



Judge Debra Anderson (above) swore in the executive board of the Norton County Extension Council at its annual meeting last Monday. Members of the board are, from left, front row: Dave Donovan, Shannon Esslinger, Patsy Maddy and

Sara Campbell; back row: Chad Brooks, Stuart Brooks, Darrel Barnett and Lacey Smith. Dave Donovan (below) presented Phyllis Harting with the council's appreciation award.

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Extension council holds annual meeting

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sumer education and 4-H clubs.

Brian Olson, representing the director of extension, described the voting process for the Executive Board elections.

Newly elected members of the 2007 executive board were sworn in by Judge Anderson. They were David Donovan, chairman; Patsy Maddy, vice-chairman; Lacey Smith, secretary; Sue Hillebrand, treasurer; and Stuart Brooks, Chad Brooks, Sara Campbell, Darrel Barnett and Shannon Esslinger, directors of the board.

The 2007 members of the Extension Council are:

- Agriculture Program Committee — Chris Tanner, Dan Skrdlant, Chad Brooks, Stuart Brooks, Chris Cuthbertson and Brandon Schulze;
- Family and Consumer Sciences Program Committee — Joy Johnson, Patsy Maddy, Gloria Zwickle, Sue Ann Skrdlant, Lisa Donovan and Lacey Smith;
- 4-H Youth and Development

Program Committee — Kara Miller, Darrel Barnett, Shannon Esslinger, Jeremiah Stark, Sue Hillebrand and Dave Donovan; and

• Economic Development Program Committee — Scott Sproul, Kim Wicker, Patty Newell, Cindy Linner, Sara Campbell and Kathy Zimmerman.

Retiring members of the 2006 Norton County Extension Council are Eric Thompson, Spencer Braun, Michelle Bohl, Alice Barnett, Levonne Otter, Brenda Mann and Becky Smith.

The 2006 Norton County Extension Council Appreciation Award was given. The award is sponsored and selected by Norton County Extension Executive Board and given to an individual or couple who have provided long term leadership and contribution to the Extension Council of Norton County. It is usually awarded at the annual meeting of the council.

Phyllis Harting has served the extension program and people of



Norton County in a variety of ways. She has been a volunteer 4-H leader, parent and provided leadership with the local Family and Community Education units with a variety of projects and programs over the years. Ms. Harting has served a total of 10 years on the Extension Council Family Consumer Sciences program committee and six years on the 4-H and Youth program committee, providing volunteer time and her expertise in leadership. Phyllis has

always offered her creativity and energy.

Her children, grandchildren and now great-grandchildren are involved in a variety of ways with the 4-H youth and related Extension activities.

Transportation department accepting grant requests

The Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) Office of Public Transportation is accepting grant requests for state fiscal year 2008 to help meet the needs of elderly persons, persons with disabilities and the general public.

Grants are being made available under the federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). In addition, KDOT is accepting requests for state funding made available under the Comprehensive Transportation Program (CTP) for rural transportation providers.

Under statutory authority 49 U.S.C. No. 5310, money is made available for the purchase of vehicles and equipment for services to the elderly and persons with disabilities. Eligible applicants for 49 U.S.C. No. 5310 grant funds from the Federal Transit Administration must be private, non-profit organizations that have been incorporated and registered with the Kansas Secretary of State to do business in Kansas.

Statutory authority 49 U.S.C. No. 5311 provides operating assistance and/or vehicles for transportation services to the elderly, persons with disabilities, and the general public. Applicants for a 49 U.S.C. No. 5311 grant must be local units of government, Indian

tribes, private non-profit organizations or private operators contracting through any of these parties. Applicants for Section 5311 money must also be registered with the Kansas Secretary of State to do business in Kansas. All applicants must be active members of their local Coordinated Transit District (CTD) in order to receive federal and/or state transit funding.

A total of approximately \$1.1 million in 49 U.S.C. No. 5310 and \$8.1 million in 49 U.S.C. No. 5311 grants will be available. State grants in the amount of \$2.46 million for rural transit providers are available for state fiscal year 2008 for those who are currently in the 49 U.S.C. No. 5310 or 49 U.S.C. No. 5311 program or are eligible to be in either of those programs.

Applications must be returned to KDOT on or before Jan. 31, 2007. Persons interested in applying should download the appropriate application from the KDOT website at the following location: www.ksdot.org/burtransplan/pubtrans/index.asp

The completed application should be mailed to: Kansas Department of Transportation, Office of Public Transportation, Dwight D. Eisenhower State Office Building, 700 SW Harrison St., 2nd Floor (Planning), Topeka, KS 66603-3754.

Regional meeting to be Wednesday

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is hosting a series of eight Regional Transportation Workshops across the state in coming weeks. These workshops are an important step in developing the long-range plan to meet the state's future transportation needs and priorities.

A Regional Transportation Workshop will be held Wednesday at the Holiday Inn in Hays.

The workshop is made up of two sessions. The first session, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. covers aviation, transit, rail, state highways, local

roads, bike and pedestrian transportation. The afternoon session, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., focuses on highways. KDOT has invited city and county officials, legislators, economic development representatives, manufacturers, shippers, state agencies, representatives of rail, freight, transit and aviation, along with numerous interest groups to participate in the meetings.

For more information please contact Kyle Schneweis at 785-296-0293 or Maggie Thompson at 785-296-5613.

Holiday shopping going well for merchants

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crophones and stands. ThunderChord Guitars will be sponsoring a Country Christmas Concert on Dec. 21 at East Campus. He said there will be a lot of good, local talent performing and admission is free.

Steve Streck, Hall's Clothing, said sales are going well. He said

they've been busy and have sold a lot of insulated bibs with the weather turning colder.

Patty Newell, Moffet Drugs, said, "It's going well!" She said they are selling a lot of Chicken Poop, the "coolest chapstick ever!" Really, she said, they are selling a little bit of everything.

Russ Erbert, Russ' Jewelry,

said everything is really good so far. "People are optimistic. The day after Thanksgiving was phenomenal." November, he said, was really good and December should be great as well. He said they are generally selling a lot of diamonds and custom, one-of-a-kind pieces. He said a custom designer will be in town on Dec. 14.

Norton Schools

Staff Spotlight

Classified Employee



Barb Smith

Mrs. Barb Smith is a cook at the Eisenhower Elementary School. She has been employed by USD 211 12 years and all of these years have been at EES. She and her husband Wayne have three grown sons and three grandchildren. Her favorite pastime is keeping up with her grandchildren and her flower garden. What she likes most about her job is being around the kids.

Certified Employee



Valerie Lee

Miss Valerie Lee is the vocal music teacher in the Norton Junior and Senior High Schools. She is a graduate of the University of Nebraska at Kearney and is working on a Master's Degree at Wichita State University. She is in her fourth year of teaching, all in Norton. Miss Lee lists her favorite pastimes as scrapbooking, cooking and music. Her favorite thing about her job is seeing the growth her students make over the year, both in music and as people.

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