

February 17th, 2010 KRVN Resource Report

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I'm Jo Siel, Information and Education Coordinator for the Lower Republican Natural Resources District in Alma, NE, and this is the Natural Resources Report.

Spring is on its way and with it a couple of annual programs offered by the Lower Republican NRD to assist the residents of our District. To begin with, our Tree Program is available for anyone in our District wishing to plant trees for windbreaks. Whether planting trees for livestock protection in the open range, control of blowing soil, or wind protection around a feedlot or your home, the Lower Republican NRD offers cost share for the purchase and planting of these trees. Local Natural Resources Conservation Service offices will be accepting orders for machine plant trees until the first Friday in March and hand-plants until the second Friday in March for this spring's planting. Staff in these offices can assist with tree species recommendations, a planting plan, and schedule your tree planting.

Also offered by the Lower Republican NRD this spring are post high school scholarships. Two \$1,000.00 scholarships are available to first, second, and third year college students. Applicants must attend college in Nebraska and be registered to attend their college of choice. Permanent residence in the Lower Republican NRD is also required along with plans to major in a natural resources related field – for example: forestry, park management, agronomy, or agri-business. Applications and additional information regarding these scholarships are available at the Lower Republican NRD office in Alma, high schools within the District, and at colleges within Nebraska. Applications are also available on our website at www.lrnrd.org. The deadline to apply for this year's scholarships is April 1st.

Thank you for listening. This is Jo Siel, keeping you informed about your natural resources. Protecting Lives, Protecting Property, Protecting the Future.