

Popular farm program focus of meeting

The United States Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency in Kansas announced today that USDA will hold a public meeting in Manhattan to obtain comments on the Conservation Reserve Program.

The announcement was made by Adrian J. Polansky, state executive director of the USDA's Farm Service Agency in Kansas.

The meeting will be held at the Clarion Hotel, 530 Richards Drive, Manhattan, on Wednesday, Sept. 23, from 5-7 p.m.

Topics to be discussed at the meeting include provisions dealing with cropping history requirements, crop rotation practices,

contract incentives, program enrollment terms and the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) enrollment authority of 32 million acres established for the remainder of the 2008 Farm Bill.

"This workshop will be important to receive feedback about how USDA can make the Conservation Reserve Program more effective for producers as well as increase the environmental benefits of the program," said Polansky.

USDA will consider each comment received at the public meeting and during the comment period when preparing a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

This statement will help USDA decision-makers and the public with an analysis of the environmental benefits and potential impacts associated with implementing various changes to CRP consistent with the 2008 Farm Bill.

The Conservation Reserve Program is a voluntary program that supports the implementation of long-term conservation measures designed to improve the quality of ground and surface waters, control soil erosion, and enhance wildlife habitat on environmentally sensitive agricultural land.

In return, Commodity Credit Corporation provides participants

with rental payments and cost share assistance under contracts extending from 10 to 15 years.

Kansas currently has 3,098,401.6 acres enrolled on 49,443 CRP contracts. Of those, 8,640.5 acres are enrolled on 46 contracts under the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). Kansas has approximately 1.5 million acres expiring in the next three years.

Public comments are due by Oct. 19 to be considered in the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

Contact your local Farm Service Agency office for comment details.

Sign up continues for new farm program

Agriculture Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan said the U.S. Department of Agriculture began the continuous sign-up for the new Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) on Aug. 10 with the first sign-up period cutoff scheduled for Sept. 30.

The program is voluntary and encourages agricultural and forestry producers to maintain existing conservation activities and adopt additional ones on their operations.

"This program will help the nation's agricultural and forestry producers reach greater levels of conservation performance, which will help protect our land and water," Merrigan said. "The conservation benefits derived from maintaining and enhancing natural resources will improve the quality of soil and water, assist in addressing global climate change, and encourage environmentally responsible energy production."

Applying for the Conservation Stewardship Program

Agricultural and forestry producers must submit applications by Sept. 30 to be considered for funding in the first ranking period.

To apply for the newly revamped program, potential participants will be encouraged to use a self-screening checklist first to determine whether the new program is suitable for them or their operation. It will be available on NRCS Web sites and at NRCS field offices.

After self-screening, the producer's current and proposed conservation practices are entered in the conservation measurement tool. The tool will be completed with assistance from the NRCS field office staff. This tool estimates the level of environmental performance to be achieved by a producer implementing and maintaining conservation activity. The conservation performance estimated by the tool will be used to rank applications.

States will determine their own

priority resource concerns, one of the criteria that will be used to rank applications.

Eric B. Banks, Kansas NRCS State Conservationist, Salina, said priority resource concerns for agricultural land are soil quality, water quality, water quantity, plants, and animals (wildlife and domestic). The priority resource concerns for non-industrial private forestland are soil erosion, soil quality, water quality, plants, and animals (wildlife and domestic).

States will establish ranking pools to rank applications with similar resource concerns.

"In Kansas, based on recommendations received from the Kansas State Technical Committee, the state will be divided into three geographic ranking pools for agricultural land and one statewide ranking pool for non-industrial private forestland," said Banks. He further explained that these geographic ranking pools will align with the Kansas NRCS

administrative area boundaries.

The field staff also will conduct on-site field verifications of applicants' information obtained from the tool. Once the potential participant has been field verified and approved for funding, he or she must develop a conservation stewardship plan.

Eligibility
Eligible lands include cropland, pastureland, rangeland, non-industrial private forestland — a new land use for the program — and agricultural land under the jurisdiction of an Indian tribe.

Eligible applicants may include individual landowners, legal entities, and Indian tribes. The program will be offered to producers in all 50 states, District of Columbia, and the Pacific and Caribbean areas through continuous sign-ups.

For information about, including eligibility requirements, producers can visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/new_csp or visit their local NRCS field office.

