

Livestockers can apply for indemnity program

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said eligible ranchers and livestock producers can continue to apply for benefits under the provisions of the Livestock Indemnity Program in the 2008 Farm Bill.

"This program will provide livestock producers with a vital safety net to help them overcome the damaging financial impact of natural disasters," said Vilsack.

The Livestock Indemnity Program provides assistance to producers for livestock deaths that result from disaster. Using funds from the Agricultural Disaster Relief Trust Fund established under section 902 of the Trade Act of 1974, the program is administered by the United States Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency.

The program compensates live-

stock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to hurricanes, floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires, extreme heat and extreme cold. Eligible losses must have occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2008, and before Oct. 1, 2011.

The following table provides the final dates to file a notice of loss and/or application for payment for either 2008 or 2009 livestock losses.

Date of Livestock Death	Final Date to File a Notice of Loss	Final Date to Submit an Application for Payment
Calendar Year 2008	Sept. 13, 2009	Sept. 13, 2009
Calendar Year 2009	Sept. 13, 2009	Jan. 1, 2009 to July 12, 2009

Sept. 13, 2009
Jan. 30, 2010
July 13, 2009 to Dec. 31, 2009
30 days after death is apparent
Jan. 30, 2010

Specific provisions for the other supplemental agricultural disaster assistance programs authorized by the 2008 Act — the Livestock Forage Disaster Program, the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program, the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish and the Tree Assistance Program — will be implemented through separate rule makings and announced at a later date.

For more information on available supplemental disaster assistance programs, please visit your FSA county office or www.fsa.usda.gov/.

Entries sought for program

Entries are being sought for the 2009 President's Environmental Youth Awards, which recognize individuals, school classes (kindergarten through high school) and youth organizations for protecting our nation's air, water and land.

The program, which honors a variety of environmental projects developed by students, is open to students in Iowa, Kansas, Mis-

souri and Nebraska through Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 in Kansas City.

The program has two components: The regional certificate program and the regional award winner. Regional certificates are awarded by each of the regional offices of the Environmental Protection Agency. Each regional office also selects one first-place project as its regional award win-

ner, and the sponsor and winner of that award travel to Washington, D.C., to receive their award.

Projects must be postmarked by Dec. 31. Program guidelines, eligibility information and applications are available online at www.epa.gov/enviroed/peya/index or by contacting Denise Morrison toll-free, 1-800-223-0425. Regional award winners will be notified in January.

Council

(Continued from Page 1) the well is capped. The council discussed the issue, deciding to wait to see what the output of the other wells would be before deciding to cap one.

Lawson said the uranium test came back ok and fewer tests will be done in the future.

In other council business: • Jeff Otter reported on the last public safety committee meeting. He said Norton Fire Chief Mitch Jones said they had taken one fire call and two rescue calls.

The department was also involved in fire prevention week, the Halloween Parade and Wiener Roast and the Veterans Day Parade.

The property at 408 S. State was cleaned up early last week. The property owners will be billed for the cleanup.

Otter said there has been a complaint regarding the size of

parking spaces on Kansas Ave. He said they can enlarge the spaces, but a couple of spaces would be lost on each block.

He discussed a proposal from Shawn Mortensen to rent space to the police department. Police Chief Pat Morel said another building would better fit their needs. It would cost an estimated \$28,000 and would need upgrades. No decision was made during the council meeting.

Otter also said Judge Jerry Hawks requested a raise for himself as well as the county clerk. The issue will be taken up at the next finance committee meeting.

• Toby Kuhn reported on the last finance committee meeting. He said utility rates were discussed. They also spoke to Attorney Karen Griffiths regarding problems with the purchase of a sludge truck.

The committee is also reviewing the city administrator's contract. Kuhn said there were no recommendations at this time.

Kuhn also reported on discussion with Norton Correctional Facility regarding having an inmate crew work for the city. Discussion is continuing.

Kuhn asked Lawson about projected deficits for 2010. Discussion will take place in December.

• Lawson also reported on the Elmwood Park restrooms, saying they should be done this week.

The next finance committee meeting will be held Nov. 30 at 5:30 p.m. with the utility meeting following. The next city council meeting will be held Dec. 2 at 5:30 p.m. All meetings are held in the city office, 301 E. Washington, and are open to the public.

Christmas

(Continued from Page 1) \$145,930 stay in Norton due to this promotion last year, and we are hoping to match or better that this year."

