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rice & egg drop soup. Served 5-8 p.m. - Belguim Waffles.

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Monday Night Mixed - Sara Schield

Ladies Night Out - Darby Shanks


Wednesday Nights Men's - Bob Lippert


Wednesday Coffee - Ida Harlan


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Christmas ain't just for kids!

Good Samaritan Village resi-
dents enjoyed the annual Christmas
celebration as much as those help-
ing and others attending. Below,
Chad Miller entertained with mus-
ic; right (clockwise) Santa handed
Hope Bressler her gift; Kathleen
Stanley and Robert Morrell also
received gifts.









Staff photos by Karen Krien

Program funding, cutoff dates told

The Kansas State Office, Salina,
of the U.S. Department of Agricul-
ture Natural Resources Conserva-
tion Service (NRCS) has an-
nounced cutoff dates for evaluating
applications for 2002 Farm Bill pro-
grams. These programs are Environ-
mental Quality Incentives Program
(EQIP), Wildlife Habitat Incentives
Program (WHIP), Wetlands Reserve
Program (WRP), and Grassland Re-
serve Program (GRP).

According to Harold L. Klaege,
state conservationist for Natural Re-
sources Conservation Service in Kan-
sas, the allocation for financial as-
sistance for Kansas for these programs
is almost \$25 million.

“Funding was announced early this
fall by United States Department of
Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman
so farmers and ranchers can make
sound management decisions regard-
ing conservation practices and plant-
ing,” said Conservationist Klaege.
“This allows them greater certainty
and predictability in their decisions on
environmental stewardship.

“Since we have received our state
allocation,” he said, “we have been
able to determine when the cutoff
dates will be to evaluate the applica-
tions that producers have submitted.
“A producer has the opportunity to
sign up for the Farm Bill programs to
address their resource concerns any-
time during the year,” he continued,
“but we do need to establish cutoff
dates to be able to evaluate and fund
the applications submitted.”

Natural Resources Conservation
Service is the primary Federal agency
of the United States Department of
Agriculture that works with private
landowners to help them protect their
natural resources. The agency em-
phasizes voluntary, science-based
conservation technical assistance;
partnerships; incentive-based pro-
grams; and cooperative problem-
solving at the community level.

The conservation programs de-
scribed below may help in solving
your resource concerns. For more in-
formation on these and other pro-
grams, check the Web sites listed be-
low for each program, visit Natural
Resources Conservation Service at:
<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/>, or con-
tact your local Natural Resources
Conservation Service office.

Listed below is a summary of each
program and the cutoff date estab-
lished for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005
funding.

• Environmental Quality Incen-
tives Program: The Environmental
Quality Incentives Program is a vol-
untary conservation program that
promotes agricultural production and
environmental quality as compatible
national goals. Through Environ-
mental Quality Incentives Program,
farmers and ranchers may receive fi-
nancial and technical help to install or
implement structural and manage-
ment conservation practices on eli-
gible agricultural land. “[http://
www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/
index.html](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/index.html)”

• Wetlands Reserve Program: is
a voluntary program offering land-
owners the opportunity to protect,
restore, and enhance wetlands on
their property. Easements and res-
toration payments are offered as
part of the program. [http://
www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/
wrp/%20](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrp/%20)

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• Wildlife Habitat Incentives Pro-
gram: The Wildlife Habitat Incen-
tives Program is a voluntary program
that encourages creation of high qual-
ity wildlife habitats that support wild-
life populations of national, state,
Tribal, and local significance. Through
Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program,
Natural Resources Conservation Service
provides technical and financial as-
sistance to landowners and others to
develop upland, wet-
land, riparian, and aquatic habitat ar-
eas on their property. [http://
www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/
whip/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip/)

• Wildlife Habitat Incentives Pro-
gram-Essential Habitat Areas (EHA):
Landowners interested in restoring
and protecting essential plant and
animal habitat for the lesser or greater
prairie chicken should apply for the
Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program-
Essential Habitat Areas. Applications
for Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program-
Essential Habitat Areas are accepted on
a continuous basis. Brush management
is the only cost-shared conservation
practice available through the Wildlife
Habitat Incentives Program-Essential
Habitat Areas and will be cost-shared
at 100 percent. Contracts will have a
15-year duration.

• Grassland Reserve Program: is a vol-
untary program offering landowners
the opportunity to protect, restore, and
enhance grasslands on their property
through easement and rental agree-
ments. The program emphasizes the
preservation of native and natural
grasslands, support for grazing opera-
tions, plant and animal biodiversity,
and the protection of grassland that is
under multiple threats of conversion.
[http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/pro-
grams/grp/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/grp/)

• Farm and Ranch Lands Protection
Program (FRPP): Farm and Ranch
Lands Protection Program provides
matching funds to help purchase de-
velopment rights to keep productive
farm and ranchland in agricultural
uses. A permanent easement is held
by a qualified entity to protect the land
from being developed for uses other
than agriculture. [http://
www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/frpp/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/frpp/)

Apply at Local Natural Resource
Conservation Service Office

Information about these programs
is available on the Web site at [http://
www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs](http://www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs) or
Web sites listed above or at your local
USDA Service Center from the
Natural Resource Conservation Ser-
vice or conservation district staff, lo-
cated on West Highway 36 in St.
Francis.

Kansas Established FY-2005 Funding and Cutoff Dates		
Farm Bill Program	Financial Assistance	Cutoff Date
Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)	\$1.5 million	Friday, December 17, 2004
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	\$22 million	Friday, January 21, 2005
Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)	\$402,573	Friday, February 18, 2005
Essential Habitat General		Friday, March 25, 2005
Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)	\$1.7 million	To Be Announced
Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP)	\$600,000	April 5, 2005