

**New flood maps for Lyon County have been released by FEMA.** These are working maps that have gone effective as of **FEBRUARY 20, 2008.** Lyon County is currently using these maps. There have been changes so please contact the Floodplain Management office with any questions.

The Hartford levee is still in the process of being corrected by the US Army Corps of Engineers from Tulsa District, FEMA and The Kansas Division of Water Resources.

Since the April 17, 2007 feasibility study workshop concerning the John Redmond Dam and Reservoir at the Lyon County Fairgrounds. The Lyon County Floodplain Manager has attended several meetings that are and will address these issues. This office will continue its role as a member of the Stakeholder Leadership Team for the Neosho Headwaters and John Redmond Dam and Reservoir Water Restoration and Protection Strategies (WRAPS) Program. This group is made up of professionals and citizens that will gather information and make decisions in regards to this large issue. If you have questions about the feasibility study or the WRAPS program call 620-341-3471 or go to <http://www.kswraps.org> or <http://kwo.org> to learn more.

For some people the mandatory insurance requirements may change because of the new maps. This would only happen in areas where the flood zone changes to move closer to your home. To see how flood maps can change for your property in rural Lyon County make an appointment to see the maps by calling 341-3471.

If the new flood maps have affected your property consider buying flood insurance now. Buying flood insurance is vital to recovery from a disaster. Call your local agent for a quote or go to <http://www.floodsmart.gov> for an estimate.

**\$\$\$ MONEY SAVING TIP!!!** You may qualify for a Preferred Rate Policy (PRP) depending on the location of your home.

**\$\$\$Discount\$\$\$:** Rural Lyon County residents now qualify for a **5% discount** off your premium (effective date was October 1, 2007). This is due to the work done by Steve Samuelson in the Consumer Rating System (CRS) to achieve a Class 9 rating. We are in the process of applying for a Class 8 rating this year.

Check out this link to pictures in Coffeyville, KS, they didn't think they would flood either. A majority of these homes were in the 500 year floodplain and did not have flood insurance. We can also see that with the Midwest flooding in 2008 that less than 9% of the people had flood insurance



