

# Grant goes to rural fire district

The Solomon Valley Rural Fire District announced they are the recipients of a \$5,224 DuPont Pioneer grant that will cover the costs of radio equipment upgrades for their rural fire department.

"At DuPont Pioneer we recognize the impact of rural, volunteer fire departments in the local communities we serve. We are proud to help the Solomon Valley Rural Fire District gain access to equipment that will help keep our neighbors safe," said Dennis Atwell with DuPont Pioneer. "At DuPont Pioneer, we have a safety goal of zero and we take that extremely seriously. We want to salute the members of this local department who are willing to take their time to help rural citizens in time of need."

"The Solomon Valley Rural Fire District is very appreciative of the DuPont Pioneer grant. These funds will allow us to con-

tinue upgrading and expanding our fire department's radio communications equipment with the latest technology available. We are grateful for the continued support and dedication of DuPont to small communities such as ours," said Terry Peterson with the volunteer department.

Pioneer makes contributions to community-based organizations on behalf of the business and employees. Consideration for community outreach grants is given to communities where Pioneer representatives, employees and customers live and work and that support quality-of-life initiatives to create an improved, sustainable lifestyle for people worldwide.

DuPont Pioneer is the world's leading developer and supplier of advanced plant genetics, providing high-quality seeds to farmers in more than 90 countries. Pioneer provides agronomic support and services to

help increase farmer productivity and profitability and strives to develop sustainable agricultural systems for people everywhere. Science with Service Delivering Success™. Visit [www.pioneer.com](http://www.pioneer.com).

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# Board positions open for election

Four USD #211 Board of Education member positions will be decided on at the next general election on Tuesday, April 2, 2013. The filing deadline to be included on the ballots is noon on Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2013. The primary election, if needed, is Feb. 26, 2013.

The positions which are up for election are:

Position No. 1 (representing patrons in Norton City Ward 3, patrons residing outside the Norton City limits and within the school district boundaries, patrons in the City of Clayton, patrons in Highland Township, patrons in Edmond, patrons in rural USD 213 and patrons in Graham county) currently held by Bill Jones. This position will be elected for a 2-year term.

Position No. 4 (representing patrons in Norton City Ward 3, patrons residing outside the Norton City limits and within the school district boundaries, patrons in the City of Clayton, patrons in Highland Township, patrons in Edmond, patrons

in rural USD 213 and patrons in Graham county) currently held by Scott Ellis. This position will be elected for a 4-year term.

Position No. 5 (representing patrons in Norton City Wards 1 and 2 and patrons in the city of Lenora) currently held by Craig Renner. This position will be elected for a 4-year term.

Position No. 6 (representing patrons in Norton City Ward 3, patrons residing outside the Norton City limits and within the school district boundaries, patrons in the City of Clayton, patrons in Highland Township, patrons in Edmond, patrons in rural USD 213 and patrons in Graham county) currently held by Robert Wyatt. This position will be elected for a 4-year term.

Persons wishing further information should contact Janice Russell, Clerk of the Board, at 877-3386 or Robert Wyatt, Norton County Election Officer, at 877-5710.

# Tips to avoid gifting a food borne illness

A recent women's magazine did a poll of their readers and found 71 percent were planning to give some type of home-cooked/prepared food gifts this holiday season. That is a lot, and good news that people know what to do in the kitchen - as other reports show increasing decline in basic cooking skills. I hope that those who are preparing these gifts follow the fundamentals of safe food preparation: wash hands often and well; clean counters and equipment with clean sponges and towels; and avoid contamination of the goodies.

\*The first one is easy - it is just a matter of being intentional (wash hands with soap rather than licking them clean).

\*The second one also is easily taken care of with good planning and stocking of supplies.

\*The third one may require some supervision as it is hard to keep others away from the good

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smells.

Strategize tactics on keeping everyone busy and happy while keeping the food safe.

Make it mandatory for everyone involved to wash their hands properly as soon as they enter the area and to put on a clean apron.

Lay in a supply of plastic gloves for helpers to wear as they frost cookies or package sugared pecans. Norovirus is the leading cause of food borne illnesses. Only a few of these viral cells are needed to cause illness - and it is highly contagious and very hardy. When hands aren't

washed properly (at the proper times and using proper procedures), and foods that are ready to eat are touched, the transfer of the viral cells can occur.

Designate a sampling break to avoid the nibbling - and transfer of saliva, which is where staphylococcus aureus can be found, to the food. I heard once that eating or licking fingers and then touching food is the same as licking the food. Think about that as you slave in the kitchen preparing these treats.

Your friends are lucky to receive these food gifts. Do your part to be sure you aren't gifting a food borne illness as a bonus.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact your local K-State Research and Extension Office or you may contact Tranda Watts, Multi-County Extension Specialist - Food, Nutrition, Health and Safety at [twatts@ksu.edu](mailto:twatts@ksu.edu).

# Conference to be held Jan. 8 in Goodland

The direction of commodity prices, changes in the farm bill, land leasing and fair values, and increasing input costs are key issues facing Kansas farmers. To address challenges in today's agriculture, K-State Research and Extension will host the Grain Markets, Cropland Leases and Farm Bill Conference on Tuesday, Jan. 8 in Goodland.

