

# Kansas receives land transfer

Kansas Governor Sam Brownback and the Kansas Congressional Delegation announced recently the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has signed a land transfer agreement with the State of Kansas for the site where the National Bio- and Agro-defense Facility (NBAF) will be built in Manhattan, Kansas.

"While there is much more work to be done, signing of the land transfer agreement is a good step forward in securing the future health, wealth and security of the our nation. It demonstrates DHS' continued commitment to completing the NBAF in Manhattan. Kansas stands ready to partner with DHS to move this important national security priority forward," Governor Brownback said.

DHS announced its selection of the Manhattan site in 2009.

"This marks a big day for the state of Kansas as the land transfer is now complete. Last week, I spoke with Secretary Napolitano and she made clear construction of the Central Utilities Plant should be underway without further delay. I look forward to planning a ground breaking in 2013," U.S. Senator Pat Roberts said.

The approximately 46 acre site is located on the north side of the Kansas State University campus. It provides land acquisition potential; highway access; environmental compatibility; adequate utility infrastructure; an available local work force for skilled labor and academic research; and proximity to agricultural, academic, medical and

bioscience resources.

"This land transfer is good news for Kansas and critical to our national security. After years of hard work by Kansans and numerous studies that substantiate the need for NBAF, I'm glad to see that DHS and Secretary Napolitano have signed the land transfer agreement and will work with the state of Kansas to move forward toward construction of the Central Utility Plant," U.S. Senator Jerry Moran said. "The facts are clear: without the capabilities NBAF provides, our country is at risk from foreign animal disease threats. This is even more significant with the damage Plum Island sustained during Hurricane Sandy and the millions of dollars that are needed to repair it, all of which offers more reason to move quickly on NBAF. Construction should begin immediately."

The state of Kansas has committed \$105 million dollars of matching state funds to the NBAF project and \$35 million dollars of research funding for transitioning the NBAF mission to Manhattan.

"We have worked hard to secure the Congressional commitment to make the NBAF a reality, and this step forward will allow construction to begin early next year," U.S. Rep. Lynn Jenkins said. "Our nation needs the NBAF—we need it as soon as possible—to continue critical research that will protect the public and our livestock from the threats of devastating diseases."

The \$650 million laboratory will research and develop coun-

termeasures to animal, human, and zoonotic diseases. So far the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has invested more than \$125 million into site preparation, engineering, design, and site specific risk-assessments.

U.S. Rep. Tim Huelskamp said, "Today's announcement is a solid next step toward getting NBAF literally off the ground. We are excited that Kansas is going to play an instrumental role in critical research to protect America's farmers and ranchers."

A January 2012 economic impact report found the NBAF will employ approximately 326 permanent workers and support about 757 construction jobs. It is expected to have a \$3.5 billion economic impact on the state in the facility's first 20 years of use.

"This land transfer agreement marks an important milestone for NBAF's construction in Kansas and the security of our nation's food supply. Hard work and long hours put in by many Kansans is paying off. I will continue working in Congress to ensure this important national security project is completed," U.S. Rep. Mike Pompeo said.

U.S. Rep. Kevin Yoder said, "The land grant agreement is great news for national security and the state of Kansas. I'm glad Kansas can continue moving forward with this project and that construction of this extremely important facility can begin in the near future."

## Fun at the library



The Norton Public Library had preschool story hour on Thursday morning. Terry Hillman, children's librarian, kept the kids entertained by singing songs, reading stories and watching a movie. Watching and listening intently are (front row from left to right) Lucas Hansen, Marcus Seamon, Rebekah Seamon, Haley Hansen, (back row from left to right) Brandi Lynn Seamon, Jacob Seamon and Jeremiah Hansen.

—Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

## New housing to come to Norton

Norton will soon have a new housing development, Norton Estates LLC. Construction on Norton Estates LLC will consist of 12 duplexes and is expected to begin in the next few weeks. Norton has experienced growth in the last few years due to the addition of new businesses and jobs added at existing businesses. Several manufacturers have plans to add more jobs in the next three to four years, and the expansion of the Colby Community College Norton Campus is bringing in more students.

Norton City/County Economic Development, Northwest Kansas Planning & Development Corporation, and the City of Norton worked together and received a \$400,000 grant from the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation for infrastructure for this project. Many local people have joined forces to make this project come together.

"We're pleased to support the City of Norton during this exciting time of economic growth,"

said Dennis L. Mesa, Executive Director of KHRC. "Not only will Norton Estates provide 24 much-needed, quality homes for hard-working families, construction of the development will generate new jobs and consumers of local goods and services. It's truly a partnership the entire community can be proud of," said Mesa.

The development will be located south of Armory Road and east of Reagan Street. The property, previously owned by Don and Carol Ryan, was generously donated to the Frontier Community Foundation of Norton. The units will be built and owned by Bainter Construction of Hoxie. The units will be available for rent or purchase. The project is expected to be completed in the fall of 2013.

Gail Boller, President of Natoma Corporation, said, "Additional housing in Norton is a must. We recently hired an individual that moved in from central Kansas and had to delay

his start date due to housing issues. We also have employees that live in Nebraska that would move to Norton if housing such as these new duplexes existed. As Natoma Corporation continues to grow, additional housing will make the hiring process more streamlined, and will allow us to offer sound employment for individuals that desire to raise their children in a quality community such as Norton."

