

Application deadline close for crop disaster program

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance (NAP) Program
March 15th Application Deadline

The deadline for the United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency to accept applications under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program is March 15 for coverage for coarse grains such as feed.

Crops eligible for assistant program benefits are limited to those not insurable in the county and are produced for food or fiber. Included as eligible crops are forage crops for livestock such as cane, feed, silage, sudan, millet and peas (mechanically harvested or grazed).

Interested producers who may wish to participate in the program must visit their local farm service office to complete an application for coverage and pay the service fee by March 15. Administrative service fees are collected in order to help offset the cost of implementing the program and range from \$250 per crop per administrative county not to exceed \$750 per producer per administrative county with

an \$1,875 maximum fee for multi-county producers.

"Disaster assistant coverage has become very important with the addition of the supplemental revenue program," said Dennis Mote, acting director of the farm service office. "A producer must have all non-grazing crops of economic significance covered by insurance in order to be eligible for the supplemental revenue program, which is one of the new disaster programs. We would hate to see someone with a loss ineligible for this program because they didn't pay for assistant program or crop insurance coverage."

After the crop has been harvested, he said, it is very important to turn in your production, much like you do with regular crop insurance. This helps to prove your yield and could increase benefits in the future. In

the unfortunate event that a producer does suffer a loss on their particular crop, a Notice of Loss must be filed with the local farm service office within 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence, or the date the loss becomes apparent to the producer.

Producers are responsible for providing accurate and complete loss and production information. This includes timely certifying the unit's planted acreage and production with farm service agency.

This coverage entitles eligible producers to a payment of 55 percent of an average market price for the commodity if a natural disaster caused a 50 percent production loss or greater of an eligible crop.

Contact the office at 785-332-2183 before March 15 for more information.



Kennedy

Student receives university award

Taylor Kennedy, 2009 St. Francis Community High School graduate, received an award from Washburn University for being nominated and selected as a "Who's Who at Washburn University." A ceremony was held to award the recipients on Feb. 28.

In order to receive this award, the student must be nominated by a Washburn faculty staff member and selected and accepted by Washburn Greek and Student Life Council.

Taylor will now be included in the National Who's Who in College Universities directory. She is a senior double majoring in criminal justice and psychology.

While in school, she works in the admissions office, the modern language department and is a tour guide for the school. She is also the historian for Washburn's Mortar Board Senior Honor Society.

She is involved in the Criminal Justice Club, Future Alumni Network, Psych Club, Washburn's Chapter of the Mortar Board National Senior Honor Society, Criminal Justice Honor Society and the Bod Squad.

The daughter of Larry and Terri Finley, St. Francis, Taylor's projected college graduation date is December 2013 with both of her degrees.

Letter winners are announced

The 2012-13 high school boys basketball letter winners have been announced. Jeff Beims, head boys basketball coach, recently released the names.

Included in the letter winners are five seniors, three juniors, and two sophomores.

The letter winners are listed below.

Seniors: Joey McCormick, Steven Nelson, Dylan Peter, Keegan Sherlock and Dillion Straub

Juniors: Jacob Baxter, Wyatt Landenberger and Mason Schiltz

Sophomores: Cade Bracelin and Kyler Zwegardt



McCormick



Nelson



Peter



Sherlock



Straub

Student to graduate with bachelor degree

Krista Juenger, is a senior agricultural sciences with agricultural education certification major at Murray State University, Murray, Ky. She recently arrived at Livingston Central High School, Smithland, Ky., where she will be working with students and the teacher in the agricultural science and technology department and the FFA program for 16 weeks.

Krista is working under the guidance of cooperating teacher, Robert Schmitt, to learn all aspects of a successful agricultural science and technology program at the high school level. Her goal is to strive to become proficient in teaching a variety of classes in the career and technical education area, as well as in assisting students with leadership development in the FFA organization and career-focused experimental programs. After completing her student teaching, Krista will return to Murray to participate in commencement exercises where she will



Juenger

graduate with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural sciences.

Krista is the daughter of Denis and Tina Juenger who have been St. Francis residents for almost two years. They both work at Yost Farm Supply.