Last year's big winner was Wanda Stephenson, Norton with \$1,000. Lari Ann Nickeil and Leslie Pfannenstiel both won \$100. There were ten \$50 instant winners.

Be sure to check your ticket numbers against those numbers found in the sponsor's ads on the Christmas On Us page every Tuesday through Dec. 8. The \$50 instant ticket winners will have six days to claim their prize, redeemable at The Norton Telegram

Office. The Grand Prize drawing will be held at the Norton Senior Center Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. All prizes will be in the form of scrip money, spendable only at the participating Christmas On Us sponsors.

Participating sponsors have their posters in their windows, their tickets ready to give out and collections boxes. The tickets are picked up every Monday.

Each \$10 purchase earns you a ticket which in turn earns you a chance to win big. The Norton Telegram office will comply with promotion rules by giving tickets away without a purchase.

The rules are the same as last

year. You must be 18 years old to participate, you must be present at the drawing with winning ticket in hand to claim prizes. By claiming a prize winners agree to have their picture taken by The Telegram staff to be published in the newspaper.

Sponsors for this year's Christmas On Us are: Ag Valley Coop, both the elevator and the station, Kellie's Inc., Rural Tel/Nex Tech, Sander Furniture and Gifts as well as their downtown Ashley store, Mainstreet IGA, Destination Kitchen, Stitch Up A Storm, Mortensen Computer Services and Engel's Sales and Service Center.

Budget

(Continued from Page 1) He also reported on the Long Island facility, saying the roof repairs have been completed, and the investigation regarding the break-in is continuing.

• The board discussed the yearbook bill from Jostens, totalling \$ 10,503.04. The bill is due to decreased yearbook sales since 2005. A motion was made to pay the bill. Vote taken, motion passed.

• A motion was made to deny a request for a Northern Valley bus to transport a student to meet a Norton bus. The request was for the student to attend school in Norton. Vote taken, motion passed.

• Robbie Griffiths thanked the board for allowing her to change positions and reported on projects her language arts classes have been working on.

• Verlaine Schooler presented a

NEO Micro Computer. Students take accelerated reading tests on the computers, and they can also practice their spelling.

• Rayleen Shelton reported on the distribution and usage of the 55 new computers which were purchased. She also reported on the TV channel. Her communication class manages the station. In Almena, it broadcasts on Nex Tech channel 17, and in Long Island on channel 663.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Norton High School
Saturday
Sub-State Football
Monday
A.P. Turkey Skit Practice
7 p.m. FFA PALS Party
7 p.m. All-League Football Selection Meeting at Plainville

Tuesday
7:30 a.m. Jay Singers
7:45 a.m. Turkey Skit Practice
3 p.m. Turkey Skit, Stull Gym
A.P. Forensics Meeting
7:30 p.m. FFA Meeting
Wednesday through Friday
NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Break

Saturday
1 p.m. State Football at Gowan Stadium, Hutchinson

Junior High School
Monday
5:30 p.m. Basketball vs Wa-Keeney (H)
Wednesday through Friday
NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Break
School Menus
High School/Junior High school

Monday
Breakfast: Breakfast pocket, fruit or juice OR assorted cereal, toast, jelly and milk

Lunch: Turkey with dressing, whipped potatoes and gravy, corn, hot roll, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, milk. No chef salad.

Tuesday
Breakfast: French toast with syrup, fruit or juice OR assorted

cereal, toast, jelly and milk.
Lunch: Cheese pizza, combo salad, bread sticks, fruit OR chef salad and milk

Wednesday through Friday
NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Break
Eisenhower Elementary
Monday
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, rosy applesauce, milk, orange juice.

Lunch: Sloppy Joe, homemade bun, corn, tater tots, banana spears, milk.

Tuesday
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, ham, pears, milk, grape juice.

Lunch: Peanut butter and honey sandwich, cottage cheese, warm peas, celery stick, mandarin oranges, milk.

Wednesday through Friday
NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Break
Northern Valley
Monday
TBD HS dance team practice
8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Mentoring Meeting at Hays
1 p.m. High School League Vocal Clinic at Almena

Wednesday through Friday
NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Break

Lunch Menus
Monday
Breakfast: Waffles with syrup, ham slice, scrambled egg, pineapple ring and assorted cold cereal.

Lunch: Ham and scalloped potatoes, whole wheat roll, buttered

broccoli, apple crisp.

Tuesday
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, hashbrowns, sliced peaches, assorted cold cereal.

Lunch: Pizzawich, French fries, buttered corn, peach half.

Wednesday through Friday
NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Break



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