

Environmental farm program deadline moved

The deadline to apply for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program has been moved up to Friday, Nov. 2, but workers at the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service are willing to go out of their way to help Sherman County farmers complete the paperwork.

Fred Wedel, district conservationist in Goodland, said he knows a lot of the farmers who are interested

in the environmental program will be in the middle of harvest.

Wedel said he wants to help farmers, and is willing to make special appointments and event meet with a farmer at his home or in the field to get the worksheets completed before the deadline.

He said the voluntary program, one of the largest in the 2002 Farm Bill, provides opportunities to pro-

tect natural resources in Sherman County through improved conservation systems.

When farmers or ranchers apply for money under the program, he said, they will be required to fill out a self-assessment worksheet.

These provide information to the farmer about the program and help service rank the application, Wedel said.

"This environmental program is available to help beginning farmers and ranchers who have natural resource concerns with unique circumstances and limited resource," said Harold Klage, state conservationist.

"In Kansas, beginning farmers and ranchers and those with limited resources may receive a higher payment rate through the program

for structural and vegetative practices."

Farmers and ranchers should call the service at 899-3070, extension 35. Wedel said he and his staff will do everything they can to help them get their worksheets done on time.

Information about the program is available on the Internet at www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/2008, or at the county service

office at 210 West 10th. E-mail Wedel at fred.wedel@ks.usda.gov.

The information includes a Kansas program fact sheet, self-assessment worksheets, an application, a list of eligible practices and payment rates and specifics on Kansas' ranking process, including criteria used to evaluate applications.

Club collecting for garage sale for mentoring

The 'Tis the Season Collectors Club sponsored by Hallmark is planning its Community Holiday Garage Sale. The club has chosen the Big Brothers and Big Sisters to get the money raised this year.

"We will start collecting donations Thursday, Oct. 11, through Thursday, Oct. 25," said club president Judy McKee. "The items may be dropped off at 323 Harrison

Ave. The Holiday Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the same address."

Items in the sale will include seasonal collectibles, holiday decor, craft items, household items and baked goods.

In the past five years, the club has raised \$5,516.12 for Hospice. Members of the club include Ann

Middleton, McKee, Jo Herl, Mary Jane Sponsel, Marcia Emig, Linda Saint and Jacque Cooper as Hallmark Club sponsor.

The Big Brother and Big Sister Program is helping 18 kids in Sherman County and has at least 20 on a waiting list to paired with adults or high school students. Sarah Thompson is the director of Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

"I would like to invite everyone to stop by and help us raise money for these kids and their Bigs," McKee said. The remaining items will be donated to Genesis and the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter.

For information call McKee at (785) 890-5188 or Sarah Thompson at (785) 899-7240.

matters of record

Sherman County Sheriff The following crimes have been reported to the Sherman County Sheriff's Department:

Sept. 11 — 402 E. 17th St., Goodland, Gambinos reported a worthless check dated April 14.

Aug. 11 — 6220 Highway K-27, Goodland, Brown and Brown reported theft of a compressor.

Aug. 26 — 123 Railroad, Kanarado, Kanarado Coop Assoc. reported burglary of a steel door and door knob.

Sept. 11 — 402 E. 17th St., Goodland, Gambinos reported a worthless check dated 4/14/07.

Sept. 12 — 5980 County Road 8, Goodland, Ross McGuckin of Goodland reported battery.

Sept. 20 — 212 Main St., Kanarado, Christina Ledesma of Kanarado reported theft of cash, 178 CDs and 12 bottles of Bud Light.

Sept. 25 — 403 17th St., Good-

land, Kears reported a worthless check dated 3/8/07.

Sept. 25 — 1202 W. Highway 24, Goodland, Frontier Equity reported a worthless check dated 5/21/07.

Sept. 27 — 118 E. 17th St. Goodland, Hanks reported a worthless check dated 7/5/07.

Sept. 27 — 2402 Commerce Goodland, Dairy Queen reported a worthless check dated 6/7/07.

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Sept. 27 — 813 Broadway Goodland, Sherman County Treasurer reported a worthless check dated 7/23/07.

club news

Lowell Coleman Post 1133 Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary held their monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 4. Special guests were Linda Pfeifer, 9th District President and Nancy McCoy, 9th District Historian from WaKeeney. They were here to conduct the annual inspection of the Auxiliary.

A potluck dinner preceded the opening of the meeting by the local President Carlene Fenner. Eleven members were present. Brennan Fulcher and Aubrey Titus gave a presentation requesting donations for the 20 eighth graders going to Washington in March. The Auxiliary voted to help with this project.

The salsa contest held last month was a success and the money raised will be given to the Endowment

Fund for scholarships. Monetary contributions were also given to the VA hospitals, the Fisher Houses and far a cancer quilt.

Mary Harper has flags for sale and the Post will dispose of any used flags. Members are making cloth gingerbread men for use in the VA hospitals for their Christmas treats. So far over 50 have been made. There are 80 members in the Sympathy Club. A buddy Poppy campaign was held on Sept. 29 and will be held again on Veteran's Day. The Auxiliary will be serving a sale on Oct. 13 and 27. Pies and workers would be appreciated from any Auxiliary member.

Youth programs include the Patriot's Pen essay contest with the theme of "Why I am an American

Patriot" for 6-8th graders; the Voice of Democracy speech contest with the theme of "My Role in Honoring America's Veterans" for 9-12 graders. The deadline for both contest is Nov. 1.

Important dates to put on the calendar include the 9th District Fall Conference held in Goodland on Sunday, Oct. 21. Jody Sullivan, State President, will be the representative at this meeting and will be glad to take toiletries for the homeless stand-down held later this year in Kansas City.

The meetings start at 8 a.m. Both Auxiliary and Post members are encouraged to attend this informative session. The 9th district Coffee Tour will be in Goodland on Saturday, Nov. 17. Members are again

encouraged to visit with district officers at this time.

The Auxiliary purchased two wreaths for the State Veteran's Cemetery in WaKeeney. These wreaths will be placed on veterans graves on Saturday, Dec. 15, and will remain there through the holiday season. Members of the V.F.W. and the Patriot Guard will be placing the wreaths at WaKeeney. This is a national event started by a company in Maine who made wreaths to be placed on the graves at Arlington National Cemetery in 1992. Special ceremonies are held at Veteran's Cemetery's around the country on this day as wreaths are placed to honor and remember our veterans. The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be 5:30 on Sunday, Nov. 4.

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