



Students and teachers could both be found at school last week getting ready for the big day — Back To School. Parents helped their children (above) put away school supplies in Sally Clydesdale's second grade class during Eisenhower Elementary's open house Thursday. Last Tuesday Lenora Elementary teachers could also be found preparing. Diana Ambrosier (left), the fifth and sixth grade teacher, stapled decorations on her room's bulletin board.

— Telegram photos by Veroncia Monier and Carolyn Plotts

# Some crops may be helped by rain

By VERONICA MONIER  
Even with all of the rain Norton County has received over the past week, it may be too late for some crops.  
County Extension Director Keith VanSlike said crops in the field now are corn, sunflowers, soybeans, alfalfa, canola and a variety of grain and forage sorghums.  
He said corn had the hardest time with the early and mid-summer heat during pollination. Because of the stress, the problems he's seen are poor pollination and poor ear filling.  
"The rain will be a help to what's

there," he said. "But, it won't do much for what's damaged."  
Mr. VanSlike said he knew of several people who were going to cut their corn early to use as silage because it didn't have good ears and was stressed.  
He said the soybeans were looking good. Some of the alfalfa might have gotten burned earlier this spring, he said, and it's trying to recover now.  
Sorghums and sunflowers aren't bothered by the heat, he said.  
The rain is really a plus, he said, for planting fall alfalfa. The August rain average is up from pre-

vious years, and that is going to help.  
It will also be beneficial for the upcoming wheat seeding.  
Mr. VanSlike said sorghum, forage and corn used for silage, and cane feed will probably be cut within the next month.  
Regular crops of corn and sorghum, as well as soybeans and the last cutting of alfalfa, should be cut sometime in late September or early October.  
The forecast for more rain is good. The National Weather Service is predicting a chance of rain all week, with gradually rising temperatures.



Gil Otter talked with members of the Norton County Family and Community Education Council as they look over one of the new stoves Mr. Otter helped install at the 4-H Building. Hidden behind Mr. Otter is Ruth Lofgreen; center, Alberta Metheny; right, Dolores Fitzmaurice.  
— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## 4-H Building gets two new stoves

There might be somthin' cooking' at the Norton County 4-H Building. And, if there is, it is cooking on one of two new stoves installed in the kitchen right before this year's county fair.

The Norton County Family and Community Education Council donated \$400 towards the purchase of the stoves. The remainder of the money came from the George Jones Estate. A portion of his estate had been set aside for the maintenance of the 4-H Building.

Women of Norton county units have contributed pies, worked at auctions and other fund raisers over the years to help raise the money needed for new stoves.

The old, iron gas range was more than 50 years old. It had been donated by the Norton County Farm Bureau Association, but was considered unsafe to operate.

Gil Otter, along with county agent Keith VanSlike, picked up the stoves from KowPoke Supply where they were purchased and delivered them to the 4-H Build-

ing on July 18. Garrett Plumbing Heating and Electric Company installed the two, 220 volt outlets needed for the appliances.

Betty Harper, president of the council, said the new stoves are a wonderful update to the kitchen at the much-used building.

## Congressman to answer questions by call-ins on public television

Viewers of Smoky Hills Public Television, Channel 3, have a chance to talk with Congressman Jerry Moran at 8 p.m. Tuesday when the station presents "A Conversation with Jerry Moran."

The live call-in program will be hosted by Dr. Richard Heil, chairman of the political science department at Fort Hays State University, with John Montgomery, editor and publisher of the *Hays Daily News*, as the press representative.

Rep. Moran, who recently finished his annual "Listening Tour" of Kansas' 1st Congressional District, expects to discuss issues raised during the tour. These include high energy prices, difficulties in the agricultural sector and health care costs, said a spokesperson from the congressman's Washington office.

Mr. Moran is a senior member of the House Agriculture Commit-

tee and chairman of the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. He also is a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure and the Veterans' Affairs committees.

Rep. Moran helps lead congressional caucuses and coalitions, including the Rural Health Care Coalition, the Congressional Caucus to Fight and Control Methamphetamine and the National Guard-Reserve Components Caucus.

Through his work with the rural health coalition, Mr. Moran has led the fight to save rural hospitals and sponsored legislation to bring more doctors to rural areas. His efforts to boost Medicare payments for small, rural hospitals earned him recognition from the National Rural Health Association.

Congressman Moran's "Big First" district covers 69 of Kansas' 105 counties.

*Smoky Hills Public Television serves 70 counties in Kansas and one in Nebraska. For information, go to [www.shptv.org](http://www.shptv.org).*

## Ethanol plant to be built northeast of Phillipsburg

Prairie Horizon Agri-Energy has gathered the \$19 million in pledges it needs to build an ethanol production plant in Phillipsburg.

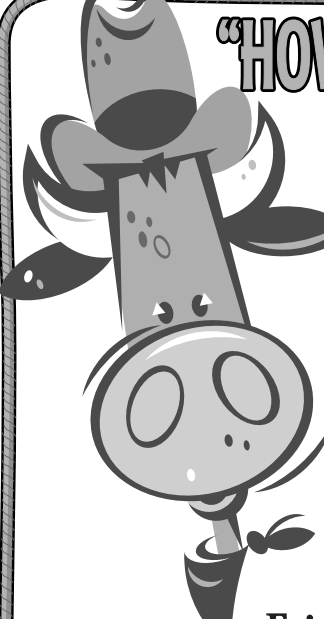
The company will be constructing a 40 million gallon per year ethanol plant one half mile northeast of Phillipsburg.

ICM, Colwich, will design and help with construction of the plant. Bankers Bank of Wichita will provide the financing. The total project cost will be about \$56.40 million.

The plant will use more than 15 million bushels of corn and milo annually, producing fuel grade ethanol. The plant will also pro-


duce 125,000 tons of distiller's grain as a co product.

The ground breaking ceremony has been scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the construction site.



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