Horticulture day set

What reliable guidelines can a homeowner follow in selecting bushes and other plants for their home lawn?

Are there proven principles of design and management to use that will help ensure that a home owner has a healthy, attractive home landscape?

Attend the 2009 Kansas State University Northwest Research-Extension Center's Horticulture Field Day on Wednesday, Sept. 2 in Colby, to learn principles of residential landscape design and the best use of bushes and other landscape plants from Cheryl Boyer, K-State Nursery Crops Production Specialist.

Boyer will also be available to discuss landscape design questions on a personal basis with those in attendance.

Additional presentations will cover turfgrass troubleshooting and management, tree care and tree species selection, and a review of 2009 annual and perennial flower variety trials at the Northwest Research Extension Center.

The Horticulture Field Day is free of charge, and begins with registration at 5:30 p.m. on the KSU-NWREC grounds.

For more information, please contact the main office at 785-462-6281.

•PUBLIC NOTICE•

UNITED NORTHWEST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION VS. MUREL BRADLEY SCHROEDER SHERRY LEA SCHROEDER KATTENBURG

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UNITED NORTHWEST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) Case No.)
MUREL BRADLEY SCHROEDER) 2008-)
SHERRY LEA SCHROEDER KATTENBURG) CV-17)
Defendants.)

NOTICE OF SALE

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS AND TO ALL PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED:

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me out of the District Court on Norton County, Kansas, in the above entitled action. I will on the 14th day of September, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M. of said day at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, offer at public sale and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, the following described real estate, to-wit:

A tract of land commencing at a point 115 feet North of the Southeast corner of Lot Four (4), Block Twenty (20) of Hillside Addition to the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, thence East 80 feet to the West line of North First Avenue, thence North along the West line of North First Avenue 68 feet 4 inches, thence West 179 feet, thence South 68 feet 4 inches, thence East 99 feet to the place of beginning, being a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE/4 SE/4) of Section Thirty-four (34), Township Two (2) South, Range Twenty-three (23) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian

The above described real estate is being sold as the property of Defendants, Murel Bradley Schroeder and Sherry Lea Schroeder-Kattenburg, and is directed by said Order of Sale to be sold, subject to the defendants' rights of redemption, and will be sold without appraisal to satisfy said Order of Sale.

Troy M. Thomson
Sheriff of Norton County, Kansas

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•PUBLIC NOTICE•

CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 11

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CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 11

A CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 14-201 ONLY AS IT RELATES TO SPECIFICATION OF CERTAIN SALARIES BY ORDINANCE, AND PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS ON THE SAME SUBJECT NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS:

Section 1: That the City of Norton, Kansas by power vested in it by Article 12, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, hereby elects to exempt itself from and make inapplicable to it certain provisions of K.S.A. 14-201 relating to the establishment of the salaries of the Municipal Judge, the Police Chief, the City Clerk, the City Attorney, and City Police Officers by Ordinance and hereby providing substitute and additional provisions as set forth herein. Such referenced statute is applicable to this City but not uniformly applicable to all cities.

Section 2. That the substitute and additional provisions shall provide that the salaries of the Municipal Judge, the Police Chief, the City Clerk, the City Attorney and City Police Officers shall be established by adoption of an annual Resolution or by establishment of Pay Ranges and Pay Scales as adopted in the annual City of Norton Employee Handbook and any amendments or additions thereto.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the Norton Telegram, the official City Newspaper.

Section 4. That this is a Charter Ordinance and shall take effect sixty-one (61) days after its final publication unless within 60 days of its final publication a Petition signed by a number of electors of the City of Norton, Kansas equal to not less than ten percent of the number of electors who voted at the last preceding regular city election shall be filed in the Office of the City Clerk of Norton, Kansas demanding an election on the Charter Ordinance, in which case the Charter Ordinance shall become effective only if and when approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Body by not less than two-thirds of the members elect voting in favor thereof on the 19th day of August, 2009.