Scott Sproul, Executive Director of Norton City/County Economic Development said, "This is very exciting for Norton. Our current inventory of available housing is stretched to the limit with the number of new people moving to Norton. It's hard for our expanding businesses to fill new jobs when the job candidates can't find a place to live. The 24 living spaces will provide much needed housing relief for our businesses and will keep Norton on an aggressive path of development and growth."

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### NCHS

Monday, Jan. 7  
Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.  
MCL Scholar's Bowl at Smith Center, 4 p.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 8  
Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.  
MCL meeting at Plainville, 10 a.m.  
Junior Class Prom Committee Meetings, A.P.  
Rotary Soup Supper, 4-7 p.m.  
C/JV/V BB vs. Plainville, 4 p.m.  
Wednesday, Jan. 9  
S.A.C., A.P.  
Thursday, Jan. 10  
Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.  
Prom Decorations Committee Meeting, A.P.  
Scholars Bowl at Ellis, 4 p.m.  
FFA Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 11  
Registration Deadline for Feb. 9 ACT  
Wrestling at Newton Tournament of Champions, 11 a.m.  
Wrestling at Elm Creek, Neb., 2:30 p.m.  
C/JV/V BB at Trego \*\*\*C boys only\*\*\*\*, 4

p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 12  
Wrestling at Newton Tournament of Champions, 9 a.m.

MCL BB Tournament Feather Bracket games: Opponent, location, and times TBA

### NJHS

Monday, Jan. 7  
Stuco, 8:15 a.m.  
Wednesday, Jan. 9  
KAY Board, 7:45 a.m.  
Thursday, Jan. 10  
MCEL "A" BB Tournament Finals at Stockton, opponents and times TBA

### EES

Wednesday, Jan. 9  
Staff meeting, 3:40 p.m.  
Thursday, Jan. 10  
I.E.P. Day  
ECD-Grade 2 Meeting, 3:40 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 11  
Geography Bee, 2 p.m.

## SCHOOL MENU

### Norton Jr.-Sr. High Schools Menu

Monday, Jan. 7  
Breakfast-Hard boiled egg, sausage patty, fruit or juice, or choice of assorted cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, and milk.  
Lunch-Chicken strips, whipped potatoes w/country gravy, broccoli and cauliflower, rolls w/margarine, pears, or chef salad and milk.  
Tuesday, Jan. 8  
Breakfast-Cinnamon bun, fruit or juice, or choice of assorted cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, and milk.  
Lunch-Corn dog, baked beans, cottage cheese, carrots, pineapple tidbits or chef salad and milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 9  
Breakfast-Breakfast round, fruit or juice, or choice of assorted cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, and milk.  
Lunch-Taco salad, lettuce, tomato and shredded cheese, S'more treat or chef salad and milk.

Thursday, Jan. 10  
Breakfast-Yogurt parfait, fruit or juice, or choice of assorted cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, and milk.  
Lunch-Chicken nuggets, potato puffs, carrots, Mandarin oranges or chef salad and milk.

Friday, Jan. 11  
Breakfast-Biscuit and sausage gravy, fruit or juice, or choice of assorted cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, and milk.  
Lunch-Breaded beef patty, whipped potatoes w/country

gravy, broccoli and cauliflower, carrots, roll w/margarine, apples or chef salad and milk.

### EES Menu

Monday, Jan. 7  
Breakfast-Monkey bread, grape juice, milk and toast with peanut butter.

Lunch-Taco crunch, peaches, tossed salad, chocolate cake and milk.

Tuesday, Jan. 8  
Breakfast-Sausage gravy biscuit, orange juice, milk and toast with peanut butter.

Lunch-Ham and cheese, homemade bun, pepper strips, pork and beans, pears and milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 9  
Breakfast-Banana bread, peaches, grape juice, milk and

toast with peanut butter.  
Lunch-Chicken supreme, green beans, baby carrots, fruit cocktail and milk.

Thursday, Jan. 10  
Breakfast-Sausage patty w/ biscuit, apple juice, milk and toast with peanut butter.

Lunch-Ham and beans, celery stick, cornbread, rosy apple-sauce and milk.

Friday, Jan. 11  
Breakfast-Hot french toast, warm syrup, pears, orange juice, milk and toast with peanut butter.

Lunch-BBQ beef, homemade bun, 1/2 broccoli salad, sweet potato french fries, apricots and milk.

## Flu Shots Still Available



The Influenza vaccine is recommended for anyone 4 years and older who wants to reduce their risk of becoming ill with the flu, or reduce their risk of spreading the flu to others.

While it's best to get the flu shot in the fall, this illness peaks in January or February so it's not too late to get vaccinated

THE FLU VACCINE IS STILL AVAILABLE at the Norton Medical Clinic and the Norton County Hospital



### NOTICE OF 64th

## Annual Meeting

### Monday, January 21, 2013

11:30 a.m.  
to be held at the St. Francis Parish Hall  
104 S. Wabash, Norton, Kansas

Please R.S.V.P. by Friday, January 14

\$1.00 PER PERSON

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