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Tire tank demo offered June 17

TRIBUNE STAFF REPORT

Area residents who are looking for cost-saving ideas to help provide water to their livestock, are invited to a tire tank installation demonstration.

According to a press release from Kansas State Watershed Specialist Herschel George, the Marmaton Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS), Bourbon County Conservation District, Bourbon County K-State Research and Extension office and Bourbon County Farm Bureau will be sponsoring a hands-on demonstration that will show residents how to convert a heavy equipment tire to a livestock tank at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17.

Residents who are interested in attending the demonstration should travel west of the Fort Scott Airport to 160th Road and one half mile south. The entrance into the pasture is one-half mile west and one-half mile south of "Walkertown" on 165th and Indian Road.

Not only do tire tanks help save money, but they also have a longer life span than traditional galvanized tanks, according to the press release.

"That morning we will discuss the process of cutting and leveling the tire, the installation of the water and discharge lines," the press release said. "We will then prepare the bottom of the tank; the tank will be concreted in place and filled with water. The concrete will need to cure for two weeks before the new float valve will be placed into the pipe going through the concrete floor of the tank. Until then, an alternative float will be installed to allow the tank to operate."

According to the press release, no reservations are needed to attend the event, which should be concluded at approximately 10 a.m., and attendees will receive instruction sheets to aid them in the installation of their own tire tanks.

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