The Thomas and Rawlins county extension offices, along with the Sunflower and Golden Prairie extension districts, coordinated the conference, which is open to all Kansans and producers from surrounding states. The conference is part of Kansas State University's 2013 Agricultural Profitability Conference series, and will take place at the Goodland Elks Lodge, 1523 Arcade St. in Goodland. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the program will run from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

"Grain Market Outlook for 2013" is the featured topic, presented by Alan Brugler, president of Brugler Marketing and Management LLC. Brugler is a consulting analyst for DTN, writer of the Market Watch blog for Farm Journal's AgWeb.com and is a guest analyst for PBS' Market to Market, Farm Journal's U.S. Farm Report and AgDaily.

"Farm Bill Prospects for 2013" will be ad-

ressed by Troy Dumler, K-State Research and Extension agricultural economist.

The afternoon portion of the conference will focus on 2013 cropland leases. Presentations will include 2012-13 Farmland Cash Rental Rates in Kansas, Colorado, and Nebraska; New Generation Flex Leases and Traditional Cropland Leases; and Cropland Lease Cost and Returns Using Northwest Kansas Farm Management Association Budgets. K-State Research and Extension and Kansas Farm Management Association agricultural economists Daniel O'Brien, Troy Dumler, Kiel Roehl, Mark Wood and Clint Milliman will address 2013 farmland leasing trends and prospects.

Early registration is requested by Friday, Jan. 4, 2013. A complete brochure and registration form can be picked up at the above extension offices or go to [www.sunflower.ksu.edu](http://www.sunflower.ksu.edu) and click on the conference information.

The conference is sponsored by: K-State Department of Agricultural Economics; Frontier Ag Inc., Sunopta; Sherman County Farm Bureau Association; Farm Credit of Western Kansas; People's State Bank of Oakley and Kansas Farm and Ranch Radio (KLOE and KXXX).

# Agency reminds foreigners to report holdings

Norton County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Carl Warner, reminds foreign persons with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States that they are required to report their holdings and any transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

"Any foreign person who acquires, transfers or holds any interest, other than a security interest, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction," said Warner. Foreign investors must file

Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) reports with the FSA county office that maintains reports for the county where the land is located.

For more information contact the Norton County FSA office at 785-877-5156 or visit [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov).

# Film food drive

The Norton Theatre and the Norton Boy Scouts Troop 181 held their second "Canned Film Festival Food Drive" on Sunday at the Norton Theatre. There was a special movie showing with a donation of non-perishable food items per person. (Pictured) Caleb Gregerson and Philip Boutwell receive a bag of donated canned goods. Nearly 100 people attended and approximately 200 pounds of food was collected. All food donations will go to God's Pantry.

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# Nursing scholarship program established

Richard Miller, CEO, Norton County Hospital, has recently announced that Warren and Jean White have established the Warren A. White and Jean M. White Nursing Scholarship Program. The new program will provide scholarships for students enrolled in nursing with the Colby Community College Nursing Program, Norton Campus.

All nursing program students are eligible for the scholarships; however, first priority will be

given to students from Norton or Graham County. Also, all students will be encouraged to continue their career in either the Norton County Hospital or Graham County Hospital. The scholarship program will be administered by the Norton County Hospital.

"The Whites have always called Graham County and Norton County home. They have always valued good education and with this scholarship they hope

others will be able to further their education," stated Miller.



## Sudoku Puzzle #2760-M

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## Horseplay

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## ACROSS

- Monks' titles
- \_\_\_ bath (chairlike tub)
- Went white
- "Damn Yankees" vamp
- Big Apple award
- Blue bloods
- Postmortem bio
- Pub purchase
- St. \_\_\_ fire
- Equine Soviet dictator?
- Riverbank romper
- In view
- "Check," at the card table
- Potatoes au \_\_\_
- Beachhead craft
- \_\_\_ boy (apron-strings gripper)
- Doily material
- Equine's snub?
- Mrs. Copperfield
- Rudder locale
- Hubbub
- Prefix meaning "earthquake"
- Campaign button word
- Muscular fitness
- Drove forward
- Equine's trifle?
- "A Beautiful Mind" star
- Lustful god
- Rock's Jagger
- Of the Roman Catholic church
- Essex contemporaries
- Comics canine
- Toes the line
- Our portliest president
- Funny Foxx

## DOWN

- Track star Griffith-Joyner, familiarly
- Bomb squad machine
- Preferred invitees
- Lustrous fabric
- Jayvee athlete, perhaps
- Bird sacred to ancient Egyptians
- Salon job
- Zeno's Z's
- KP tool
- Everything considered
- Big wheel's wheels
- School on the Thames
- \_\_\_ Plaines, IL
- "Coming soon" announcement
- Part of a trip
- The Orioles, on scoreboards
- 911 responders
- Take a sip of
- "There! I did it!"
- Slaughtered frosting on
- Sharkey's sleuth
- Old Fords
- Oxford, for one
- Hatcher or Garr
- Author Silverstein
- Crusoe, e.g.
- Cuprite, e.g.
- Not censored
- Flavorful fungi
- 1300 hours
- Foreshock, e.g.
- Reviewer Roger
- Go like a flying squirrel
- 1961 Heston role
- Foiled on the ice
- Qatari or Iraqi
- Wear a long face
- Gazetteer datum
- Pull a boner
- Mgr.'s aide
- Sharkey's TV rank