/s/ David N. Corns, Mayor
Attest:
/s/ Darla R. Ellis, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF SALE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS)
OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS,) Plaintiff)
Case No. 2009-CV-14)

vs.)
Michael R. Barrett, et al.,) Defendants)

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under and by virtue of an order of sale issued to me out of the District Court of Norton County, Kansas, in the above entitled action, I will, on Tuesday, September 15, 2009, at ten o'clock (10:00) a.m. on said day, at the West door of the Norton County Courthouse in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, offer at public sale, and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all of the following described real estate situated in Norton County, Kansas, to-wit:

TRACT 2: Lot Fifteen (15) in Block "A" of Hood's Addition to the City of Lenora, Norton County, Kansas; Gerald Coffman and Karen E. Coffman P.O. Box 124 Lenora, KS 67645-0124; TRACT NO. 5771-00
Federal Tax Lien, Department of the Treasury-Internal Revenue Service

TRACT 3: Lot Two (2) in Block "F" of Hendrick's Addition to the City of Lenora, Norton County, Kansas; J.J. Cowell and H.R. Cowell; Karen Coffman, Gerald Coffman P.O. Box 124 Lenora, KS 67645-0124; TRACT NO. 5722-00
The Exchange Bank of Lenora, Kansas; The City of Lenora and J.J. Cowell and Hilda Cowell

TRACT 5: Lots Seven (7) and Eight (8) in Block Two (2) of Burwell's Second Addition to the City of Lenora, Norton County, Kansas; Janet Davidson 180 Garden Lane Salisbury, NC 28146-2301; TRACT NO. 5653-00

TRACT 6: South Half (S/2) of Lot Three (3) in Block "F" of Hendricks Addition to the City of Lenora, Norton County, Kansas; Janet L. Davidson 180 Garden Lane Salisbury, NC 28146-2301 TRACT NO. 5723-00

TRACT 7: Lot One (1) Hood's Addition to the City of Lenora, Norton County, Kansas, together with land reverting thereto under vacating Ordinance No. 165 of the City of Lenora, Kansas; Janet Davidson 180 Garden Lane Salisbury, NE 28146-2301 TRACT NO. 5780-00

TRACT 10: Lot Six (6) in Block One (1) of Burwell's Addition to the City of Lenora, Norton County, Kansas; Fannie E. Meyer Heitz; Vance Walker and Esther Walker P.O. Box 123 Lenora, KS 67645-012; TRACT NO. 5647-00
Fannie E. Heitz, Lenora, Kansas

TRACT 11: Lot Two (2) in Block Eighteen (18) of Hillside Addition to the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas; Tim Henry 906 West Street Norton, KS 67654; TRACT NO. 6580-00

TRACT 15: A tract of land described as commencing 60 rods South and 254 1/2 feet West of the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW/4 NE/4) of Section Three (3) in Township Three (3) South, Range Twenty-three (23) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Norton County, Kansas; running thence South 264 feet; thence West 42 1/2 feet; thence North 264 feet; thence East 42 1/2 feet to the place of beginning, said tract corresponding with the West 23 feet of Lot Three (3) and the East 19 1/2 feet of Lot Four (4), all in Block One (1) of Boddytown Addition to the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas; Scott McNamara 8 St Phillips Ct Worthington Road Littlehampton BN176JP West Sussex, UK 99999-0000 TRACT NO. 5960-01

TRACT 16: Lot Seven (7) in Block Four (4) in Hillside Addition to the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas; Doyle R. Nelsen and Linda S. Nelsen 130 West 18th Street Concordia, KS 66901-4824; TRACT NO. 6441-00
TMS Mortgage, Inc., d/b/a the Money Store Chase Manhattan Bank Delaware

TRACT 18: Lots Fifteen (15) and Sixteen (16), and the West 16 feet of vacant street adjacent on the East, in Block Six (6) of Purviance Addition to the City of Edmond, Norton County, Kansas; Margie Thacker Doug Pierce P.O. Box 262 Indianola, NE 69034-0262; TRACT NO. 5610-00

TRACT 20: Lots Seven (7), Eight (8) and Nine (9), in Block Two (2) of the Original Town of Alma, Norton County, Kansas; Howard N. Van De Wege 304 Van Horn Alma, KS 67622; TRACT NO. 5228-00
FIA Card Services, NA, a banking association, formerly known as MBNA America Bank, NA

