

# USDA welcomes grant applications

United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development State Director Patty Clark announced the agency is accepting applications for grants to help low and very-low-income rural residents repair their homes. United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant Program provides financial assistance to sponsoring organizations to assist in the repair and/or rehabilitation of single-family and rental residences located in rural communities.

"The availability of affordable housing in our rural areas continues to be a major factor which contributes to economic development. Many times, with certain repairs, existing rural homes can continue to be a valuable asset to Kansas families and their communities," Clark said.

United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development's Housing Preservation Grant Program can ultimately provide financial assistance to eligible owners to make necessary repairs

to these homes."

Grants can be used to weatherize and repair existing structures, install or improve plumbing or provide access to people with disabilities.

Eligible sponsors who would administer the grant funds can include state agencies, units of local government, Native American tribes and nonprofit organizations. The Agency's Housing Preservation Grant Program can also provide assistance to rental property owners to repair and/or rehabilitate their units providing the owners agree to make such units available to very-low and low-income families. United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development's Housing Preservation Grant Program provides assistance to residential projects located in communities with a maximum population of 20,000.

United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development may award up to \$10 million in competitive grants through this notice. The grants to be awarded

are part of United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development's annual budget and are not funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Applications are due by the close of business June 28. Applications may be accessed electronically at <http://www.grants.gov>.

United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development fosters growth in homeownership, finances business development and supports the creation of critical community and technology infrastructure. For further information on rural programs, interested parties may call the agency's state headquarters at 785-271-2700 or log onto the state's United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Web site at: [www.rurdev.usda.gov](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov).

## City

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Mayor David Corns will appoint someone to fill Leroux's seat.

Ward III is everything south of

W. Woodsfield and west of Second Street, going west to West Avenue then north to Highway 36, then west to the west city limit, then south to the south city limit, then

east to State Street, then north on State Street to W. Washington, then west to S. Second Street and north to W. Woodsfield.

## EMS

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Medical Services, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, First Aid and other related classes.

Norton's new ambulance station is located on the west side of Norton, just south of Prairie Land Electric and west of Norton Sports Center on Road W1.

The new facility has office space, lots of garage room, storage and a community room. The community room can be used to host community training events and will seat 30 participants.

"Our response time has been quicker since the opening of the new facility, we now have three direct roads to Norton; Wash-

ington Street, Lincoln Street and Highway 36," said Schillig.

"We have had 172 calls so far this year, that amounts to about 1.3 calls per day," said Pomeroy.

A open house will be held on May 17 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., refreshments will be served. There will be booths for testing of blood sugar, blood pressure and other vital signs.

Tours will be available of the facility and the new ambulance that was purchased with grant money.

The open house will also celebrate National Emergency Medical Technician week of May 16 through May 22. Emergency

Medical Technician week was established to promote and inform the public about the many things that Emergency Medical Technicians do.

This year's motto is "EMS, Anytime. Anywhere. We'll be there."

"We are always looking for interested people who want to become an Emergency Medical Technician. Most of the successful people are Type A personalities," said Schillig.

"It takes all different kinds of people to become a successful Emergency Medical Technician," Pomeroy said.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Norton Community High School  
Monday, May 17  
Senior Finals  
A.P. - Jay Singers  
8:30 a.m. Regional Golf at Smith Center  
Tuesday, May 18  
Senior Finals  
7:30 a.m. Jay Singers  
6:30 p.m. Exhibit Night  
8 p.m. Spring Band Concert in Stull Gym  
Wednesday, May 19  
Senior Finals  
12:30 p.m. Senior Meal/Commencement practice/check-out  
A.P. - S.A.C.  
2:45 p.m. Senior Awards and Scholarship Assembly  
5 p.m. Site Council  
Thursday, May 20  
Senior Make-Up Day and Check Out  
7:30 a.m. Jay Singers  
7:45 a.m. S.I.T.  
A.P. - KAYS  
2 p.m. Spring Awards Assembly  
Friday, May 21  
8:20 a.m. Senior breakfast and commencement practice  
Library items due  
Regional track meet at Smith Center  
Sunday, May 23  
Norton Community High School commencement at Stull Gym at 2:30 p.m.  
Norton Junior High School  
Monday, May 17  
A.P. - Track awards assembly  
Wednesday, May 19  
5:30 p.m. Site council  
Friday, May 21  
Library items due  
Eisenhower Elementary School  
Monday, May 17

5:30 p.m. Site Council  
Wednesday, May 19  
8:30 a.m. Grade 2 field trip to Hays  
Friday, May 21  
8:30 a.m. Grade 6 field trip to Hays  
Norton High and Junior High school menu  
Monday  
Breakfast: Breakfast round, fruit or juice, or cereal, toast w/ margarine and jelly, milk  
Lunch: Steak fingers, whipped potatoes with country gravy, carrots, hot roll w/margarine, peaches or chef salad, milk  
Tuesday  
Breakfast: Pancakes w/syrup, sausage links, fruit or juice or cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, milk  
Lunch: Chicken fajitas, lettuce and chopped tomato, onions and green peppers, french bread w/ margarine, fruit cup and oranges, or chef salad, milk  
Wednesday  
Breakfast: Biscuits w/sausage gravy, fruit or juice, or cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, milk  
Lunch: Hamburger on a bun, lettuce, tomato, dill pickles, french fries, s'mores snack treat, pears, or chef salad, milk  
Thursday  
Breakfast: Breakfast tornado, fruit or juice or cereal, toast w/ margarine and jelly, milk  
Lunch: Taco, lettuce, chopped tomato, cheese, refried beans, french bread w/margarine, pears, or chef salad, milk  
Friday (Senior Breakfast)  
Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, fruit or juice, or cereal, toast w/ margarine and jelly, milk  
Lunch: Sloppy joe on a bun, baked beans, carrots, apples and

