side effects. Adverse events were mainly injection site pain. This reaction was common but mild.

This vaccine is an inactivated (not live) vaccine which protects against four major types of HPV. These include two types that cause about 70 percent of cervical cancer and two types that cause about 90 percent of genital warts. According to the Center for Disease Control, the vaccine can prevent most genital warts and most cases of cervical cancer.

The vaccine is not recommended for females with an allergic reaction to yeast or to any vaccine component. Pregnant women should not get the vaccine. The vaccine appears to be safe for both the mother and the fetus; however, the vaccine is still being studied. People with a mild illness when the shot is scheduled can still get the vaccine. People with a moderate or severe illness should wait until they recover from the illness.

Some insurance companies may cover the vaccine and cost of administration, others may not. Most large group insurance plans usually cover the costs of recommended vaccines; you will need to check with your insurance company. The Federal Vaccines for Children (VFC) program will provide free vaccines to children and adolescents less than 19 years of age, who are either uninsured, Medicaid-eligible, American Indian, or Alaska Native.

School and childcare entry laws for all immunizations are state laws and vary from state to state. There is no state or federal laws requiring immunization of children with HPV vaccine.

For more information, contact the Cheyenne County Department at 332-2381 or Cheyenne County Clinic at 332-2682.

Public Notices

Notice of hearing is filed

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of
JOAN E. AHMED, Deceased.
Case No. 2008-PR-20

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the Court by Zaiba N. Ahmed, the sole heir of Joan E. Ahmed, deceased, praying:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Cheyenne County, Kansas, to-wit:

Lots Three (3) and Four (4) in Block Four (4) Park Hill Addition to the City of St. Francis, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof.

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 5, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. (CT) in the City of St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Zaiba N. Ahmed, Petitioner

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St. Francis, KS 67756
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Attorney for Petitioner

Plain Sense

"Holiday Stress

The holiday season is once again upon us, and people are feeling the pressures that are inevitably a part of it. This year may be more stressful because of the financial problems that are currently affecting the United States and world economy. Many families are feeling the need to be more conservative in regards to their money, as well as their time. That doesn't mean that the holidays have to end up as a disappointment. But it does mean that people will need to communicate with family and friends, and do some additional planning. This may be the year that some families come to realize that "simple is better." Expensive gifts and lavish parties are not always necessary to make the holiday season enjoyable and memorable.

To help keep the stress under control, begin by making an effort to talk with other family members about holiday plans. Most families will want to reduce travel expenses this year, so this is a very important topic to discuss early in the season. Be open to change, because this year people will be feeling the need to scale back on plans that may have been made several months earlier. Be honest about financial issues, recognize both your own limitations and that of others, and be realistic about gift giving. Keep it simple, and within a budget. Overspending for the holidays will result in increased debt and more financial stress into the New Year.

It is also important to practice personal stress management in order to maintain both mental and physical well-being. Watch your time commitments and make sure there is opportunity to rest and relax. Eat healthy, especially when there is the temptation of all the good food and desserts that are available this time of year. Get plenty of exercise, participate in a favorite sport, and take time for some fresh air and sunshine. Keep your expectations from getting too high; accept that not everything will work out as planned. And when things don't happen as desired, keep a sense of humor. The unexpected quite often becomes the best memory of the season!

Contributed by Karen D. Schueler, MS, LCPC, Manager, PEO - Prevention, Education and Outreach Department

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2008 TAX LEVIES FOR CHEYENNE COUNTY, KS USED TO FUND THE 2009 BUDGETS
Prepared by Cheyenne County Clerk
Taxable Valuation of Cheyenne County is $40,954,887
(Levies shown are taxes per $1,000.00 valuation)

Comparison of 2006 and 2007 levies and valuations:

	2007 Valuation	2007 Levy		2008 Valuation	2008 Levy	Difference
State	$39,528,323	1.500		$40,954,887	1.500	
County	$39,528,323			$40,954,887		
General		30.938	General		27.162	-3.776
Road & Bridge		9.379	Road & Bridge		20.146	10.767
Bridge Building		2.146	Bridge Building		1.009	-1.137
Noxious Weed		0.427	Noxious Weed		0.794	0.367
Hospital		5.645	Hospital		0.657	-4.988
Total		48.535	Total		49.768	1.233

2007	Valuation	Levy	2008	Valuation	Levy	Difference
Bird City	2,330,283	39.851	Bird City	2,361,830	46.814	6.963
St. Francis	6,594,271	34.937	St. Francis	6,547,031	38.517	3.580
USD 103	10,121,636	42.370	USD 103	9,902,752	40.466	-1.904
USD 103 Rec	10,121,636	1.500	USD 103 Rec	9,902,752	1.500	0.000
USD 297	29,406,687	33.364	USD 297	31,052,135	35.405	2.041
USD 297 Rec	29,406,687	1.000	USD 297 Rec	31,052,135	1.000	0.000
Cemetery Dist 1	10,642,357	0.928	Cemetery Dist 1	10,382,649	0.951	0.023
Cemetery Dist 2	28,885,966	0.799	Cemetery Dist 2	30,582,238	0.747	-0.052
Rural Fire 1	29,794,366	0.810	Rural Fire 1	31,340,069	1.168	0.358
Rural Fire 3	809,403	1.577	Rural Fire 3	705,957	1.542	-0.035
NWKS Library	30,603,769	1.052	NWKS Library	32,046,026	0.975	-0.077
Sunflower Ext. Dist. 6	39,528,323	2.073	Sunflower Ext. Dist. 6	40,954,887	2.077	0.004

Levies of Taxing Units

State Levies	K.S.A.	Levy
KS Ed. Bldg.	76-6b01	1.000
State Institutions	76-6b04	0.500
Total		1.500

City of Bird City	K.S.A	Levy
General	79-1953	43.214
Library	79-5032	3.600
Total		46.814

County Levies	K.S.A.	Levy
General	79-1946	27.162
Road & Bridge	68-5,101	20.146
Bridge Building	68-1135	1.009
Noxious Weed	2-1318	0.794
Hospital	12-183	0.657
Total		49.768

City of St. Francis	K.S.A.	Levy
General	79-5032	34.566
Library	79-5032	3.951
Total		38.517

USD 103	K.S.A.	Levy
Supp. General	72-6435	17.418
General	72-6431	20.000
Capital Outlay	72-8801	3.048
Total		40.466
Recreation	12-1927	1.500
		41.966

USD 297	K.S.A.	Levy
Supp. General	72-6435	11.405
General	72-6431	20.000
Capital Outlay	72-8801	4.000
Total		35.405
Recreation	12-1927	1.000
		36.405

Cemetery		K.S.A.	Levy
Cemetery	District 1	80-932	0.951
Cemetery	District 2	80-932	0.747

NWKS Library	K.S.A.	Levy
General	75-2551	0.921
Employee Benefits	12-16,102	0.054
Total		0.975

Rural Fire	K.S.A.	Levy
CN County RF 1	19-3610	1.168
RA County RF 3	19-3610	1.542

Sunflower Ext. Dist. 6	K.S.A.	Levy
General	2-623	2.077

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001 City of Bird City	
Valuation	$2,361,830
State	1.500
County	49.768
City	46.814
USD 103	40.466
Recreation 103	1.500
Cemetery 1	0.951
SFD #6	2.077
Total	143.076

002 City of St. Francis	
Valuation	$6,547,031
State	1.500
County	49.768
City	38.517
USD 297	35.405
Recreation 297	1.000
Cemetery 2	0.747
SFD #6	2.077
Total	129.014

008 Bird City Township	
Valuation	$6,259,809
State	1.500
County	49.768
USD 103	40.466
Recreation 103	1.500
Cemetery 1	0.951
Rural Fire 1	1.168
NWKS Library	0.975
SFD #6	2.077
Total	98.405