TRACT 22: All that part of tract described as lying North of the C K & N Railway right-of-way (now C R I & P Railroad) beginning at the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter (SE/4 SW/4) of Section Thirty-five (35) Township Two (2) South, Range Twenty-three (23) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Norton County, Kansas, running thence North 13 chains 4 links to the railroad right-of-way, thence South 45° and West 2 chains and 4 links, thence West 8 chains and 74 links, thence South 12 chains and 61 links, thence East 10 chains and 18 links to the place of beginning, EXCEPT previously conveyed tracts as described, as follows: Warrant Deed executed by Lloyd William Muir and Bertha Muir, husband and wife, to the Kansas Pipe Line & Gas company, filed of record in Book 61 of Deed Records, page 527; Warranty Deed executed by Loren T. Thiele and Greta R. Thiele, husband and wife, to Elwood Roy Harshbarger and Carol Marie Harshbarger, husband and wife, filed of record in Book 21A of Records, pages 110-111; Warranty Deed executed by Roger E. Cooper and Gwendolyn R. Cooper, husband and wife to Robert D. Parker and Karen M. Parker, husband and wife, filed of record in Book 24A of Records, page 598; Warranty Deed executed by Seth Stafford Antrim, a single person, Betty Louise Reynard and Asa F. Reynard, wife and husband, Mary Ellen Thomas and Vergil C. Thomas, wife and husband, Seth R. Antrim and Ruby Antrim, husband and wife, John W. Antrim and Virginia W. Antrim, husband and wife, and Jo Ann Apple and Hugh Apple, wife and husband, to Michael R. Coffey and Monda K. Coffey, husband and wife, filed of record in book 25A of Records, pages 555-556; Warranty Deed executed by Keith L. Palmgren and Mary A. Palmgren, husband and wife, to Steve C. Hoyt, a single person, filed of record in Book 89A of Records, page 205; and Warranty Deed executed by Karla M. Anderson, an unmarried person, to Karla M. Anderson, Trustee of the Revocable Inter Vivos Trust of Karla M. Anderson, dated January 29, 1997, and ALSO EXCEPTING land taken for public road or street purposes. (Being a triangular tract being approximately 227 feet by 135 feet by 222 feet, more or less.); Sandra L. Young 709 North York Avenue Oberlin, KS 67749-1523; TRACT NO. 7265-02

TRACT 23: Lot Six (6) in Block Eight (8) in New Almelo, Norton County, Kansas; Ruth Austerman; Marion A. Otter and Marilyn F. Otter, Trustees of the Marion A. Otter Trust dated May 8, 1995 HC 1, Box 170 Clayton, KS 67629-9801; TRACT NO. 0414-00

TRACT 26: A tract of land described as commencing at a point 87 feet West of the Northeast corner of Lot One(1), Block Five (5) of High School Addition to the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, thence West 53 feet parallel with Wilberforce Street, thence South 75 feet, thence East 53 feet, thence North 75 feet to the point of beginning, the same being the West 53 feet of Lot One (1) and the West 53 feet of the North Half (N/2) of Lot Two (2) in Block Five (5) of High School Addition to the City of Norton, North County, Kansas; Steve L. Johnson 406 West Wilberforce Norton, KS 67654 TRACT NO. 6378-0

THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE is taken as property of the respective defendants designated herein as the owners thereof and is to be sold and will be sold without appraisal or redemption to satisfy said order of sale and the respective adjudged liens thereon.

WITNESS MY HAND at Norton, Kansas, this 13th day of August, 2009.
Troy M. Thomson, Sheriff, Norton County, Kansas

•PUBLIC NOTICE•

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAROLD W. COCHRAN, DECEASED

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Estate of HAROLD W. COCHRAN, Deceased Case No. 2009-PR-26

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that on August 18, 2009, the last Will and Testament of Harold W. Cochran dated October 9, 1996, was admitted to probate and record in this Court and Sheila Walker was appointed as executrix without bond.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their

demands against the estate within the later of four months from the date of first publication of this notice, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonable ascertainable, thirty days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands, are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS HOUGHTON, DECEASED

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS HOUGHTON, DECEASED
Case No. 2008-PR-39

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Patricia Wallace, duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the Estate of Thomas Houghton, Deceased, praying that her acts be approved; that her account be settled and allowed, that the will be construed and the estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; that fees and expenses be allowed; that the costs be determined and ordered paid; that the administration of the estate be closed;

that the Administrator be discharged and that she be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before Tuesday, the 8th day of September, 2009, at 9:30 o'clock A.M. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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