— Student Essay —

A Paintball to the Face

By Taryn Zwegardt
Eighth grade

Sometimes everything feels lost, but somehow you're able to pull through. That's what happened to my team and me. It was fall and the paintball tournament was about to start. Our name was the Flying Paint and we won the tournament.

We were just small town paintball players. We had played paintball just for fun, but decided to try out for the state tournament, anything Goes.

It was a simple V.I.P. (very important person) game. If the V.I.P. is shot with a paintball, the team is out. The game started and it was chaos. People were dropping left and right. The V.I.P. for every team except Soaring Stingers and mine were running straight into the fire. The result was the Soaring Stingers and we were still in the game. Then the real battle began.

I was down to a grenade and five shots in my pistol. I needed a distraction to slip by undetected. I threw the grenade and ran. The grenade gave me the distraction I needed. I ran to the back for more cover. The V.I.P. was trying to sneak behind me. I only had one moment before he opened fire. I took the opportunity and shot him between the eyes thus ending the game. It was the most surprising moment I ever experienced.

We won because my teammates sacrificed themselves. They did it to win the game and to save me. Would you sacrifice yourself to win a game?

Colby college student named who's who

Kaycee Danielle Williams is one of 18 students at Colby Community College who has been tapped for membership in the 2013 Who's Who Among Students in American University and Colleges honors program. Kaycee was earlier nominated by her school's nominating committee as a national outstanding campus leader.

Students selected must be a sophomore with a minimum grade point average of 3.0. Kaycee's selection was also based on her academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and the potential for continued success. She joins an elite group of students from more than 1,000 institutions of higher learning in all states.

Kaycee is a student in the physical therapy assistant program in Colby. She said she is learning and enjoying her time in the classroom. March, 1, she is doing a rotation in the physical therapy department at the Cheyenne County Hospital. She will have two other rotations in larger hospitals. The



Williams

rotations are Kaycee's favorite part of the program. She said she likes working with patients and learning hands on from the physical therapists and assistants.

The daughter of Tom and Cheryl Williams, St. Francis, Kaycee will graduate in August.

Student Essay

The Way to End Summer

By Jakob Church
Freshman

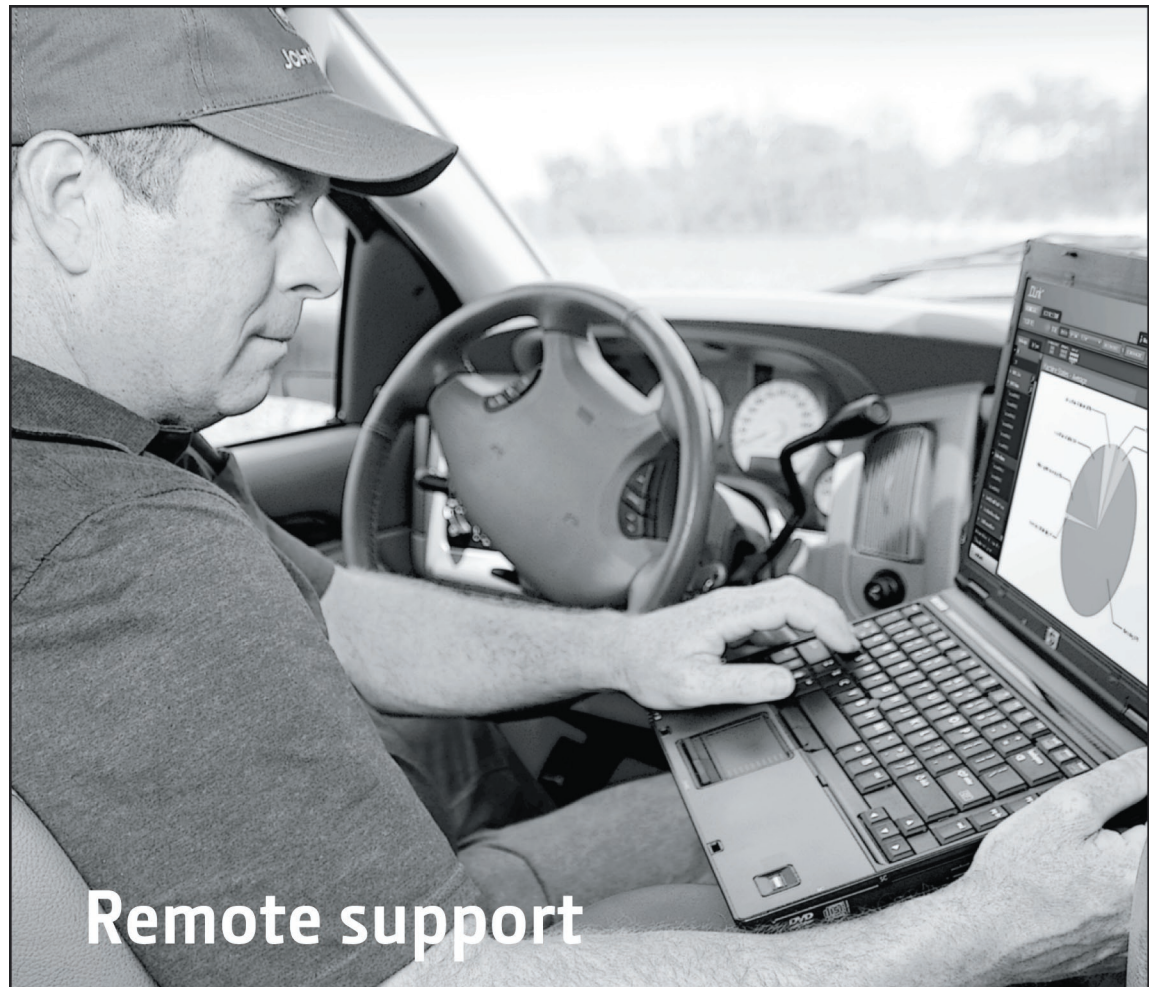
Do you support, attend, or participate in your local area fairs? I do and it's one of my favorite parts of summer. We normally go to multiple fairs a year and I'm about to tell you which ones I enjoy the most.