010 Bird City Township	
Valuation	$705,957
State	1.500
County	49.768
USD 103	40.466
Recreation 103	1.500
Cemetery 1	0.951
Rural Fire 3	1.542
NWKS Library	0.975
SFD #6	2.077
Total	98.779

017 Calhoun Township	
Valuation	$247,227
State	1.500
County	49.768
USD 103	40.466
Recreation 103	1.500
Cemetery 1	0.951
Rural Fire 1	1.168
NWKS Library	0.975
SFD #6	2.077
Total	98.405

018 Calhoun Township	
Valuation	$587,149
State	1.500
County	49.768
USD 297	35.405
Recreation 297	1.000
Cemetery 2	0.747
Rural Fire 1	1.168
NWKS Library	0.975
SFD #6	2.077
Total	92.640

019 Calhoun Township	
Valuation	$113,843
State	1.500
County	49.768
USD 297	35.405
Recreation 297	1.000
Cemetery 1	0.951
Rural Fire 1	1.168
NWKS Library	0.975
SFD #6	2.077
Total	92.844

027 Cleveland Run TWP	
Valuation	$983,077
State	1.500
County	49.768
USD 297	35.405
Recreation 297	1.000
Cemetery 2	0.747
Rural Fire 1	1.168
NWKS Library	0.975
SFD #6	2.077
Total	92.640

033 Wano Township	
Valuation	$179,516
State	1.500
County	49.768
USD 103	40.466
Recreation 103	1.500
Cemetery 1	0.951
Rural Fire 1	1.168
NWKS Library	0.975
SFD #6	2.077
Total	98.405

034 Wano Township	
Valuation	$157,688
State	1.500
County	49.768
USD 297	35.405
Recreation 297	1.000
Cemetery 1	0.951
Rural Fire 1	1.168
NWKS Library	0.975
SFD #6	2.077
Total	92.844

036 Wano Township	
Valuation	$18,895,804
State	1.500
County	49.768
USD 297	35.405
Recreation 297	1.000
Cemetery 2	0.747
Rural Fire 1	1.168
NWKS Library	0.975
SFD #6	2.077
Total	92.640

048 Orlando Township	
Valuation	$595,904
State	1.500
County	49.768
USD 297	35.405
Recreation 297	1.000
Cemetery 2	0.747
Rural Fire 1	1.168
NWKS Library	0.975
SFD #6	2.077
Total	92.640

049 Orlando Township	
Valuation	$198,366
State	1.500
County	49.768
USD 297	35.405
Recreation 297	1.000
Cemetery 1	0.951
Rural Fire 1	1.168
NWKS Library	0.975
SFD #6	2.077
Total	92.844

050 Orlando Township	
Valuation	$148,413
State	1.500
County	49.768
USD 103	40.466
Recreation 103	1.500
Cemetery 1	0.951
Rural Fire 1	1.168
NWKS Library	0.975
SFD #6	2.077
Total	98.405

056 Benkelman Township	
Valuation	$2,102,511
State	1.500
County	49.768
USD 297	35.405
Recreation 297	1.000
Cemetery 2	0.747
Rural Fire 1	1.168
NWKS Library	0.975
SFD #6	2.077
Total	92.640

062 Jaqua Township	
Valuation	$870,762
State	1.500
County	49.768
USD 297	35.405
Recreation 297	1.000
Cemetery 2	0.747
Rural Fire 1	1.168
NWKS Library	0.975
SFD #6	2.077
Total	92.640

USD 103 Valuation	General Fund	Other Funds
Cheyenne County	$9,092,478	$9,902,752
Rawlins County	$3,521,744	$7,335,506
Total USD 103	$12,614,222	$17,238,258
USD 297 Valuation	$28,788,396	$31,052,135

State of Kansas County of Cheyenne, SS:
I, Terry Miller, County Clerk of Cheyenne County, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct statement of all levies for 2008
Terry Miller, Cheyenne County Clerk