peaches or chef salad, milk  
Eisenhower Elementary School  
Monday  
Breakfast: sausage gravy, biscuit, apple juice, milk  
Lunch: Corn dog, tater tots, pepper strips, fruit cocktail, cookie, milk  
Tuesday  
Breakfast: Banana bread, peaches, orange juice, milk  
Lunch: Chicken and noodles, whipped potatoes, green beans, mandarin oranges, cheese rolls, milk  
Wednesday  
Breakfast: Monkey bread, grape juice, milk  
Lunch: Sloppy joe, homemade bun, corn, tater tots, banana spears, milk  
Thursday  
Breakfast: Sausage patty with biscuit, apple juice, milk  
Lunch: Hamburger casserole, celery stick, pears, french bread, milk  
Friday  
Breakfast: Hot french toast, warm maple syrup, pears, orange juice, milk  
Lunch: Chicken supreme, green beans, baby carrots, fruit basket upset, milk  
Lenora Elementary  
Monday  
Breakfast: Ham, cinnamon roll, juice, milk  
Lunch: Hamburger gravy, potatoes, steamed carrots, banana bread, fruit cup, milk  
Tuesday  
Breakfast: Sausage patty, waffle, fruit, milk  
Lunch: Taco salad, lettuce, tomato cheese, 1/2 banana, milk  
Wednesday  
Breakfast: Sausage links, cof-

# Kid-Link program provides services to infants, toddlers

The Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas Kid-Link program provides a full range of early intervention services to infants and toddlers from birth through two years of age in their natural living environment.

Services are offered in Norton, Osborne, Phillips, Rooks, Russell and Smith counties. Early intervention services include but are not limited to: Family Service Coordination, Audiology, Assistive Technology, Occupation Therapy, Physical

Therapy, Social Work, Special Instruction, Speech-Language Therapy and Transportation.

These services are provided to infants and toddlers who have a diagnosed disability, are delayed in one or more developmental areas or are at risk of developmental delay.

The services are based on the needs of the child and with respect to the cultural, ethnic and racial heritage and beliefs of the family. Providing services in the home allows for a comfortable,

natural response and more family involvement.

Referrals can be made by any concerned person, including the parent or a community agency. Many referrals are the result of individual screenings or from collaborative interagency screening clinics. Individual screenings can be obtained by calling the Kid-Link office. For more information about Kid-Link call 785-425-6766.

Kid-Link is affiliated with the tiny k network of Kansas.

## School

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• Charlotte Stephenson reported on Norton Community High School Site Council activities.

• Garrett Beydler, applied technology representative, presented classes taught by the ag department.

He said Cody Cook received a \$1,000 FFA scholarship from Cargill.

He said Cargill also sent a \$200 check that they would like to give to the library.

• Principals Rudy Perez, Jeff Wallingford and Corey Roy distributed changes to the 2010/11 student handbook.

Adoption of the handbooks will be considered at the June meeting.

• A motion was made to join the Kansas Association of School Boards for the 2010/11 school year. Vote taken, motion passed.

Membership dues will be \$7,338.

• A motion was made to join KASB Legal Assistance Fund for the 2010/11 school year. Vote taken, motion passed.

The annual contract service fee will be \$1,400.

• A motion was made to waive fees and insurance requirements for building usage for the summer athletic activities sponsored by the Norton coaching staffs and conducted according to KSHSAA guidelines.

Vote taken, motion passed.

• Mann reported on current and past performances of high school students in language arts, math, science, social studies, applied technology and wellness.

He also presented information on ACT results.

• A motion was made to set the end-of-year meeting for June 30 at 7 a.m. at the Unified office.

Vote taken, motion passed.

• A motion was made to accept the resignation from Terry Hillman as Eisenhower Elementary School first grade teacher for purposes of retirement.

Vote taken, motion passed.

• A motion was made to accept the resignation of Linda Burge as Eisenhower Elementary School fifth and sixth grade computer technology teacher for purposes of retirement.

Vote taken, motion passed.

• A motion was made to accept the resignation of Nan Smith as Eisenhower Elementary School third grade teacher for purposes of retirement.

Vote taken, motion passed.

• A motion was made to accept the resignation of Regina Stark as Norton Community High School FACS teacher for purposes of retirement.

Vote taken, motion passed.

• A motion was made to accept the resignations of Wade Church as junior high/high school technology and high school drafting teacher, Mirla Coleman as

Norton Community High School KAY sponsor and Trudy Stockham as Norton Community High School assistant KAY sponsor. Vote taken, motion passed.

• A motion was made to approve Jeremy Hawks for the curriculum/accreditation/wellness director position for the 2010/11 school year.

Vote taken, motion passed.

• A motion was made to accept the supplemental assignments for 2010/11 as presented.

Vote taken, motion passed.

• A motion was made to offer contracts to certified staff for 2010/11 who have not resigned.

Vote taken, motion passed.

• A motion was made to offer work agreements to current classified staff who have not resigned.

Vote taken, motion passed.

• A motion was made to accept the donation of \$5,276.85 from the Norton Rotary Club for the purchase of a Sure Sight Vision machine.

Vote taken, motion passed.

• A motion was made to accept the \$200 donation from Cargill to be used in the library.

Vote taken, motion passed.

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