The first fair is the Dundy County Fair. Sometimes we're there once a year, sometimes twice. This year it happened to be twice. The first night was the demolition derby. It got over quick, which gave my friends and I time to ride carnival rides. We rode go-carts the most. The second day we rode motorcycles, enjoyed the lake, and finished with motocross races. These two days turned into a long weekend. The next fair is my hometown.

This one is always a blast because I see many friends I haven't seen since school was out. Our events include the demo derby, tuff trucks, and roping, as well as the carnival.

Finally, we end the summer with the Chase County Fair. There are vendors, a large carnival, a ton of places to eat, and many people. Every year they have two concerts and a demo derby. We only went to the derby which turned out the best one I had seen this year. We hung out in the pits with friends and had a great time.

Every summer I look forward to county fairs. I enjoy them and if you attend or maybe even participate, I bet you would too! Will you try it out next year?



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CORRECTION

Due to printing errors in our Rural Health section, the following information was incorrect. We hope that this did not inconvenience anyone.



The Road to Wellness in Northwest Kansas

SHERIDAN COUNTY HEALTH COMPLEX

"The Road to Wellness in Northwest Kansas"

- Number of Beds - 25 as Critical Access Hospital.
- Revenue 2012 - \$38,425,000.
- Net Income 2012 - \$530,387.
- Tax Support - None; operated as a private, nonprofit hospital.
- Doctors - three active physicians, four nurse practitioners, three physician assistants, one certified registered nurse anesthetist, 29 consulting physicians.
- Administrator - Kevan Trenkle.
- Phone - (785) 462-7511.

- Beds - 18 as Critical Access Hospital, 35 long-term nursing, eight assisted living apartments.
- Revenue 2012- \$6.5+ million. Fiscal report not available until March 1.
- Profit 2012 - Expected 6.1 percent profit margin. Have had positive profit margins since 2005.
- County money - \$936,312.
- Doctors - Cooperative agreement with Bluestem Medical in Quinter, Dr. Brewster Kellogg of Colby as chief of staff, one nurse practitioner and one physician assistant.
- Administrator - Steve Granzow.
- Phone - (785) 675-3281.

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