



# JEWELL COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Do you have a computer? Do you get online? Information from the Jewell County Conservation District and NRCS are at your fingertips! The District maintains the website at: [www.jwcoconservation.com](http://www.jwcoconservation.com)

Take a look at the website and you will find the following pages:

**Home:** with information about the District and Board of Supervisors, as well as, links to other useful websites. From this page you can download the most current newsletter with a click.

**Contacts:** email addresses for the NRCS and District staff.

**State Cost-Share:** information about Water Resource and NPS cost share.

**Rentals/Products:** lists of equipment you can rent or borrow through the District and products that can be obtained, such as grass seed and marking flags.

**Events:** pictures of the most current events happening with us, such as... Annual Meetings, tree plantings, and other student activities that we sponsor.

**Dates/Deadlines:** Dates for Board meetings, cost share sign-ups and seeding.

**Contractors:** lists of contractors assisting Jewell County producers... CRP Maintenance, CRP Burns, Heavy Equipment Operators, Pasture Clearing, Tree Removal, Tree Planting, Environmental Excavation, Plumbing, and Pipelines.

**Link to Forms:** click on a link to download a form. Forms available at this time are: Power of Attorney, Direct Deposit, EQIP or WHIP Control of Land Certification.

**Take Care of Your Onsite  
Wastewater Treatment System**

By Sherry Koster, County Sanitarian

Your onsite wastewater treatment system represents a significant investment which you will want to protect, "an ounce of protection is worth a pound of cure" was never more true than it is with onsite system care. With proper operation and regular maintenance, your system will function better and last longer. Committing a little attention to the care of your system is the best way to avoid the nightmare of a failing system. Read and follow the Dos and Don'ts for trouble free operation.

**DO:**

- Conserve water to reduce the amount of wastewater that must be treated and disposed.
- Repair any leaking faucets and toilets.
- Only discharge biodegradable wastes into your system.
- Restrict garbage disposal use.
- Divert down spouts and other surface water away from your drainfield.
- Keep your septic tank cover accessible for tank inspections and pumping.
- Have your septic tank pumped regularly and checked for leaks and cracks.
- Call a professional when you have problems.
- Compost your garbage or put it in the trash.

**DON'T:**

- Flush disposable diapers, wipes, sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms and such products into your system.
- Dump solvents, oils, paints, thinners, disinfectants, pesticides or poisons down the drain which can disrupt the treatment process and contaminate groundwater.
- Dig in your drainfield or build anything over it.
- Plant anything over your drainfield except grass.
- Drive over your drainfield or compact the soil in any way.
- Physically enter a septic tank or other parts of the treatment system...**EVER!**

**\*\*Safety First ! Call your service provider!\*\***

**BROME SEED IN STOCK**

We have bags of Brome seed in stock.  
Bags are 25 bulk pounds.  
Please call ahead!

***Jewell County Conservation District***  
has **EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE** for  
Jewell County residents and landowners.

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\$25.00 per day.

**ROOT PLOW**

Refundable deposit of \$50.00.

**TREE PLANTER AND TRAILER**

Deposit of \$50.00 with a \$25.00 refund.

**WEEDBARRIER MACHINE**

Deposit of \$50.00 with a \$25.00 refund.

*Refunds will be issued when equipment is  
returned on time, clean and undamaged.*

**ALSO AVAILABLE...**

- Purchase **Marking Flags**
- Purchase **Cable** (19 strand-twisted cable, 2-mile rolls) **Fencing & Fiberglass Posts**
- Order **Weedbarrier Fabric**
- Order **Native Grass and Forbs Seed**

*Contact Jan Boyles, 785-378-3961 to place orders.  
jan.boyles@ks.nacdn.net*

- **6 foot Grass Drill** for native grass and forbs seed only. Purchased by "Pheasants Forever ". Call Aaron Deters at "Wildlife and Parks" to schedule use. 785-545-3345

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22 fifth graders from Jewell/Randall and Rock Hills, 11 sixth graders from Rock Hills and 8 FFA/VoAg students from Jewell/Randall High School, along with teachers/sponsors: Joann Davis, Katie Whelchel, Barb Mizner and Karen Visser, planted 177 trees and laid weed barrier to establish 2 windbreaks at the Mike Bolte farm in southern Jewell County.

Also helping were Mike Waite-District Conservationist, Rick Gardner-Conservation Technician, Sherry Koster-County Sanitarian, Kathleen Thomas-Buffer Coordinator, Jan Boyles-District Manager, and Mike & Becky Bolte.



## W.R.A.P.S.

### Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies

The goal of WRAPS is to take actions to address issues and concerns to achieve long-term watershed goals. The goals are to restore the health to water and other natural resources that are downgraded, and to protect resources, which are currently in good condition, from further degradation.

At present, the ground-truthing of the targeted watershed areas in the Lower Republican/Milford Lake watershed has been completed. Eight townships in the east/southeast part of Jewell County are in these areas. W.R.A.P.S. meetings are scheduled periodically. We are asking that you become involved and help support and become active in the improvement and preservation of our water supply. Public participation is of great importance and appreciated. For information on scheduled meetings contact our Mankato office. #785-378-3961 or go to our Conservation District website.

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**jlwalker@nckcn.com**

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## CRP Maintenance

Producers need to check grass stands.

- 1) Grass stands not certified as established may need to be mowed after July 16th. This is to control weeds that are shading new grasses. Mow at 6-8 inches height.
- 2) Control all noxious weeds by spot spraying.

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**SERVICE**

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Box 323  
Mankato, KS 66956



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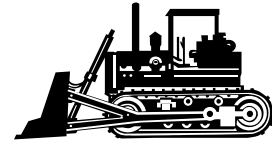
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Larry Miller at  
402-469-8509

# **Dunn's Grading**

*Deshler, NE*

*"In business since 1968"*

*Equipment inventory:*

**Cat D6R**

**2 Scrapers 621**

**2 Scrapers 627**

**Motor Grader 160 H Cat**

**New Backhoe 320 DL Cat**